

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 5, 2021

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 Scott Bower

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
BOWER	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>			
TROIANI	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Chief of Police	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
ALLEY	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	Solicitor	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
LEWIS	<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>Susan Schwartz PE</u>	<u> </u>
TALANCA	<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. Jarrett Second: Mr. Talanca

All in favor, agenda approved.

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

None

ITEM 5. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. South Berwick truck traffic/signage

Borough Manager explained options for signs related to truck traffic in the neighbor around Wise facility. Options include signs on the back of stops signs on cross streets, and angled signs set back from road. Discussion centered around perceived lack of effectiveness of these options, as well as potential for unintended consequence of vehicles trying to back out of streets and back onto Route 11, leading to new safety concerns. No action taken at this time.

2. Around the Table

- Mr. Lewis questioned when would be an appropriate time to return to allowing the public to attend in person. There were differing opinions, as well as a lack of clear understanding on what are current state guidelines. Final decision was to have on agenda for discussion at May Workshop.
- Borough Manager reviewed request of Mr. Greg Hess, 534 West Front Street, to have home removed from demolition list. Reviewed timeline of notices he has been given over the last 10+ years. No members of Council made necessary motion to consider removing from list.

ITEM 6. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and take action to advertise Ordinance 2021-04, making a portion of Park Street one-way.

Discussion: Discussed direction of travel. Answers on survey were mixed, with more preferring traffic flowing toward Washington Street. This was the direction listed in proposed ordinance, which Council elected not to amend. Discussion also occurred related to speeding, before deciding that this was a separate issue for another time.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Ordinance 2021-03: Increasing the Indebtedness of the Borough of Berwick

Discussion: Council was reminded that this was due to DCED regulations saying that loan could not extend beyond 10 years.

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

All in favor, Ordinance 2021-03 approved.

ITEM 8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to approve payment of Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce Invoice 3/29/21 in the amount of \$1,350.00 for financial underwriting services for business assistance program.

Discussion: Borough Manager provided explanation of costs.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to hire Mr. Samuel Herring as a part-time DPW laborer, effective upon his ability to complete requirement to provide two-week notice to current employer, pending successful completion of relevant background checks.

Discussion: Mr. Herring was presented as the recommendation of both Borough Manager and DPW Foreman.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve sale of (14) Motorola Speaker Microphones, part No. NMN6271A.

Discussion: Chief Strish explained that the microphones that came with radios did not fully satisfy department needs, which caused him to need to purchase more adequate replacements. What is being proposed for sale is the pieces determined to be inadequate.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager, with oversight from Borough Solicitor, to enter into agreement with UGI on behalf of the Borough of Berwick, in accordance with the following terms: That UGI shall contribute \$50,000 toward the cost of the Borough paving Butternut Street, and, if UGI does not finish work in Butternut Street by May 31, 2021, then UGI will cover any actual damages the Borough incurs should UGI go beyond that date.

Discussion: Borough Manager explained that the framework of this agreement was reached earlier today, which is why nothing final is ready. In order to allow UGI to complete work in the period of time the Borough requires, it is important not to wait until its next meeting to approve.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve HOME Grant Program Income Reuse Plan.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 9. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Troiani

Meeting adjourned.