

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2016

AGENDA: Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday March 21, 2016 at 1:15PM; and held at the Berwick Area High School. Present at this meeting were President of Council Alvin Hill presiding and Council Members Scott Bower (VP), Jim Meighan, Travis Petty, Joanne Huntington. Also present were Borough Manager Debra Force, Chief of Police Ken Strish, Solicitor Frank Kepner, Codes Officer Greg Harkins, Fire Chief Bill Coolbaugh, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Columbia County Commissioner's Mr. Chris Young, Mr. Rich Ridgway, Mr. David Kovach, advanced placement government students. Reporter Sue Swartz for the Press Enterprise was also present. Councilmen Jay Jarrett and Andrew Shecktor, and Mayor Tim Burke were absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

REVIEW &
APPROVAL
OF AGENDA:

MOTION TO APPROVE: **Mr. Bower** - SECOND: **Mr. Meighan**
ALL AYES, motion passes.

PUBLIC HEARING,
CITIZENS
CORRESPONDENCE,
PERSONAL APPEALS:

- Columbia County Commissioner David Kovach advised council that the Stuart Tank is now in Customs in Pot Authority New York. And will be on its way home soon. Everyone is invited to welcome Stueie home when the date is announced.
- A group of citizens presented Council with a petition signed by area residents to stop the passing of Ordinance 2016-02 to change the traffic direction of the un-named alley between First & Ferris Ave and running from Washington Street to North Warren Street. The residents in attendance said that the garbage haulers would have to back up the alley to collect their garbage or they would have to put garbage out in front of their homes; something they do not want to do. Also neighbors have their own trailers that they use and the best way for them to enter the alley is the way it is now.
- Another Berwick resident asked Council what is going on with Briar Meadows Development? And what are they planning on putting there? Council advised the resident that they do not know of anything definite only rumors.

The resident asked if the entrance that was opened up will remain after construction is completed. Council advised that the Borough engineer was down to look at it and spoke with the construction manager and he advised he has orders to close up and put back as they found the entrance once BAJSA construction is completed.

- Salem Township resident Randy Panetta presented Council with a portion of a transcript of court proceedings that he said showed that the law firm of Kepner, Kepner & Corba got information from the Police that he himself could not obtain via a Freedom of Information request that was not answered timely. He stated that he won the appeal and asked Council to put a halt to the appeal of that ruling and release the information and also to removed Attorney Frank Kepner as Borough Solicitor due to a conflict of interest with regard to his case. He also suggested that an alternative was to let the student decide the issue. Council did not agree to that and said to let the issue play out in court.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES APPROVED: MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 15, 2016 MINUTES: MADE BY: **Mr. Meighan** - Seconded: **Mrs. Huntington,** **All ayes, motion passes.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVED: MOTION TO PAY THE FEBRUARY 2016 BILLS. MADE BY: **MR. PETTY** - SECONDED: **MR. BOWER** **All ayes, motion passes.**

AARON ZANOLINE	4.47	JOHN SIDARI	17,401.21
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	821.21	JORDAN HOPPER	251.96
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	216.30	KISSINGER'S FLOOR & WALL	2.00
AVAYA, INC	25.30	LACAL EQUIPMENT, INC	491.86
BARRY'S SERVICE STATION	101.46	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,930.00
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	367.04	LARRY'S LUMBER AND SUPPLY, INC.	95.60
BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,020.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	222.15
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	7.95	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	622.83
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	184.66	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	1,280.14
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	66.00
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION FD	864.63	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUN	780.63
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION FD	1,205.46	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,242.32	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	40,443.35	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,701.42	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,286.98	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	36,721.88	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	221.94
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37,178.75	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	130.40
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	300.00	P A W C	38.37

BOROUGH OF BERWICK -PETTY CASH	25.25	P A W C	2,737.24
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION	784.64	PENN PRIME TRUST	69,206.00
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION	1,182.10	PENN PRIME TRUST	11,770.00
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	1,450.53	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	33.02
BUCK'S LOCKSMITH SERVICE	130.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	178.75
BULL, BULL & MCDONALD, LLP	180.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	97.65
CNA SURETY	100.00	PIKES CREEK ASPHALT	827.30
COLE'S HARDWARE	250.15	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	1,210.50
COLE'S HARDWARE	286.40	PPL	549.18
COLE'S HARDWARE	168.37	PPL	129.23
CONNIE C. GINGHER	139.44	PPL	11,515.39
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	75.74	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	241.82
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	484.96	PSAB	210.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	14.24	PSAB	210.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	1,999.62	PUGLIESE, FINNEGAN SHAFER	760.00
CW WALTZ SONS, INC	76.73	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	9,226.00
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES	243.60	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	723.25	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
DEFENDER FIRE CO.	383.33	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	69.30
DENT'S AUTO SERVICE	223.74	RR DONNELLEY	165.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	1,329.71
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	14.67	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	93.89
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	11.08	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	12.60
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	39.06	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	754.16
ED SPENCERS AUTO PARTS	50.00	SUNTRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE	2,998.05
EVIDENT CRIME SCENE PRODUCTS	362.40	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	113.73
FASTENAL COMPANY	5.58	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	195.11
FIRE & RESCUE PRODUCTS	1,900.00	SUSAN FASNACHT	3,710.31
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,955.70	TEAMSTERS	1,331.10
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	THE INTERNET PLACE	89.70
GREGORY C. HARKINS	199.38	TIM BURKE	25.00
HARTMAN & LALLY INSURERS, INC.	3,069.33	TOTAL ACCESS	640.00
HOLDEN SPRUNG	375.71	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	47.40
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,907.75	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	11.97
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	68.60
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,777.77	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	4.28
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	411.41
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,951.95	VERIZON WIRELESS	307.05
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	60.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,849.23	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WEX BANK	800.80
JACK KYTTLE	200.00	XEROX CORPORATION	41.47
JAMES DALBERTO	25.00	YIS/COWDEN GROUP INC.	60.50
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REPORTS

