

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 17, 2020

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 Robert Lewis

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>
LEWIS	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>			
TROIANI	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
ALLEY	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>	Solicitor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
BOWER	<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> x </u>	<u> </u>
TALANCA	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>		<u> x </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. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved

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

- Greg Kehoe - Reports that there is a traffic issue in the alley his home is located on, near Wise. Was told that the issue is on tonight's agenda.
- Fred Gause - Offered condolences to Mr. Talanca. Continues to be concerned about truck traffic near Wise.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION:

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- Regular Council Meeting of July 20, 2020 and Work Shop minutes of August 3, 2020.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Bower

All in favor, minutes approved

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Learn SECOND: Ms. Troiani

All in favor, payment of bills approved

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Trying to collect school supplies; Shared a photo of one of Berwick's police officers distributing food that was published; Is organizing a softball tournament to benefit the Berwick Fire Department

ENGINEER: Quad 3

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner

PERSONNEL: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Jeri Alley, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett

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

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle

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

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Request for better traffic management on alley connecting Warren Street and Raseley Street, just north of Susquehanna Avenue
- Chief Strish and Mr. Kyttle will look at the alley in question and come back with ideas, including possibility of either a stop sign or making alley one way

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

1. North Berwick Fire Siren
- Deputy Chief Boone will take the concern to Fire Board at its next meeting, and see to it that an opinion from the Fire Department is given to Council

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2020-10 - Recognizing Reliance Fire Company for 120 Years of Service to the Community

Discussion: General gratitude for the service provided by Reliance was expressed.

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

All in favor, resolution approved

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action on 2020 Riverfest as follows: regretfully cancel Riverfest for the year 2020.

Discussion: Riverfest committee voted at its last meeting to recommend that Council cancel Riverfest this year.

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

All in favor, motion approved

2. Consider and take action to approve 2021 Police Pension Plan MMO in the amount of \$257,971.51.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

3. Consider and take action to approve 2021 Non-Uniformed Pension Plan MMO in the amount of \$132,863.00.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

4. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pay App #2 in the amount of \$1,212.50 to A.R. Popple TKG for work completed on the 548/550 W. Front St. demolition project.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

5. Consider and take action to allow for the use of pavilions at Ber-Vaughn Park for fundraising events on weekends after Labor Day and prior to winterization of park, with requirements of compliance with gathering size limits and submission of a certificate of insurance naming the Borough of Berwick as an additional insured.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

6. Consider and take action to approve Request for Proposals for Professional Engineering Services for 2021 CDBG Streets Contract.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

7. Consider and take action to finalize pursuit of assistance with payment of Abbonizio settlement as follows: table until after executive session

Discussion: Borough solicitor recommends that this be discussed in executive session. Mr. Lewis agrees to hold executive session following last listed agenda item.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, X Tabled

8. Consider and take action to approve request of Erica Van Buren to hold Police Support/Appreciation Walk at Test Track Park at a date and time to be finalized and approved by Borough Manager and Chief of Police, given receipt of Certificate of Insurance naming Borough of Berwick as an additional insured.

DISCUSSION: None

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

All in favor, motion approved

Council broke for executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss Abbonizio lawsuit.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

1. Consider and take action to finalize pursuit of assistance with payment of Abbonizio settlement as follows: table until September Workshop

Discussion:

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, X Tabled

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: _____ Mr. Jarrett Second: _____ Ms. Troiani _____

Meeting adjourned.