

AGENDA

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2020
7:00PM Council Meeting**

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer
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. Public Hearings/Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals
5. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
6. Old Business
7. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
8. New Business
9. Added Items
10. 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>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police		<u> X </u>
ALLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
BOWER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Engineer		<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> NONE </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 NONE

Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Ms. Alley
All in favor, agenda approved.

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

1. Analysis of Impediments Final Public Hearing
2. CDBG FFY 2020 Annual Action Plan Proposed Funding Allocations
3. CDBG FFY 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment #1
4. CDBG FFY 2019 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2
5. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals

ITEM 5. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Geppetto's Building
 - a. Lawsuit is moving, albeit slowly; Attorney Kepner is hopeful to have news in two weeks
 - b. Mr. Perry is agreeable to making repairs as noted in engineer's report
2. Fireworks
 - a. Laws exist, but are difficult to enforce
 - b. Mayor Burke will talk to Chief Strish in their regular meeting about enforcement plan
 - c. Borough Manager will increase education through website and social media
3. Support for Local Dining Establishments
 - a. Tables will be placed in Euclid Alley
 - b. Item added to agenda to temporarily suspend open container law
4. iWorq Text My Gov
 - a. Decided that it's not feasible at this time, but can be re-examined at a later time with less fiscal uncertainty
5. UGI - Street Cuts
 - a. Borough Manager will finish compiling list of problem streets
 - b. A procedure for tracking this needs to be established
 - c. Attorney Kepner requests that he be allowed to see Abbonizio through, the move this to the top of the list; Council agreeable
6. 1509 W. Front St.
 - a. Consensus was to not change policy on cleaning up properties
 - b. Attorney Kepner confirms that removing items from property could have legal ramifications

c. Borough Manager will explore conservatorship

7. 2019 Landlord Inspections/Registrations

- a. Borough Manager reports that, unless instructed otherwise, Codes will be directed to cite/fine landlords who did not get 2019 inspection
- b. Council did not offer any formal direction

8. Around the table

- a. Jack provided DPW update
- b. Mayor Burke updated Council on facts of crime situation in Berwick today

ITEM 6. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Consider and take action on Summer Concerts/4th of July Celebration as follows: Activities will start when county goes "green".

Discussion: It was stated that we need to hold off as long as the county is in yellow, but should have no problem staying under 250 people upon going green.

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Resolution 2020-06 - 2020 Berwick/Briar Creek Radiological Emergency Response Plan

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, resolution is approved.

- 2. Resolution 2020-07 - Authorizing and Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness (USDA Form RD 1942-47)

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, resolution is approved.

ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve and submit completed Form SF3881 EFT to USDA Rural Development.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve and submit completed Form RD 3570-3 to USDA Rural Development.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve and submit completed Form RD 1942-46 to USDA Rural Development.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve and submit completed Form RD 1940-1 (Loan) to USDA Rural Development.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve and submit completed Form RD 1940-2 (Grant) to USDA Rural Development.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

6. Consider and take action to accept proposal for updated phone system from Atlantic Broadband at a monthly cost of \$456.61, plus taxes and fees, with a one-time installation fee of \$150.00. Service to begin after the completion of current contract with MetTel, on or about September 29, 2020.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained reasoning for selecting Atlantic Broadband over competing proposals.

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve request to vacate portion of unnamed paper alley that traverses N. Eaton Street and N. Poplar Street, between Freas Avenue and Third Avenue, as described in submitted documentation from Mr. Timothy Herring.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

8. Consider and take action to proceed with purchase and implementation of server solution from Dell at a cost of \$49,176.65, contingent upon receiving official notification of receipt of grant/loan award from USDA.

DISCUSSION: None

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

ITEM 9. ADDED ITEMS

1. **Item:** Consider and take action to suspend open container law in the Borough of Berwick for a period of 60 days, effective immediately.

Discussion: This will make it easier for restaurants that serve alcohol to do so with ongoing inability to provide indoor seating.

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

All in favor, motion is approved.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Alley

Meeting adjourned.