

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 22, 2022**

**7:00PM Council Meeting**

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer  
Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Review and approval of agenda.
4. Presentation
5. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
6. Approval of the preceding meeting minutes if correct and rectifying mistakes if any exist.
7. Approval of Payment of Bills
8. Reports of Committees
9. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
10. Old Business
11. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
12. New Business
13. Added Items
14. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
15. Adjournment

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Teresa Troiani**

**ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>&amp; MAYOR</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
TROIANI	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			
LEARN	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Chief of Police	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
BOWER	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	Solicitor	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
JARRETT	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Engineer	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
LEWIS	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
MOCCIA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u>	
TALANCA	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Fire Chief	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			

**ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:**

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:**

1. Dave Kovach - Provided an update on the opening of the Stuart Tank Museum, and invited Council to grand opening.
2. Rocky Boxing - Requested Borough CLFRF funds to replace old/damaged boxing and gym equipment, computers.

**ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items**

- Rachael Goodson - Spoke on advocating against abuse of women. Reported some concerns with police department.

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS**

- Regular Council Meeting of February 7, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, minutes approved.

**ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Jarrett SECOND: Mr. Moccia**

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

**ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Was able to share some coats/clothes with Agape. Volunteers are being solicited for park clean ups. Mayor's Ball is 4/30/2022. Praised police on recent homicide investigation. Introduced new 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Constable.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - None

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Scott Bower, Teresa Troiani,

Jay Jarrett - None

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - None

FIRE AND WATER: Scott Bower, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Proud of department regarding recent homicide investigation. Reviewed monthly statistics. Hopes to have annual report next month.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Reviewed monthly statistics. Reviewed ongoing concerns with Eagle Hose. Recommended suspending Eagle Hose in quarters for the remainder of 2022.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided.

**ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

- 1. CLFRF Priorities - After some discussion, consensus was to not rush decision making, as there's no need at this time.

**ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider and take action to approve payment of Whitmoyer Ford Invoice #F9307, in the amount of \$32,750, to be paid with CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve designating all CLFRF funds as Replacement of Lost Public Sector Revenue, as allowed by CLFRF Final Rule. All use of these funds shall still require public approval by Berwick Borough Council.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained that this will lessen the reporting burden, and significantly reduce the risk of funds having to be paid back for improper use.

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Learn  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve payment of RK Webster, LLC Invoice #1596, in the amount of \$4,137, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Talanca  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to endorse decision of Berwick Fire Chief to suspend from duty Eagle Hose Company for the remainder of 2022, or until required qualifications are met. These qualification benchmarks shall be provided by Borough Fire Chief to Eagle Hose within 30 days.

Discussion: Fire Chief and other department representatives explained to Council why Eagle Hose is not presently able to operate as an active fire company. Council noted that it is necessary that Eagle Hose be given concrete guidelines for what benchmarks they need to meet to be able to operate again.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Jarrett  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

**ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS**

None

**ITEM 14. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items**

- Janine Penman - Presented herself to Council as a candidate for the upcoming election for State Representative, for the seat currently held by Representative Millard.

**\*Council President announced an Executive Session to be held following Adjournment. Session will be to discuss specific personnel, and no actions will be taken following.\***

**ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

Meeting Adjourned