

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 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. Appointment of Committee Positions
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> | PRESENT | ABSENT | <u>OFFICERS</u> | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| TROIANI | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | | | |
| LEARN | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Chief of Police | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| BOWER | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Solicitor | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| JARRETT | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Engineer | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| LEWIS | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | DPW Foreman | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| MOCCIA | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | Reporter(s) | <u> </u> | <u> NONE </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> </u> | <u> X </u> | | | |

ITEM 3. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Jarrett Second: Mr. Bower

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE POSITIONS: Council President Troiani

- Personnel - Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett, Tom Moccia
- Legal & Finance - Nelson Learn, Jay Jarrett, Tom Moccia
- Parks & Recreation - Jay Jarrett, Pete Talanca, Teresa Troiani
- Emergency Management - Scott Bower, Jay Jarrett, Teresa Troiani
- Public Works - Scott Bower, Nelson Learn, Bob Lewis
- Fire & Water - Scott Bower, Bob Lewis, Pete Talanca
- Codes, Recycling & Ordinances - Nelson Learn, Tom Moccia, Pete Talanca
- Safety - Bob Lewis
- Police - Bob Lewis, Tom Moccia, Teresa Troiani

ITEM 5. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2021.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, minutes approved.

- Council Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2022.

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Lewis

Voting in favor were Councilpersons Troiani, Learn, Bower and Lewis. Councilpersons Jarrett, Moccia and Talanca abstained due to absence from meeting. Minutes approved via 4-0 vote in favor, with three abstentions.

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

All in favor, payment of bills approved.

ITEM 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke - Discussed possibility of tenants for K-Mart plaza. Some coats are leftover from coat giveaway if any are needed.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 - None

SOLICITOR: None

PERSONNEL: None

LEGAL AND FINANCE: None

PARKS AND RECREATION: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: None

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kyttle - None

FIRE AND WATER: None

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: None

SAFETY: None

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish - None

FIRE: Chief Gene Boone - Will have a chief's breakfast this Saturday for 2022. Station 80 is temporarily shut down until it is able to fill all necessary line officer positions.

BAJSA REPORT: See Report

ITEM 9. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

None

ITEM 10. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and take action to appoint Frank Kepner as the Borough Solicitor.

Discussion: Discussion was had amongst Council about satisfaction with services provided by Attorney Kepner, specifically regarding timeliness and communication.

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

Roll call vote was called for:

Mr. Talanca - Yes
Mr. Moccia - Yes
Mr. Learn - No
Mr. Bower - No
Mr. Jarrett - Yes
Mr. Lewis - Yes
Ms. Troiani - Yes

Motion approved via a 5-2 vote in favor.

2. Consider and take action to set Borough Committee meetings schedule as follows, with all committees to meet on an "as necessary" basis, except Public Works, Safety and Fire & Water:

- Personnel - First Monday of the month, 4:30 p.m.
- Legal & Finance - First Monday of the month, 5:00 p.m.
- Codes, Recycling & Ordinances - Second Monday of the month, 4:00 p.m.
- Public Works - Second Tuesday of the month, 9:00 a.m.
- Safety - Last Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m. (may not change)
- Police - First Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m.
- Parks & Recreation - First Wednesday of the month, 5:00 p.m.
- Emergency Management - Second Wednesday of the month, 5:00 p.m.
- Fire & Water - Last Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. (attend monthly Fire Board meeting at this time)

Discussion: With committee positions having just been finalized, members of committees were tasked with establishing meeting times that worked. Motion was made to table, and come back to at next meeting.

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

All in favor, motion to table approved.

ITEM 11. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to advertise to request proposals for Borough Solicitor.

Discussion: Item died for lack of a motion.

Motion: _____ Second: _____ Approved, Denied, Tabled

2. Consider and take action to approve improvement of Poplar Street, starting at the north border of Freas Avenue and proceeding in a northerly direction to the north border of Fifth Avenue.

Discussion: Project and cost estimate explained by Mr. Kyttle.

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

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to approve payment of Berwick Area United Way Invoice #2, in the amount of \$3,975.27, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to approve payment of Berwick Borough/Columbia County Sub Lease Agreement in the amount of \$75,496.71, to be paid utilizing CLFRF funds.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to approve Heart and Lung Benefits for Officer Jeremy Mulders, retroactive to December 15, 2021.

Discussion: None

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

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 13. ADDED ITEMS

None

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

None

ITEM 15. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Learn

Meeting adjourned