

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 7, 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. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Council Vice President Nelson Learn**

**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>
TROIANI	<u>X (Zoom)</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>      </u>	<u>X</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>	<u>      </u>
WOZNIAK	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	Fire Chief	<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. Wozniak

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:** Jenn Frees, Comcast - Presented on bringing Comcast services to Berwick. As part of this, Berwick would be required to grant a non-exclusive cable franchise to Comcast prior to cable services being offered. This agreement would need to mirror current franchise agreement. Borough Manager will review with solicitor prior to moving forward.

**ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items**

- Jenny Murray, Color Me Crazy Salon - Request for streetlight near business on South Orchard Street.

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

- Regular Council Meeting of October 17, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Jarrett

All in favor, minutes approved.

**ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

1. South Orchard Street - Streetlight Request - Discussion was had on cost and timeframe. Borough Manager is working on getting this information from PPL, and will add to the agenda for vote when available.
2. Fitness Court - Borough Manager explained details of project. Council expressed general support, with the caveat that some level of financial support from outside Borough funds would be needed.
3. Around the Table
  - a. Mr. Jarrett reminded Council of upcoming Santa Parade.
  - b. Mr. Kyttle noted that it is now leaf pickup season.

**ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolution No. 2022-03 - Implementing Act 57 of 2022  
Discussion: Borough Manager explained the purpose of this resolution.

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

All in favor, resolution approved.

2. Resolution No. 2022-04 - Authorizing the Transfer of Funds

Discussion: Borough Manager explained this is something to have in place just in case there is a delay in receiving tax funds.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Talanca  Approved,   
Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, resolution approved.

**ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to set schedule for 2023 Budget Workshops as follows: November 21 at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall.

Discussion: General agreement that one session should be sufficient, but more can be scheduled if needed.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to accept Cooper Electric Quote #S049472672, in the amount of \$3,380, for the implementation of fluorescent LED lights in Borough buildings.

Discussion: Return on investment was noted to be approximately one year.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve purchase of Xtreme Vac leaf and debris collector box, in the amount of \$11,728.76, to be funded in part by state recycling grant funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to accept Stephenson Equipment Inc. Quote #145839, for the purchase of a brush chipper, in the amount of \$58,144.40, to be funded in part by state recycling grant funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve payment of Borough of Berwick Police Department one-time cost of living index payment, in the total amount of \$25,760.28, as guaranteed in Article 30, Section 3 of current contract, to be funded utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: General displeasure about the existence of this section of the contract was noted.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

**ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items**

- Mayor Burke - Noted that LCCC is holding a free trauma and CPR training class.

**ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

Meeting adjourned.