

MINUTES

WORK SHOP COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 2020, 2020

7:00PM Council Meeting

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Robert Lewis

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

Work shop meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Presiding at this meeting was President of Council Robert Lewis, Council Members present: Jeri Alley, Scott Bower, Jay Jarrett, Nelson Learn, Peter Talanca, Theresa Troiani, Mayor Tim Burke, and Borough Manager Damien Scoblinc. Also present were Chief of Police Ken Strish, Borough Solicitor Frank Kepner, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz.

Absent was the Mayor Tim Burke and a Press Enterprise reporter.

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Councilman Talanca made a motion to approve the current agenda. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

ITEM 4. Presentations / CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL APPEALS:

1. Presentation: Mike Carpenter from DCED talked about a 50/50 grant for a consultant to do a financial analyst and a 5-year Comprehensive plan. Council will discuss at the next work shop.
2. Presentation: Martha Kahan of No Nonsense Neutering talking about how her program works with PA Pets to trap, neuter and return. With volunteers doing the all the work. Cost is \$40.00 per animal. It is not a quick fix but will help in the long run. This will be on the February 17th Council Meeting Agenda or a vote.
3. Mayoral Proclamation: Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. This was postponed until the February 17th Council Meeting due to the Mayor not being in attendance.
4. Residents: Long time DPW worker **Tom Cashman** read his retirement notice that his last day of employment will be March 27, 2020. Acceptance will be voted on at the February 17th Council Meeting.

Fred Gause Still having a problem with tractor trailers parking in front of his home.

Andy Shektor invited Council to attend the next Planning Commission Meeting to be held on next

Wednesday at 7PM. They will discuss the Berwick Hospital property that sits in 3 different communities and 2 different counties.

Bridgette Coolbaugh representing Reliance Fire Department. She wanted to let Council know that 3 of the 4 fire companies have received a State Fire & EMS Grant.

ITEM 5. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Discuss trailer park ordinance passed by Briar Creek Borough, and whether Council wants to move toward adopting any portion for Berwick. ***It was decided that Council would wait 6 months to see if the Briar Creek Ordinance stands up if taken to court. If it does than Attorney can tweak it for Berwick.***

ITEM 6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Opening and listing of demo bids. Bid winners will not be announced until a review of all bids by SEDA-COG & the engineer to make sure all bids are inclusive of all requirements.

Property A is 548-550 W. Front Street

Property B is 1654 Brittain Street

Property C is 1210 Susquehanna Avenue

Property D is 315 Rear Mulberry Street

Property E is 1125 good Avenue

Demolition of 548-550 W. Front St.

- Northeast Industrial Services Corporation - \$64,327
- Don E. Bower, Inc. - \$49,350
- Kriescher Construction, LLC - \$46,915
- Columbia Excavating, LLC – No Bid
- Farhat General Construction - \$65,432.10
- **A.R. Popple Construction - \$22,000**
- Lycoming Supply - \$40,828
- Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. – No Bid
- Brdaric Excavating, Inc. - \$26,100

Demolition of 1654 Brittain St.

- Northeast - \$48,389
- Bower - \$33,675
- **Kreischer - \$15,730**
- Columbia – No Bid
- Farhat - \$34,567.89
- Popple - \$20,000

- Lycoming - \$27,276
- Steinbacher - \$20,368
- Brdaric - \$15,800

Demolition of 1210 Susquehanna Ave.

- Northeast - \$24,442
- Bower - \$21,975
- Kreisler - \$18,430
- Columbia - \$12,754
- **Farhat - \$12,345.67**
- Popple - \$22,000
- Lycoming - \$16,725
- Steinbacher - \$22,532
- Brdaric - \$15,300

Demolition of 315 R. Mulberry St.

- Northeast - \$9,454
- Bower - \$7,855
- **Kreisler - \$6,050**
- Columbia - \$7,233
- Farhat - \$6,543.21
- Popple - \$10,000
- Lycoming - \$9,316
- Steinbacher - \$8,512
- Brdaric - \$13,800

Demolition of 1125 Good Ave.

- Northeast - \$26,427
- Bower - \$22,565
- Kreisler - \$17,050
- Columbia - \$14,207
- **Farhat - \$12,345.67**
- Popple - \$17,000
- Lycoming - \$21,840
- Steinbacher - \$23,656
- Brdaric - \$14,150

Bids will be reviewed by the Project Engineer Dennis Peters and Tyler Dombroski of SEDA-COG before awarding the bids.

2. Opening and listing of Police Car Loans and take action on.

Loan for Police Cars

- Honesdale National – 3.56%
- First Columbia – 2.76%
- Fulton – 3.68%
- First Commonwealth – 2.78%
- First Keystone – 2.36%
- Jersey Shore – 3.25%
- PNC – 3.55%
- M&T – 3.28%
- **Service First FCU – 2.25%**

Council had a few question regarding the Service First FCU bid that included a letter that they questioned. The borough Manager will call the bank and ask the questions before the bid is awarded.

A motion to table award until the February 17th Council Meeting was made by Councilman Jarrett until questions can be answered this was seconded by Councilwoman Alley.

All ayes. Motion passes.

3. Consider and take action to pay invoice of \$2,432.05 to Peters Consulting on Blighted Structures Project paid for from CDBG funding.

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to pay the Peters bill of \$2,432.05 from CDBG funding. This was seconded by Councilwoman Alley.

All ayes. Motion passes.

4. Consider and take action on adding Nancy Sborz to list of signers on Borough accounts.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiani to approve Nancy Sborz as 1 of 2 signers needed for Borough Checks. This was seconded by Councilwoman Alley.

All ayes. Motion passes.

5. Consider and discuss Councilman Jarrett's idea to put together an Economic Development Committee of some Council Members and members of the community that are skilled in this area to help develop areas such as the K-Mart Plaza that will soon be losing its anchor store.

Councilman Jarrett gave an update on a meeting he recently had with Steve Phillips and Kirk Bower. Other location besides the K-Mart Plaza were the old McDonald's building, Geppetto's and Sacco's Distributors building. Steve Phillips suggested inviting Kelly O'Brien from BIDA to participate in the group. Councilman Jarrett also suggested inviting Josh Nespoli and Rich Kisner to talk to the group to give an update to what they are doing.

6. Consider and take action on request made by Jason Wall at December Council Meeting to allow Bloomsburg Buccaneers semi-pro football team to conduct practices at fields at Test Track Park. Team has provided Borough with certificate of insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiani to approve as long as the Certificate of Insurance has been received. This was seconded by Councilman Bower. All ayes. Motion passes.

7. Consider and take action to approve letters to be sent to owners of properties being considered for demolition using 2020 CDBG funds.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Alley to approve the new letters that will be sent to condemned property owners from the 2020 CDBG fund listing. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

ITEM 7. ADDED ITEMS

A. Item: Vote to advertise the Truck Turn at Poplar Street Ordinance.

A motion to approve advertising was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

DPW Supervisor Jack Kyttle wanted to discuss 2 things with Council. 1. A new brush & compost policy for neighboring townships and boroughs. He would like to see the total cost of running the site divided evenly according to population. Then whoever participates will have their residents granted entrance free of charge. This way whoever is working the site will not have to handle money. 2. Jack suggested paving of Maple Road in Park Place during the Bowman Street Paving Project.
Council will take both under consideration.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Councilman Learn Second: Councilman Talanca