

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

AGENDA:

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, March 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, and Mayor Tim Burke.

Also present were Chief of Police Ken Strish, Borough Treasurer Cassandra Mowery, Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner, DPW Foreman Jack Kytte, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz and Press Enterprise reporter Geri Gibbons.

Absent was Councilwoman Teresa Troiani and Councilman Pete Talanca.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING
CITIZENS**

Bobby Meyers: Asked if the Summer Concert Schedule was out yet. He was advised not yet.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONAL APPEALS:

LORI CLEMENS: 126 E. 6th St. The tenant issue at 128 E. 6th St. Asked if the complaint was filed by Attorney Kepner yet. Attorney Kepner arrived later and advised the Clemens that the complaint was given to Council for review and would then be filed.

PRESENTATION:

NONE

**APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES
OF THE
PRECEDING
MEETING:**

Motion by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Learn to approve the Council Minutes of February 18, 2019 and the Workshop minutes of March 4, 2019. All ayes. Motion passes.

**APPROVE
PAYMENT
OF BILLS:**

Motion by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Jarrett to pay the bill listing. All ayes. Motion passes.

A & A AUTO PARTS STORES	29.99	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,252.25
A & A AUTO PARTS STORES	29.99	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,400.00
AARON ZANOLINE	40.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	35.99

AARON ZANOLINE	80.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	347.35
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP	2,604.15
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP	8.75
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	281.35	MARTY SITLER	66.97
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	87.10	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	2,290.35
AMERICAN ROCK SALT, LLC	4,901.19	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	2,286.70
AMERICAN ROCK SALT, LLC	4,728.24	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	63.25
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	130.37	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	841.30
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2.17	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	187.49
AUTOZONE	10.98	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	400.47
AVAYA, INC	33.68	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	360.92
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	63.92	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	531.33
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	525.00	NAT ALEXANDER COMPANY	595.52
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	67.28	NMS	726.00
BLOOMSBURG POWERSPORTS	35.95	P A W C	43.82
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	P A W C	23.34
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	68.37	P A W C	15.38
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	22,064.51	P A W C	15.38
BOROUGH OF BERWICK GENERAL FUND	708.00	P A W C	2,601.58
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND	783.57	PENN PRIME TRUST	83,270.00
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION FUND	817.79	PENN STATE	45.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,129.99	PENNSYLVANIA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	186.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	35,336.16	PENNSYLVANIA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	1,714.84
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	19.04
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,892.96	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	1,365.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	42,866.97	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	481.62
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	103.71	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	211.25
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	184.65
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	103.71	PPL	220.31
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	808.49	PPL	583.64
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	873.56	PPL	554.95
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FUND	1,665.79	PPL	12,246.87
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	207.26
BPC	450.00	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	23.14
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	412.67	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	192.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	50,719.05	PSAB	300.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,810.20	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	1,500.00
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	102.60	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	1,035.00
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	102.59	QUILL CORPORATION	63.98
COLE'S HARDWARE	92.49	RANGER HOSE CO	766.66
COLE'S HARDWARE	71.80	RELIANCE FIRE CO	766.66
COLE'S HARDWARE	5.99	RENCO SERVISTAR	11.49
COL MONTOUR CHAMBER COMMERCE	275.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	622.02
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	2.87	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	604.38
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	532.77	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	54.83
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	32.12	SIRCHIE	97.27
DENT'S AUTO SERVICE	60.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	116.12

EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	766.66	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	8.68
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	179.93
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	312.00
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS.	1,134.29	SUNBURY MOTORS	64,970.00
FRIEDMAN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	143.17	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	369.06
GENERAL SALES, INC.	57.95	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	12.79
GREGORY C. HARKINS	888.51	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	982.37
HILLER'S HEATING & AC	72.50	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	557.36
HILLER'S HEATING & AC	922.40	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	683.26
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,074.49	TEAM GREEN RECYCLING & CONTAINER	17,250.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	TEAMSTERS	1,515.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,150.55	THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY	450.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	THOMAS J. LAZICKI, SR.	1,200.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,207.07	TODD NORMANDIN	60.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	1.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,403.09	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	2.98
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	14.14
INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	439.72	ULINE	39.45
IOLA LUMBER CO	1,026.60	US SUPPLY COMPANY	7.02
JAMES DALBERTO	72.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	371.30
JAMES DALBERTO	27.87	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	243.60
JORDAN HOPPER	209.02	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	766.66
KEEFER'S ARMY NAVY	300.00	WEX BANK	2,096.16
KEN POLLOCK	374.14	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC	464.40
KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	1,238.50		

REPORTS

OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: **Mayor Tim Burke:** The last family from the fire on 6th Street has been helped. All money has been distributed. He has 2 storage lockers are full up of donated items to be used for those in need. Berwick people are very generous.

