

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 21, 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>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOWER	<u> X </u>	<u> </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> X </u>	<u> </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. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

- Bill Coolbaugh, Reliance Fire Company - Reported that he was present to answer any questions regarding proposed purchase of new ladder truck. Presented on cost trends, as well as need for certain features. Some conversation was had between Mr. Coolbaugh and Council on funding options.
- Dave Dietrich, Reliance Fire Company - Provided clarification on some funding options.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meetings of March 7, 2022.

Discussion None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, minutes approved.

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Reported a new business is coming into BIDA. Commended Police Department on recent operation.

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 - Briar Creek Township is doing a study on usage of Briar Creek Lake, asked Borough Manager to reach out to contribute as appropriate.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Scott Bower, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - None

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kytte - Street sweeping will begin in April. Heights Road project has a pre-construction project this week, with the structure set to be delivered in early April.

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 - Reviewed monthly stats. Submitted first reimbursement request for COPS grant.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Reviewed monthly stats.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided. Mr. Learn also noted that he reviewed Borough financial information with BAJSA staff, and shared information related to that review.

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

None

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 \$8,923.35 to Berwick Theater and Center for Community Arts, for one-half payment of Alliance Masonry Corp. Pay App #1, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager provided clarification of the agreement to split payment, and assured that outgoing funds were being tracked.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to authorize Borough staff to complete necessary surveying prior to moving forward with police storage space.

Discussion: Borough Manager provided clarification on need for survey.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to authorize purchase of Pierce Rear Mount Ladder Truck in the amount of \$1.671 million, financing to be determined.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis questioned long-term strategy for being able to afford fire apparatus. It was pointed out that we need to be very conservative with CLFRF spending moving forward.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to advertise intention to pass ordinance to make intersection of Pine and 11th Streets a four-way stop.

Discussion: Chief Strish reports that, based on history of accidents at the area, it is likely not strictly necessary, but that it is warranted for safety, given the poor visibility at this intersection.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to authorize payment of Anthony H. Visco Jr. Architects Invoice #221-33.06, in the amount of \$273, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager confirmed that this is for the park bathroom project.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to authorize payment of RK Webster LLC Invoice #1645 in the amount of \$297, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager confirmed that this is for a CDBG street project.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to authorize securing of fire-damaged structure at 321 E. 10th Street as follows: authorize Borough staff to hire contractor for emergency demolition, should owner appointed contractor not complete work in required timeframe.

Discussion: Borough Manager and Codes Officer explained situation.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to agree to request extension and contract amendment to the Borough of Berwick HOME Contract C00072708.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained details of contract.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consider and take action to approve payment of \$8,544.48 to Rocky Boxing Club, for payment of Ringside-CSI-Fitness1st Invoice #2319999, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

10. Consider and take action to approve payment of \$3,816 to Rocky Boxing Club, for payment of Rob's Computer & Repair Services Invoice 2-18-22, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

11. Consider and take action to approve payment of \$61,199 to Rocky Boxing Club, for payment of Fitness Headquarters Invoice INV/2022/0249, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

None

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

Meeting adjourned.