

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
August 3, 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. 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>&amp; 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>      </u>	<u>  x  </u>
ALLEY	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>	Solicitor	<u>      </u>	<u>  x  </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>      </u>	<u>  x  </u>			
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>			

**ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:**

Discussion - None

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved.

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

Amber Kershner (submitted comment) - Wrote to express opposition to alley vacation between Steel Street and Orange Street

Fred Gause (submitted comment) - Wrote to express continued frustration with Wise trucks

Carol Ridall (submitted comment) - Wrote to express thanks for all the good things in Berwick

Robert Lewis (as Council President) - Stated that the Riverfest Committee will meet and make a recommendation on whether or not Riverfest will be held this year

**ITEM 5. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

1. Increase in part-time wage from \$14.58 to \$17.00 per hour

This recommendation was made by the Borough Manager, due to a lack of qualified candidates applying. Motion to increase part-time DPW rate from \$14.58 to \$17.00 per hour made by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Jarrett. All in favor, motion passed.

2. North Berwick Siren

Borough Manager reports that he is still waiting on an official opinion from the Fire Department on the continued need for this siren.

3. Go around the table

Mr. Learn - BAJSA has agreed to contribute another \$5,500 toward Abbonizio settlement.

Mr. Jarrett - Celebrate Berwick was a success. Most recent concert also went well.

Mr. Kytte - Street sweeper was repaired, and bill came in \$3,000 under estimate.

**ITEM 6. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Consider and take action to extend suspension of Borough open container law for a period of 90 days.

Discussion: This is being done to help local businesses that are relying on takeout and outdoor seating. Other laws are still in place to address an individual who becomes a public nuisance.

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Ms. Troiai X Approved,  Denied,  
 Tabled

All in favor, motion passed.

**ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Ordinance 2020-01 - Vacating an Alley Which Runs Through 244 Charles Street

Discussion: This is being done to allow for property owner to meet setback requirements to build a home.

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

All in favor, ordinance passed.

2. Ordinance 2020-02 - Vacating an Alley Between N. Eaton and N. Poplar Streets

Discussion: Individual requesting owns lots on either side of this alley, and is attempts to consolidate.

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

All in favor, ordinance passed.

3. Ordinance 2020-03 - Vacating an Alley Between Scanlon and Bowman Streets

Discussion: A resident bordering this alley requested that the alley not be vacated, as it would limit their ability to access this property. Council elected to make no motion at this time. Residents making initial request may do so again, if they are able to amend in such a way as to remove concern of impacted resident.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

**ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pay App #2 in the amount of \$1,496.72 to Fares Farhat General Construction LLC for work done on the demolition of 1210 Susquehanna Ave.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis noted that company did a nice job leveling the lot.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pay App #2 in the amount of \$2,212.34 to Fares Farhat General Construction LLC for work done on the demolition of 1125 Good Ave.

Discussion:

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

All in favor, motion passed.

3. Consider and take action on meeting formats for future Council meetings as follows: continue current format allowing for public participation through telecommunication for the remainder of 2020.

Discussion: Given current limits on indoor gathering sizes, and Council's inability to limit access to a certain number, it was decided that continuing to use telecommunication for the foreseeable future is the most responsible option.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

4. Consider and take action to approve payment of Invoice #1110 in the amount of \$7,485.98 to Hailstone Economic for consulting services on Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and related advertisements.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion passed.

5. Consider and take action to advertise for bids on installation of fencing at Test Track Park recycling center.

Discussion: None.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

6. Consider and take action to allow qualified employees to borrow from ICMA-RC 457(b) retirement plans, under provisions allowed by CARES Act.

Discussion: None.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

7. Consider and take action to approve purchase of (8) 8-yard low pro rear load containers from Eagle Truck Equipment Inc., at a price of \$1,505.00 per container, for a total cost of \$12,040.00, pending final approval from DEP to begin purchasing process.

Discussion: None.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

8. Consider and take action to approve purchase of (5,000) Otto 18-gallon recycling bins from Eagle Truck Equipment Inc., at a cost of \$8.10 per bin, with a shipping fee of \$1,842, for a total cost of \$42,342.00, pending final approval from DEP to begin purchasing process.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

9. Consider and take action to approve purchase of 2021 F-750 Diesel Regular Cab Base from Sunbury Motors Ford for a total cost of \$71,960.00, pending final approval from DEP to begin purchasing process.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

10. Consider and take action to approve purchase of (1) 20-cubic yard Cobra Series Rear Load Packer from Eagle Truck Equipment Inc, including optional Magnum Tailgate Package, for a total cost of \$69,440.00, pending final approval from DEP to begin purchasing process.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

11. Consider and take action to request that Civil Service Commission begin the hiring process for (2) full-time patrol officers, pending final request to begin from Chief Strish.

DISCUSSION: None.

Motion: Ms. Alley Second: Ms. Troiani X Approved,  Denied,  
 Tabled

All in favor, motion passed.

12. Consider and take action to approve Second Substantial Amendment to  
FFY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

DISCUSSION: None.

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

All in favor, motion passed.

**ITEM 9. ADDED ITEMS**

None.

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**ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**: Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Bower

Meeting adjourned.