

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 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>
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> </u>	<u> X </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>None</u>	<u> </u>
WOZNIAK	<u> X </u>	<u> </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 review and approval of Thanksgiving weekend traffic control plan, as proposed by Police Department, be added to agenda.

Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Mr. Learn

All in favor, agenda approved with proposed addition.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION:

- Kathryn Kelchner/Vincent Wood, Berwick Arts Association - Discussed options for murals around town, as well as updating "Welcome to Berwick" sign.
- Aaron Crawford, SEDA-COG - CAPER Public Hearing

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

NONE

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of November 7, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, minutes approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS MOTION: Mr. Learn SECOND: Mr. Moccia

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 - Noted that action against property on Lincoln Ave. was discontinued.

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 - Report submitted

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 submitted. Reviewed monthly statistics. Major grant application recently submitted.

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Report submitted. Reviewed monthly statistics.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report - Report submitted.

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Mulberry Street - George Curry Way - Broad support for project. Borough Manager and Mr. Kyttle will work on it.

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution No. 2022-05, Appointing Jack Kyttle as Voting Member of MPO
Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
Denied, Tabled

All in favor, resolution approved.

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Borough of Berwick 2023 Municipal Budget.
Discussion: Confirmed that police don't need additional meeting for any items.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to approve advertisement of Ordinance 2022-07, setting the property tax rate for 2023.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to rescind allocation of \$20,000 for work transit program, which was to be funded utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained that interest for this program never materialized, and rescind allocation would allow for him to formally update his records.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to accept results of Berwick Fire Department election, naming Gene Boone as Berwick Fire Chief for 2023 and 2024.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Mr. Moccia Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to advertise for letters of interest for BAJSA opening as follows: offer to Mr. Gary Pinterich, reappoint if interested to a new 5-year term, and advertise for letters of interest only if he is not interested.

Discussion: Mr. Learn confirmed that Mr. Pinterich has represented Berwick well during his time at BAJSA, and there was no reason not to reappoint, assuming he wanted the position.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to enter into agreement for Fitness Court at 2022 pricing, pending receiving National Fitness Campaign grant funding for the same.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained that, by locking in for 2022 pricing, there would be a \$12,000 savings, but that doing so also required a leap of faith that outside funding would be secured to defray some of the project cost.

Motion: Mr. Moccia Second: Ms. Wozniak Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to schedule additional budget workshops as follows:

Discussion: None

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, Tabled

Item died for lack of a motion.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

1. Consider and take action to approve police submitted traffic control plan for Thanksgiving weekend events, as submitted.

Discussion: None

Motion: Ms. Wozniak Second: Mr. Learn Approved,
 Denied, Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

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

NONE

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Ms. Wozniak

Meeting adjourned.