

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 16, 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>&amp; 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>Susan Schwartz, PE</u>	<u>      </u>
TALANCA	<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

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:** Teri Provost, SEDA-COG

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC HEARING / CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE / PERSONAL APPEALS:**

Carl Canserius - Read petition presented at last meeting, pertaining to citizens' concern about extending streets in West Berwick.

Ralph Shoemaker - Provided opinion regarding HMBM lawsuit, and stated that he wanted docket numbers for the case and appeal.

**ADDED ITEM:** Consider and take action to do whatever needs to be done to post a weight limit for Steel Street, Brittain Street, Fairview Avenue, Spring Garden Avenue, Fairchild Street and Bowman Street within the R-1 Zone on the western border of Berwick Borough.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, motion passes.

Keith Huntington - Wanted to know what could be done regarding his roof.

Ralph Shoemaker - Expressed displeasure with the International Property Maintenance Code. Also, requested that rather than following state or federal government guidelines related to the coronavirus, a group of Berwick residents/businesses be established to create our own policies.

Fred Gause - Stated his hope that a solution for the Wise truck traffic can be found that last long term.

Louanne DeGrossa - Stated that she feels Wise will not follow through with agreed upon changes to managing truck traffic.

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING**

- Regular Council Meeting of February 17, 2020 and Work Shop minutes of March 2, 2020.

Discussion

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, minutes approved.

**ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

MOTION: Mr. Talanca SECOND: Ms. Troiani

AARON ZANOLINE	30.00	MADLINE HARTLEY	56.00
ABL GRAPHICS	35.06	MARTY SITLER	76.95
ALI ALLEY, MDPC	34.00	MARTY SITLER	600.02
ALS	1,289.60	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	2,374.77
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	537.92	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	1,186.70
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	837.92	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	103.50
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	82.50	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	23.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	46.70	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	17.25
AMERICAN ROCK SALT, LLC	1,615.79	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	34.50
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	133.60	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICAT	1,004.31
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	4.40	MICHAEL KLINETOB	30.60
AUTOZONE	53.46	NAPA AUTO PARTS BERWICK PO	43.74
AUTOZONE	14.77	NAPA AUTO PARTS BERWICK PO	368.05
BEAR AUTO SALES & SERVICE	89.95	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	581.55
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	275.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	458.51
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	369.52
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	15,792.28	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	161.71
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	100,000.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	521.35
BOROUGH OF BERWICK HIGHWAY AID FUND	3,000.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	3.99
BOROUGH OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	827.45	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	10.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	828.39	NMS	262.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,226.33	P A W C	68.92
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,640.98	P A W C	15.92
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,210.60	P A W C	15.92
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	42,841.95	P A W C	26.51
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37,805.03	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	858.82	PENN PRIME TRUST	8,432.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	918.43	PENN STATE	180.00
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	1,786.96	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	44.85
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	37.03
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	422.50
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	528.80	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	2,432.05
C.M. LAUBACH & SONS, INC.	124.99	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	758.15
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	311.57	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	777.50
CAPITAL ONE	580.00	PETROLEUM SERVICE COMPANY	696.27
CAPITAL ONE	75.00	PHILIP KEIFER	325.00
CAPITAL ONE	242.56	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	184.65
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	63,088.77	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	800.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,589.68	PPL	29.08
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	63.30	PPL	128.76
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	28.82	PPL	98.81

CHUBB	4,920.00	PPL	1,059.31
CNA SURETY	100.00	PPL	12,021.07
CNA SURETY	175.00	PPL	31.76
COLE'S HARDWARE	73.70	PPL PO 22819	28.10
COLE'S HARDWARE	26.98	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	1,429.02
COLE'S HARDWARE	10.44	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	452.53
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	50.00	PSAB	300.00
COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEMS, INC.	1,656.00	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	2,935.50
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	425.00	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	3,720.61
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO	1,239.67	QUILL CORPORATION	398.20
DENT'S AUTO SERVICE	75.00	QUILL CORPORATION	93.05
DENT'S AUTO SERVICE	33.00	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
DILTZ EQUIPMENT SALES	7.95	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	300.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	206.57
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	RR DONNELLEY	41.80
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	8.35	SELECTIVE	38,011.00
EHD	6,000.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	766.62
FIRST KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANK	3,510.75	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	368.97
FIRST KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANK	3,510.75	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	716.45
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	376.51
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	SUNBURY MOTORS	11.33
FSSOLUTIONS	97.26	SUNBURY MOTORS	15.93
GENERAL SALES, INC.	68.28	SUNBURY MOTORS	1,990.38
GENERAL SALES, INC.	970.61	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	338.39
GREAT AMERICAN PRINTER	2,120.75	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	166.12
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,150.41	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	919.14
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	530.00	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	3,520.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,172.62	TEAMSTERS	1,518.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	530.00	TEAMSTERS	1,501.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,472.25	THE INTERNET PLACE	114.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	530.00	TRAVIS BROWN	87.50
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,018.76	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	25.76
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	530.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	2.99
IOLA LUMBER CO	953.44	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	12.36
JAMES DALBERTO	38.55	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	17.96
JEREMY MULDER	40.00	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	34.73
KEEFER'S ARMY NAVY	154.93	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	8.04
KEN POLLOCK	69.10	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	588.51
KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	1,527.30	US SUPPLY COMPANY	130.96
KEVIN RYMAN INC	276.84	US SUPPLY COMPANY	2.36
KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	595.00	US SUPPLY COMPANY	62.04
LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	3,805.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	296.94
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	367.20	VERIZON WIRELESS	302.66
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	274.81	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	428.00
L-TRON	987.00	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
		WEX BANK	2,151.26

**ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - March 2, read to Holy Family School and Nescopeck Elementary

March 5, thanked Garibaldi for donations to PD

March 21-22, clothing giveaway scheduled - could be changed due to coronavirus

Wise submitted an email to Mayor Burke of a 21-step coronavirus response plan

Detailed efforts made to assist residents with obtaining supplies made scarce due to coronavirus, and expressed concerns regarding future scarcity

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - Moving toward a June date for Abonizio litigation

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 - Report was submitted. Street sweeping will begin April 7.

FIRE AND WATER: Scott Bower, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - Reports submitted by Rangers and Reliance

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Jeri Alley, Pete Talanca - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Report submitted

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

**ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION: None**

**ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolution 2020-02 - ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR EVENTS IN BOROUGH STREETS

Discussion:

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

All in favor.

2. Ordinance 2020-01 - REGULATING THE SIZE AND WEIGHT OF CERTAIN VEHICLES USING CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS SOUTH OF FRONT STREET

Discussion:

Motion to table.

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

All in favor of tabling, ordinance tabled.

**ITEM 11. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action on requesting that solicitor put liens on properties that received DPW maintenance

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion passes

2. Consider and take action on working with Mr. Carpenter of DCED to begin process of requesting proposals for consultants through the Strategic Management Planning Program (STMP)

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion passes

3. Consider and take action on granting Mark Maset a 2-month extension on time to finish work on house at 325-327 N. Vine St., extending the required date of completion from May 1, 2020, to July 1, 2020.

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion passes

4. Consider and take action on notifying the Berwick Area School District that the Borough of Berwick will end its relationship with the district in employing school crossing guards, effective immediately following the final day of the 2019-2020 school year.

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion passes

5. Consider and take action on advertising Ordinance 2020-02, THE ERECTION OF ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF BRITTAIN STREET AND SCANLON STREET.

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion passes

6. Consider and take action to re-advertise for part-time DPW laborer position.

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion passes

7. Open street paving bids. Consider and take action to award contract to HRI, as the apparent low bidder, pending final review by Borough Manager and DPW Foreman.

Discussion:

Bids:

HRI - 64,408.10

Barletta - 76,306.80

Robert C. Young - 71,071.80

Bower - 77,432.10

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

All in favor, motion passes.

8. Consider and take action to request that Mockenhaupt complete an actuarial study on non-uniform pension to explore impact of changes to factors of pension plan, at request of union, with additional factors to be included at request of the Borough.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Talanca initially expressed a desire to be provided with an actual cost before making a decision. It was pointed out by Mr. Jarrett that there is no direct expense to tax payers, as payment comes out of pension funds, and based off him doing a similar thing in Watsontown, he feels comfortable that the expense is reasonable.

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

All in favor, motion passes

9. Consider and take action to offer the following as a resolution to Keith and Katie Huntington, with regards work done as part of Existing Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program: total lien forgiveness.

DISCUSSION:

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

All in favor, motion passes.



10. Consider and take action to replace Mr. Talanca as the Borough's representative on the board of Berwick Area Swimming Pool, Inc., with Damien Scoblink, Borough Manager.

DISCUSSION:

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

All in favor, with Mr. Talanca abstaining. Motion passes

11. Consider and take action to present formal statement on Coronavirus.

DISCUSSION: It was stated that there is no need to, as the governor has already issued directions, and those should be followed.

Motion to take no action.

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

All in favor, motion passes

**ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS**

**NONE**

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**ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca