

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 7, 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. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council Vice President Nelson Learn

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
TROIANI		<u>X</u>			
LEARN	<u>X</u>		Chief of Police	<u>X</u>	
BOWER		<u>X</u>	Solicitor		<u>X</u>
JARRETT	<u>X</u>		Engineer		<u>X</u>
LEWIS	<u>X</u>		DPW Foreman	<u>X</u>	
MOCCIA	<u>X</u>		Reporter(s)	Geri Gibbons (PE)	
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 Meeting of February 22, 2022.

Discussion

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Jarrett

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Police Storage Building - Mr. Kyttle proposed a two-bay storage garage at City Hall. Discussion occurred around whether two bays would provide enough space. Mr. Kyttle will have quotes to consider at next meeting. Item will be added to agenda.
2. Trailer Park Ordinance - Borough Manager reviewed status of Briar Creek Borough ordinance. Will work with Codes Officer to get ready for approval to advertise for Berwick.
3. Ladder Truck - Presentation by Bill Coolbaugh on status of current ladder truck, and the need for a new one. Discussed rising costs. Will add to agenda for next meeting.
4. Around the Table
 - a. Mr. Learn - Working with BAJSA to get a better explanation of financial status for Council's education.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve CDBG Butternut Street Reconstruction Change Order #1.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve CDBG Butternut Street Reconstruction Change Order #2.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve CDBG Butternut Street Reconstruction Change Order #3.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve payment of CDBG Butternut Street Reconstruction Pay App #3 to Umbriac Trucking, LLC, in the amount of \$53,346.96.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve Berwick Area United Way request to hold Celebrate Berwick on August 6, 2022, including temporarily closing required streets.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis questioned if there was any desire to explore having this at the Test Track. Consensus around the table was the desire to keep this event at its current location.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to approve promotion of Mr. Andrew Hess to the position of Borough of Berwick DPW Operator Level II, effective March 7, 2022.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve payment Whitmoyer Buick-Chevrolet Invoice #FG6905 in the amount of \$23,950, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve allocating Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Rocky Boxing Club as follows: to fund total cost of new equipment option as presented at February 22, 2022 Council Meeting.

Discussion: Council quickly voiced support for the project, and a desire to fund the cost of new equipment.

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

Voting in favor were Councilpersons Jarrett, Learn, Lewis and Moccia. Councilman Talanca abstained, citing being a family member of those set to benefit from decision. Motion approved via 4-0 vote in favor, with one abstention.

9. Consider and take action to approve payment to Berwick Area YMCA in the amount of \$500,000, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds, prior to receiving invoices from the same, in order to assist in meeting requirements of other funding sources. YMCA will be required to enter into legal written agreement with Borough that they must receive Council approval to use any Borough CLFRF funds, with a payback requirement should YMCA expend funds without this formal permission.

Discussion: Multiple members of Council voiced some concern about going against set procedures, while also understanding the unique reasoning for this request. After some discussion, stipulation requiring Council approval before the YMCA could spend any of the provided funds was added as a compromise.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

10. Consider and take action to approve authorizing Borough Manager to advertise for bids to reconstruct the 100 block of East Third Street, as well as an option for first three blocks of East Third Street.

Discussion: Mr. Kyttle presented updated estimates, including for option to extend project. Council agreed that it would be worth requesting bids for this extension, as there was no commitment at this time.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

11. Consider and take action to approve payment in the amount of \$8,400 to B.I.D.A., to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds, for one year of rental fees previously agreed to for CMSU office space, and to authorize Borough staff to make the same payments for years two and three when appropriate.

Discussion: Borough Manager reported to Council that CMSU is in the process of getting moved in.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

12. Consider and take action to approve entering into updated Memorandum of Understanding with Columbia County Conservation District.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained agreement.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

13. Consider and take action to approve authorizing Borough Manager to purchase new office chairs for Borough administrative staff.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

None

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Lewis

Meeting adjourned.