

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 2019
7:00PM Council Meeting

AGENDA:

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Presiding at this meeting was President of Council Jeri Alley, Council Members Bob Lewis (VP), Jay Jarrett, Nelson Learn, Andrew Shecktor, Pete Talanca and Mayor Tim Burke.

Also present were Chief of Police Ken Strish, Borough Treasurer Cassandra Mowery, Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner (late 7:10PM), DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz and Press Enterprise reporter Susan Schwartz.

Absent was councilwoman Teresa Troiani.

A moment of silence was observed and The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC HEARING
CITIZENS
CORRESPONDENCE
PERSONAL APPEALS:

Betty Gray: Starting a challenge program called "Kick the Sweet" in conjunction with the United Way, Berwick Hospital and Geisinger. For March & April the challenge is to cut down on sugars in your diet. She would like to see Council participate.

LORI CLEMENS: 126 E. 6th St. The tenant issue at 128 E. 6th St. Attorney Kepner said to let him get the complaint filed by the end of the week.

Mark Spaid: 625 W. Front St having a problem with feral cats in neighborhood and all over the borough. Junk and litter all over town.

Christine Curley: McBride Library Director. The library would like to submit a Keystone Grant with a 50/50 match but the grant must be submitted by a municipal authority. Council agreed to submit the grant on the condition that the Borough is not responsible for any money for match. Ms. Curley agreed that the borough would not have to any money in. This will be moved for a vote at the March Council Meeting.

Bill Coolbaugh: Said the trailer parking on Mulberry is getting out of hand. Some never move and traffic has to weave in and out to get through and is even tougher for fire engines. Some on council agreed that they thought parking was only to be in Vine Street. But a resolution or ordinance agreeing to parking on Mulberry cannot be found.

Ralph & Kathy Schumacher: Upset that Council voted to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code. He said he received a letter that was upsetting to him and his wife.

PRESENTATION: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING: Motion by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Shecktor to approve the Council Minutes of January 21, 2018. All ayes. Motion passes.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Councilwoman Talanca and seconded by Councilman Learn to pay the bill listing. All ayes. Motion passes.

AARON ZANOLINE	40.00	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	1,238.50
AARON ZANOLINE	45.00	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	315.55
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	9,511.09
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	3,619.13
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	161.60	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	3,090.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	55.20	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	445.71
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	45.55	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	357.11
AMERICAN ROCK SALT, LLC	1,568.54	LECCE ELECTRIC, INC.	1,005.27
AMERICAN ROCK SALT, LLC	1,558.56	MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP	2,604.15
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	130.37	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	40.25
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2.17	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	40.25
AUTOZONE	12.99	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	848.93
AVAYA, INC	33.68	MIKE'S TRUCK REPAIR	1,958.00
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	63.92	MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	3,232.00
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	282.26	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	502.58
BERWICK AREA UNITED WAY	65.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	416.22
BERWICK PROFESSIONAL AUTO CENTER	45.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	168.60
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	256.65	NMS	242.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	19,365.10	OVERHEAD DOOR CO. OF BERWICK	9.76
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION FD	1,199.33	P A W C	22.20
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION FD	787.69	P A W C	15.38
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,415.69	P A W C	15.38
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37,751.52	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	PENN PRIME TRUST	74,380.00

BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,067.00	PENNSYLVANIA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	1,545.24
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,097.33	PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	65.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	20.23
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	1,251.68	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	638.75
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	857.30	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	4,296.25
BORO OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	2,100.68	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	1,271.25
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	93.75
C.M. LAUBACH & SONS, INC.	36.99	PHILIP MAINIERO	401.66
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	416.08	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	400.00
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO., LLC	3,713.36	POWELL'S SALES & SERVICE	236.64
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	50,719.05	PPL	162.24
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,810.20	PPL	416.76
CNA SURETY	200.00	PPL	182.83
COLE'S HARDWARE	113.50	PPL	12,553.68
COLE'S HARDWARE	31.18	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	36.62
COLE'S HARDWARE	83.67	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	2,017.23
COLE'S HARDWARE	13.09	PSAB	75.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	40.47	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	3,147.50
COLE'S HARDWARE	46.79	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	1,500.00
COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICE	1,165.06	QUILL CORPORATION	159.92
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	9.53	QUILL CORPORATION	147.94
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	153.67	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	305.24	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	35.23	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	642.88
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	60.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	970.20
DCED	445.50	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	303.52
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	65.00	ROBERT C. YOUNG, INC.	3,683.78
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	149.99	ROGERS UNIFORMS	45.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	ROGERS UNIFORMS	284.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	245.40	SEDA-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	1,760.00
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	175.00	SEDA-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	39,793.00
EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTING CORP	100.00	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	73.92
FBI-LEEDA	50.00	SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC.	8,990.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	390.80
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS.	1,134.29	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	9.49
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	111.40	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	1,142.25
FSSOLUTIONS	230.57	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	6.10
GENERAL SALES, INC.	1,441.29	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	149.88
GREAT AMERICAN PRINTER	1,580.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	283.64
HAB-DLT/BERKHEIMER	57.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	483.15
HAZLETON STANDARD ~ SPEAKER	137.51	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	1,425.25
HILLER'S HEATING & AC	45.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	562.20
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,097.23	TEAM GREEN RECYCLING & CONTAINER	17,250.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	245.00	TEAMSTERS	1,371.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,253.47	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	52.55
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	245.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	1.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,094.47	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	105.27

ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	245.00	TSSI	569.85
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,178.15	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	446.08
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	245.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	629.17
IOLA LUMBER CO	916.86	VERIZON WIRELESS	371.25
IWORQ	4,729.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	371.25
JACK KYTTLE	31.75	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	243.60
JACK KYTTLE	793.25	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
JEREMY MULDER	40.00	WEST END SERVICE	500.00
KEEFER'S ARMY NAVY	214.84	YCG	63.50
KENNETH STRISH	389.93	YCG	65.00

REPORTS

OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: **Mayor Tim Burke**: Area businesses have been in contact with him about the need for employees. Wise Chips alone has 60 openings. So he has taken to social media to put out a call and has had good feedback.

His 2 storage lockers are full up of donated items to be used for those in need. Berwick people are very generous.

SOLICITOR: **Attorney Frank Kepner**: UGI depositions are in progress and Abbonizio is set for pre-trial later this week.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: **Councilman Shecktor** said he will be attending the dinner for the nuke plant this week. He said it is possible that the plant may shut down.

Councilman Shecktor wants people to be aware of the problem of black mold with this winter weather we have been having. He almost died after crawling under his home to unfreeze a pipe and breathing in mold that sent him to the hospital.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: **Jack Kyttle**: SEE REPORT. Is working on MS4 to complete some requested information.

SAFETY: **Bob Lewis**: Still meeting and working every month.

POLICE: **Chief Ken Strish**: See Report.

BAJSA REPORT: See report.

BUSINESS

NOT READY

FOR ACTION: NONE

OLD

BUSINESS: NONE

**APPROVAL OF
ORDINANCES
AND RESOLUTIONS:**

2019-02 ORDINANCE: Vacating un-named alley between 10th & 11th Streets and between Vine & Mulberry Streets
A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

**Approved
Peters
Consulting
Payments**

Councilman Talanca made a motion to pay invoiced to Peters Consulting for \$93.75 from CDBG funding for blighted Properties. And an invoice for \$1,271.25 from CDBG funding for the ADA Curbing. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
NC Church
Easter Egg
Hunt 4/23/19**

A motion was made by Councilman Shecktor to approve the request of NC Church to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at Ber-Vaughn Softball field on Saturday April 13 from 9am - 2pm. They request electric on at pavilions and bathrooms opened. They do not have permission for the sign on the boulevard plots on Market Street. And bathrooms will only be opened weather permitting. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes, motion passes.

**TABLED
Little League
request to
use fields
At Test Track
Park**

A motion was made by Councilman Learn to table the request to find out exactly what fields they want to use. Adult softball uses the fenced in field and Council wants to make sure everyone has a chance to play ball during the week. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion to table passes.

**Approved
Advertising
for loan bids**

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to advertise for loan bids to finance a loader for DPW. this was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes, motion passes.

**Approved
Jack Kyttle
attendance
at a training
conference
for roads**

Councilman Learn made a motion to approve Jack Kyttle attendance at a training conference on "Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads". The training is free and Jack would use a DPW truck to get there. This was seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes, motion passes.

**TABLED
Removing
1720 Brittain
from Demo List**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to table removing 1720 Brittain St from the Demo List and replacing it with the 325-327 Vine St. property. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes, motion passes. No discussion.

**Approved
Penn DOT Joint
Rail Authority
Request to
Guard rail
To install
RR Mast Arm**

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca to approve the request from Penn DOT Joint Rail authority request to move a guard rail on Oak & 3rd Streets to install a RR Mast Arm for RR signals to be placed This will be done via an Ordinance. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Having Quad3
Look for
Solution to
Water problems
On Steel St.**

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to have Quad 3 look at Steel Street and find a solution for the water problems there. This was seconded by Council Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Permission
To File for a
DCED grant**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Shektor to apply for a DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant. All ayes. Motion passes.

ADDED ITEM:

**Approved end of
Probation period
for Officer Lord**

A motion was made by councilman Talanca and seconded Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Council adjourned for an Executive Session regarding Personnel at 7:50pm
and reentered Chambers at 8:35pm.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Jarrett, second by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.