

MINUTES

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
September 8, 2020
7:00PM Council Meeting

Council met for an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Abbonizio lawsuit.

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. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals
5. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
6. Old Business
7. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
8. New Business
9. Added Items
10. Adjournment

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

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

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

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC HEARING / CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL APPEALS:

1. Public Hearing - Consider Request of Jay Ambe 101 Corporation to Transfer Liquor License R-20120

- At 7:05 p.m., Public Hearing opened by Mr. Lewis
- Mr. Patel of Jay Ambe 101 Corporation shared plan for license
- No other public comment
- At 7:07 p.m., Public Hearing adjourned

2. Citizens Correspondence/Personal Appeals - NONE

ITEM 5. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Trick or Treat Night(s)

- Council expressed support of holding trick-or-treating this year
- Consider and take action to allow for trick-or-treating with the Borough on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31, from 6-8 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Alley X Approved, Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Santa Parade

- Council will hold off on making a decision

3. North Berwick Fire Siren

- Waiting on recommendations from individual stations before acting

4. Around the Table

- Mr. Jarrett - shared that he felt there was a good last concert, which was a good end to the summer concert season
- Mayor Burke - concurred with Mr. Jarrett, shared that people enjoy and appreciate the concerts

ITEM 6. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and take action to finalize pursuit of assistance with payment of Abbonizio settlement as follows: Will request letter of settlement from BAJSA. Motion to table until such letter is received.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, item tabled.

2. Consider and take action to approve request of Mr. Scott Bloom to portion of unnamed paper alley that intersects Scanlon Street and Bowman Street, parallel to and between Orange Street and Steel Street, with only the portion of said alley sharing borders with 1728/1734 Orange Street (Columbia County GIS PIN 04D0211300) to the north and 1727 Steel Street (Columbia County GIS PIN 04D0211000) to the south to be vacated, with entire width of vacated section to be granted to Mr. Scott Bloom's property at 1727 Steel Street.

Discussion: Ms. Alley made a motion to approve request as written. Mr. Talanca reports feeling that we need something in writing from owners of all properties that border that alley before moving forward. Ms. Alley agreed to amend original motion, to include "pending approval from all bordering property owners" at the end of original motion.

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to mitigate traffic/safety concerns for unnamed alley connecting Raseley Street and S. Warren Street, running parallel to and immediately north of Susquehanna Street, as follows: move forward with making alley one way, traveling from Warren Street to Raseley Street.

Discussion: Reports from Mayor Burke and Mr. Kyttle indicate that, after looking closely at the problem and conversing with Wise, making the alley one way seems like a reasonable solution.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn X Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2020-11 - Approving the Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-20120 Into the Borough of Berwick

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Alley X Approved, Denied,
Tabled

All in favor, motion approved

ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pay App #1 in the amount of \$14,302.25 to Kreisher Construction LLC for work completed on the 1654 Brittain Street demolition project.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

- 2. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pay App #1 in the amount of \$5,011.25 to Kreisher Construction LLC for work completed on the 315 Rear Mulberry Street demolition project.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

- 3. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pay App #2 in the amount of \$1,038.75 to Kreisher Construction LLC for work completed on the 315 Rear Mulberry Street Demolition Project.

Discussion: Question was raised on why there are two separate pay apps for this project. It was explained that it's just the timing of when certain benchmarks on the project are reached.

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

All in favor, motion approved

- 4. Consider and take action to hire Andrew Hess as a full-time DPW laborer at the rates and terms agreed to in current Blue-Collar Contract.

Discussion: Conversation was had on timing of hire with regards to benefits, but Council ultimately agreed to allow to start at Mr. Hess' earliest availability.

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

All in favor, motion approved

- 5. Consider and take action to hire Garrett Burke as a part-time DPW laborer at a starting rate of \$17.00/hour, with all other terms as agreed to in current Blue-Collar Contract.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Talanca X Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

All in favor, motion approved

6. Consider and take action to hire Randy Brink as a part-time DPW laborer at a starting rate of \$17.00/hour, with all other terms as agreed to in current Blue-Collar Contract.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to accept FFY 2020 HUD/CDBG Funding Approval Agreement.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Alley X Approved, Denied,
Tabled

All in favor, motion approved

8. Consider and take action to approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$3,400 to SEDA-COG for services rendered in the administration of the Berwick Borough FFY 2017 HUD Entitlement in accordance with the Professional and Administrative Services Agreement dated 9/18/2017.

DISCUSSION: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Jarrett X Approved, Denied,
 Tabled

All in favor, motion approved

9. Consider and take action to approve Amendment to the Professional and Technical Service Agreement between SEDA-COG and the Borough of Berwick.

DISCUSSION: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

10. Consider and take action to approve advertising for bids for the Heights Road Stream Crossing Project, with a portion of this project to be funded by grant funds from the Columbia County Conservation District.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kyttle explained the details of this project

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

All in favor, motion approved.

11. Consider and take action to accept fence bid from Suburban Fence, having publicly opened all submitted sealed bids at this meeting.

DISCUSSION: Bids were as follows:

- Suburban Fence - \$35,200
- Neighbor Fence - \$36,628
- ProMax - \$36,353, plus \$1,305 if prevailing wage is required

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

All in favor, motion approved

ITEM 9. ADDED ITEMS

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Mr. Talanca

Meeting adjourned