OF

COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: Tim Burke; (NOT PRESENT AT MEETING)

ENGINEER: Quad 3 (NOT PRESENT AT MEETING)

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner. Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL: Travis Petty-Joanne Huntington. Nothing to report.

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Travis Petty-Andrew Shecktor. Nothing to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Alvin Hill. Bands are in the process of being booked.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Greg Harkins. EMA antenna was just installed on the roof of City Hall and will need to be tested.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Joanne Huntington-Jim Meighan-Jack Kyttle. Street sweeper is starting up, please obey NO PARKING signs.

FIRE AND WATER: Jim Meighan-Fire Chief Bill Coolbaugh, the Fire Chief said they just completed a full audit and passed. They have started a Safety Committee for insurance discount and it will meet right after the Fire Board Meetings.

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Scott Bower - Greg Harkins. SEE REPORT. Recycling is open 1-5PM on Tuesdays.

SAFETY: Joanne Huntington-Scott Bower. See report

POLICE: Jim Meighan - Scott Bower - Police Chief Ken Strish. SEE REPORT. Committee is working on Police uniforms.

BAJSA REPORT: Scott Bower. SEE REPORT.

BUSINESS NOT

READY FOR

ACTION or NO

ACTION NEEDED: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: **ORDINANCE 2016-04: Installation & conversion of street lights to LED.** At no cost to the Borough, everywhere but the downtown. Motion to approve the Ordinance **MADE BY: Mr. Meighan - SECONDED: Mrs. Huntington. All ayes, motion passes.**

ORDINANCE 2016-02 Changing the direction of the un-named alley between First & Ferris Ave., and running from Washington Street to North Warren Street.

Motion to TABLE the Ordinance due to the petition delivered to Council by concerned residents, giving Council time to consider all opinions on the matter. **MADE BY: Mr. Bower - SECONDED: Mrs. Huntington. All ayes, motion to table passes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

DUMPSTER DAY BID OPENING: One bid was received but upon opening it was found to be a letter from DMS that they would not be bidding on the job. A motion to table Dumpster Day was made by: **Mr. Bower - SECONDED: Mr. Meighan. All ayes, motion to table passes.**

FIREWORKS BID FOR JULY 4th: Three bids were opened, Zambelli Fireworks \$12,000.00 Bixler Pyrotechnics display value \$7,750.00, cost \$7,000.00. ZY Pyrotechnics \$7,000.00. A discussion among Council Members ensued. Councilman Petty asked why we were spending \$7,000.00 on fireworks when the budget is so tight. "That is tax payer money going up in the air". Council President Alvin Hill said the expense is in the budget. **MOTION MADE TO AWARD THE BID TO ZY Pyrotechnics of Wapwallopen by: Mr. Bower - SECONDED: Mr. Meighan. All ayes, 1 nay by Mr. Petty. Motion passes.**

ATTENDANCE OF PA STATE ASSOC. OF BOROUGHS CONFERENCE IN JUNE 2016: Consider and take action for Debra Force and Jim Meighan to attend the 2016 Annual Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania on June 5-6-7-8, 2016 at a cost of \$260.00 each plus lodging & mileage. And appoint Councilman Meighan as the Borough's voting delegate. A discussion among Council Members ensued. Councilman Petty asked why we were paying mileage when we have borough vehicles that could be used. It was said that the borough vehicles are not reliable for long trips. Mr. Petty said if they are not reliable for trips then

they should not be used at all. It was stated that if you break down in town somewhere you can call for help but not if you are out of town.
Motion for action as stated above was made by: **Mr. Bower**
- SECONDED: **Mrs. Huntington. Mr. Meighan abstained from the vote. Mr. Petty's vote was nay, all other aye.**
Motion passes.

RE-IMBURSEMENT TO JOINT VETERANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY BRIDGE & WREATH CEREMONY: Consider and take action on re-imbusement for the Joint Veterans Council Bridge & Wreath Ceremony on Memorial Day May 29, 2016. At a cost of approximately \$300.00.
Motion made by **Mr. Meighan** - SECONDED: Mr. Petty. All **ayes. Motion passes.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes, Motion passes.