

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 18, 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. 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. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
15. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council President Teresa Troiani

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> |
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| TROIANI | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | | | |
| LEARN | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Chief of Police | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| JARRETT | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Solicitor | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| LEWIS | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Engineer | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| MOCCIA | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | DPW Foreman | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| TALANCA | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Reporter(s) | <u>Susan Schwartz (PE)</u> | |
| WOZNIAK | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | Fire Chief | <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 - Borough Manager requested that a discussion of CDBG demolitions be added as an item not ready for action, and that action on fire sirens be placed as an added item.

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, agenda approved with requested changes.

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 June 20, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, minutes approved.

- Emergency Council Meeting of July 13, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Moccia

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Lewis SECOND: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - None

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner - None

PERSONNEL: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Tom Moccia, Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett - None

PARKS AND RECREATION: Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca, Jay Jarrett - None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins, Jeri Wozniak, Teresa Troiani, Jay Jarrett - None

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - None

FIRE AND WATER: Jeri Wozniak, Pete Talanca, Bob Lewis - None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca - None

SAFETY: Bob Lewis - None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - Report provided.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - None

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report provided.

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Fireworks Law Update - Discussed update to state law. Solicitor will work on update of ordinance based on what's allowed by update.
2. Police Department Social Worker - Bette Grey presented on behavioral health concerns, stemming from incident at City Hall during recent Planning Commission meeting. Discussed need for a social worker readily accessible by police department. Chief Strish and Council expressed support for idea, while noting funding concerns. Conversation on this possibly being a County initiative occurred. Ms. Grey will organize next steps.
3. Borough Vehicle Lease Program - Borough Manager presented basics of program. Council expressed lack of interest in pursuing this option.
4. CDBG Demolition Project - Borough Manager explained need to rebid for demolition contractors, due to HUD requirements that were not met by engineer. Rebidding is occurring at engineer's expense.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of SEDA-COG Invoice of June 10, 2022, in the amount of \$1,300, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve payment of SEDA-COG Invoice of June 10, 2022, in the amount of \$8,968, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve submittal of CDBG FFY 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve payment of Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0164119, in the amount of \$3,500, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve payment of Bognet, Inc. Pay App #3, in the amount of \$7,200, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to approve payment of TRA Electric, Inc. Pay App #4, in the amount of \$6,809.40, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to approve payment of Pine Ridge Construction Management Pay App #4, in the amount of \$20,617.75, to be paid utilizing CDBG funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to accept donation of two (2) benches, to be donated in memory of Mr. Paul Heaps, Sr.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained concerns around placement of benches near boat launch at Test Track Park. Representative from Techniserv indicated willingness to work with Borough on location, as boat launch was just an initial thought.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consider and take action to approve cable franchise agreement between Borough of Berwick and Breezeline as presented.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

10. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to order two (2) 2022 Chevrolet Silverado trucks from Dave Hallman Chevrolet, Inc., at a cost of \$61,788 each.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained proposed funding of these two trucks, with one being paid by recycling grant, and the second likely being funded via CLFRF.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

11. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to order dump body upfitting for two (2) 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 6500 trucks as specified in proposal from A&H Equipment, at a cost of \$52,964 each.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

12. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to order Ber-Vaughn Park playground equipment, as specified, from George Ely Associates, Inc., at a cost of \$135,306.

Discussion: Borough Manager reviewed need for equipment replacement, and recent history of rising costs.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

1. Consider and take action to discontinue use of fire sirens for Berwick Fire Department.

Discussion: Chief Boone explained reasoning for no longer needing, which has been made clear by recent lack of ability to use. Conversation occurred about the need for sirens for major emergencies, such as nuclear or weather, and what exactly the notification system would be for these events moving forward. Borough Manager and Fire Chief will look into this, but explained that this is entirely separate from using the sirens for the Fire Department.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 14. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

- Borough Manager read note provided by Ms. Marilyn Kishbaugh regarding recent changes to state fireworks laws, and what it would mean for Borough enforcement moving forward.

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Talanca Second: Mr. Jarrett

Meeting adjourned.