He attended the giving Gala at the Berwick YMCA.

Attended the West Berwick Elementary to read. He will attend Nescopeck and Salem too.

He also attended the Senior Citizen Safety Day Program.

SOLICITOR: **Attorney Frank Kepner:** Addressed Mrs. Clemens that the complaint was given to Council to review and will then be filed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: **Councilman Shecktor** said that the radio system that is being worked on will be expensive. He heard hand helds will cost around \$4,000. And vehicle radios will cost around \$9,000. He has serious concerns. The County Commissioners and Chief Strish are working on a grant that could bring the costs down.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: **Jack Kyttle**: SEE REPORT. The radio and back up camera have been installed in the F750.

CODES: Tyler Dombroski stated that the money the Borough gets back from the demo lien is the Borough's to be used for any other project. Just run it by him first. No bill paying.

Councilman Shecktor will attend the Ethics Conference in June at his expense.

Councilman Lewis said the computer were down in Admin for a few days and he is in the process of getting a quote on a new server.

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

BAJSA REPORT: SEE REPORT.

BUSINESS

NOT READY

FOR ACTION: NONE

OLD

- BUSINESS:**
1. Pending request to use the Ber-Vaughn tennis courts for pickle ball. Councilman Jarrett made a motion to approve the request as long as they use the tape to mark lines. Councilman Shecktor seconded. All ayes, motion passes.
 2. Removing 1720 Brittain Street from the demo list. Councilman Lewis made a motion to table the issue, this was seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Motion to table passes.
 3. Grant permission for Little League to use Test Track Park for practice Monday - Friday. But NOT use the fenced in area as that is reserved for adult softball. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Learn and seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF

ORDINANCES

AND RESOLUTIONS:

2019-02 RESOLUTION: Setting Police Pension at 2%. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

**Approved
Peters
Consulting
Payments**

Councilman Shecktor made a motion to pay invoiced to Peters Consulting for \$481.62 & \$232.50 from CDBG funding for blighted Properties. And an invoice for \$1,287.50 & \$211.25 from CDBG funding for the ADA Curbing. This was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Peters
Consulting
Payments**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to approve the payment to Peters Consulting for \$1,255.00 for Dennis Peters to attend a meeting with Abbonizzio's attorney.

**Approved
No Parking
Signs on
Columbia Ave**

A motion was made by Councilman Shecktor to approve the request from Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit #16 for No Parking between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm Monday - Friday. This was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
(1) HC Parking
(2) Space for
118 E. 3rd St**

Councilman Shecktor made a motion to approve (1) Handicapped parking space in front of 118 E. 3rd Street. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
5K request
For S.O.A.R.
To run on
June 8th.**

Councilman Shecktor made a motion to approve the 6th Annual Boat Regatta at Test Track Park, on June 21-22-23. Planners will make contact with Jack Kyttle to discuss what the event might need. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes, motion passes.

**Approved
Easter Egg
Hunt at Ber-
Vaughn Park
April 20th**

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to approve the request from West Berwick Hose to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at Ber-Vaughn Park April 20th This was seconded by Councilman Jarrett All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
7th Annual
Celebrate
Berwick Food
Festival**

A motion was made by Councilman Shecktor to approve the 7th Annual Celebrate Berwick Food Festival June 1st. This was seconded by Council Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Employment**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Lear to approve the employment

Contract for contract of Curt Rider. All ayes. Motion passes.
Curt Rider

Opened bids on financing DPW loader truck. Borrowing \$121,531. For 3 years. Supply interest rate, monthly payment, quarterly payment, and yearly payment.

1. FNB Bank, Berwick PA Interest rate 4.19%
Monthly: \$3,587.90
Quarterly: \$?,???.20
Yearly: \$42,208.26
2. First Columbia Bank & Trust, Berwick PA Interest rate 2.97%
Monthly: \$ not given
Quarterly: \$ not given
Yearly: \$ not given
3. First Keystone Community Bank, Berwick PA Interest rate 2.56%
Monthly: \$3,512.47
Quarterly: \$10,560.02
Yearly: \$42,633.18

Approved
First Keystone
Community Bank
For loader loan

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to accept the loan First Keystone Community Bank for a 3-year loan at an interest rate of 2.56%. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Learn, seconded by Councilman Lewis.