

MINUTES

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 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. 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 Vice President Teresa Troiani

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
BOWER		<u>X</u>			
TROIANI	<u>X</u>		Chief of Police	<u>X</u>	
ALLEY	<u>X</u>		Solicitor	<u>X</u>	
LEWIS	<u>X</u>		Engineer		<u>X</u>
JARRETT	<u>X</u>		DPW Foreman	<u>X</u>	
LEARN	<u>X</u>		Reporter(s)	<u>PE-Susan Schwartz</u>	
TALANCA	<u>X</u>		Fire Chief	<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. PRESENTATION: None

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meetings of August 16, 2021 and September 7, 2021.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, minutes approved.

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - None

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - None

PERSONNEL: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Jeri Alley, 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 - Reviewed DPW Report.

FIRE AND WATER: Scott Bower, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - Bylaw updates are being worked on.

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Jeri Alley, Pete Talanca - Met with owner of Briar Manor. Discussed issues brought up by tenants.

Owner agrees to supply Borough with weekly maintenance and call logs, and has appointed an on-site liaison.

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Thanked Garibaldi for golf tournament. Both recent officer hires have moved through necessary stages for conditional hire, moving forward with starting work.

FIRE: Chief Randy Remphrey - Reviewed monthly report. Still issue with sirens going off when not appropriate. Squad 124 needs repair with onboard generator.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided.

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 set 2021 Trick or Treat dates and times as the following: October 29 and 30, 6-8 p.m.

Discussion: Council noted that October 29 and 30 were Friday and Saturday, allowing for these dates to be chosen without needing to use a school night.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Borough of Berwick and Teamsters Local No. 764 related to DPW work hours.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that there would be no changes to total hours worked.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve BIDA request for \$1,000 funding for program to assist with revitalization of greater downtown area.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to provide funding to Mr. Ed Zajac for Veterans Memorial Park art installation project as follows: not to exceed \$1,000, reimbursable with receipts.

Discussion: Mr. Jarrett recommended setting a spending limit.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice #221-33.03 to Anthony H. Visco Jr. Architects in the amount of \$1,365.00 for engineering work CDBG-CV bathrooms project.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice #1502 to RK Webster, LLC in the amount of \$1,560.00 for engineering work on CDBG streets projects.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve release of \$135,000 of CLFRF funds to McBride Memorial Library for the payment of Invoice #2318-308001 to Spangler and Boyer Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$135,000 for HVAC system replacement at library.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to enter into agreement whereby Berwick Borough will fund half the cost of crossing guards in the borough, do include an agreed upon pay rate and mandated benefits, with those crossing guards remaining employees of the Berwick Area School District, beginning for the 2022-2023 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Jarrett noted that he had asked for item to be added back to agenda, due to Council having voted against what Council first asked the School District to do two years ago. Mr. Talanca noted that School District already has funds committed in its budget for crossing guards for this school year. After some conversation, consensus was reached that starting for next school year would be most appropriate.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Jarrett 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. Lewis Second: Ms. Alley

Meeting adjourned.