

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 15, 2021

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. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals
5. Presentations
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. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Scott Bower

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
BOWER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
ALLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Engineer	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
JARRETT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	DPW Foreman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
LEARN	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>Susan Schwartz PE</u>	<u> </u>
TALANCA	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Fire Chief	<u> X (ZOOM)</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. Talanca Second: Ms. Alley

All in favor, agenda approved.

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

None

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- Regular Council Meeting of February 15, 2021 and Workshop minutes of March 1, 2021.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Lewis SECOND: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Recently recognized 100th Birthday of Borough resident; has been volunteering at St. Mary's fish fry; collecting items for fire victims; charity softball tournaments are being planned

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - Work on UGI settlement.

PERSONNEL: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - Mr. Jarrett noted that the Borough might be getting ARPA stimulus money, based on projections for Watsontown.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - Mr. Jarrett noted that Columbia County Commissioners are offering to give a

covered bridge to the Borough for placement at Test Track Park. Borough Manager will follow up.

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - DPW is seeing a steady improvement in citizen compliance with rules of recycling program; hopes to apply for second recycling truck when state recycling grant opens; removing stumps at Ber-Vaughn Park; compost is available at Test Track Park for residents to take; engineers are working on plans for Heights Road project; street sweeping starts at the beginning of April

FIRE AND WATER: Scott Bower, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Jeri Alley, Pete Talanca

SAFETY: Bob Lewis

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Reviewed statistics for last month; would like to have a Police Committee meeting; feels ready to start hiring process following that meeting

FIRE: Chief Randy Remphrey - Reviewed report; portable radios are in and distributed, with mobiles arriving shortly; finishing bylaw proposals to submit for Council approval

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Time of 4th of July Celebration

Council agrees to a 1:00 p.m. start time.

2. MS4 Agreement with BAJSA

Borough Manager and solicitor will start working on agreement.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to set dates for 2021 Riverfest as October 8-10, 2021.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to accept with regrets the resignation of Travis Brown, effective at the close of business on March 19, 2021.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to advertise for part-time DPW laborer positions.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained that there are two positions open, one due to resignation, one that was never filled.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to advertise Ordinance 2021-03, making portion of Park Street one way.

Discussion: Mr. Talanca felt that neighborhood input would be important in decision-making process; requested that letter be sent to all bordering properties. Borough Manager agreed to do so. Council agreed that it was fair to say that a lack of response would indicate support for the effort. Responses to be due by April 5 meeting. Motion to table until that time.

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

All in favor, motion tabled.

5. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice #1099 to Hailstone Economic in the amount of \$7,687.50 from CDBG funds for work done on the Borough's Fair Housing Study.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to advertise Ordinance 2021-03, approving loan to pay Abbonizio lawsuit settlement.

Discussion: A new ordinance is required due to DCED regulations not allowing for previously planned 20-year loan.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve putting out to bid Monroe Street reconstruction project, contingent upon successful completion of bidding documents.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve putting out to bid Butternut Street reconstruction project, contingent upon successful completion of bidding documents.

DISCUSSION: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consider and take action to approve putting out to bid East Fourth Street reconstruction project, contingent upon successful completion of bidding documents.

DISCUSSION: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

None

Council President Bower announced that following adjournment, there would be an executive session to discuss ongoing UGI lawsuit, with no action to follow.

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Ms. Alley

Meeting adjourned.