

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2019
7:00PM Council Meeting

AGENDA:

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Presiding at this meeting was President of Council Jeri Alley, Bob Lewis, Council Members present, Jay Jarrett, Nelson Learn, Andrew Shecktor, Peter Talanca, Theresa Troiani, Mayor Tim Burke, and Borough Manager Damien Scoblink.

Absent were the Chief of Police Ken Strish.

Also present were Borough Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz and Press Enterprise Reporter Susan Swartz.

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

**Review and
Approve Current
Agenda:**

A Motion to approve current agenda and add 2 additions was made by Councilman Learn and seconded by Councilman Talanca.
All ayes, motion passes.

**PUBLIC HEARING
CITIZENS
CORRESPONDENCE
PERSONAL APPEALS:**

Charles Beck: 1511 Legrande Street, having a problem with water draining and filling up his yard. DPW has been out there a number of times to keep up with it.

Fred Gause: 333 S. Mercer Street. Wise Chip factory. Still having problems with tractor trailers using Mercer Street to enter instead of Poplar Street and has a tractor trailer blocking his driveway and his neighbor's driveway. He called 911 and an officer showed up and saw what he was talking about. Councilman Jarrett suggested an Ordinance for no truck traffic on Rasley Street, S. Mercer and S. Warren Streets. He advised Mr. Gause that it may take a few months to get this completed. And maybe Wise will put up some signs also. Mayor Burke said that Wise was open to that suggestion when he last spoke to them. The Solicitor will work on the Ordinance in order to have sign put up.

Joe Buffone Sr.: 1652 Steel Street. Has noticed that upper Steel Street between Eaton & Scanlon Streets. The Water Company has not been back to work in about 2 weeks that road is so far off grade by at least 12

inches. It is all sloped. It is a mess. Wants to know what the plan is for that street as it needs to be graded. Jack Kyttle said that work is not complete yet. But they will not grade the street as that is not in their scoop. And years ago they crowned the road to get the water off the roadway. It is not on our road list at this time. Jack will call him with some ideas he has that may help. Councilman Talanca suggested putting it on the road listing and Jack agreed to do that.

Bridgett Coolbaugh: Reliance Fire Company. Just wanted to say that combining National Night Out and Kids Night was a success and went well. She said we should continue to combine the events. She has spoken to Police Chief Strish and he was on board. Council agreed it was a good idea. She had a volunteer that would be willing to do free food for the kids that attend. National Night Out is always the first Tuesday in August. Clubs and organizations can count on the date in August.

Michelle Creasy: Representing Jeremy's Journey and wants to invite Council to a service that she is holding at St. Charles Park. Her son died of a fentanyl overdose. This year's vigil will be held on August 31st at St. Charles Park from 6-9PM.

Kristin Bolton, Isabella and Gabby Segura: Berwick High School Spirit Club. Here is ask permission to have a bond fire Pep Rally this Friday night at the parking lot of Crispin Field. Bo Orlando the Berwick School District's Athletic Director said the School is on board and he has a call out to the Fire Chief Randy Remphrey for a fire truck to be in attendance. ***Councilman Jarrett made a motion to allow the Berwick Area School District's Spirit Club hold a Bond Fire this Friday night August 23, 2019. With the agreement that a fire truck will be on hand for an emergency. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.***

APPROVED
Bond Fire
at Crispin
Parking
Field

Andy Shecktor Bloomsburg Fair has invited the Writers Booth back this year for the whole week. Any writer in the community are invited at no charge.

PRESENTATION:

NONE

APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES
OF THE
PRECEDING
MEETING:

Motion by Councilwoman Troiani and seconded by Councilman Shecktor to approve the Council Minutes of July 15, 2019. And the Work Shop minutes of August 2, 2019. All ayes. Motion passes.

**APPROVE
PAYMENT
OF BILLS:**

Motion by Councilwoman Troiani and seconded by Councilman Talanca to pay the bill listing.
All ayes. Motion passes.

AARON ZANOLINE	85.00	KEVIN RYMAN INC	428.52
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	2,495.53
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	102.80	KUHNS BROS LUMBER CO.	1,560.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	5.85	LACAL EQUIPMENT, INC	1,246.37
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	106.00	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,400.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	405.15	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,400.00
ANTHRACITE RUBBER COMPANY	807.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	204.04
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	135.63	LEYLA LOPEZ	100.00
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2.17	MAIAH FARLEY	150.00
AVAYA, INC	33.68	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	5.75
AVAYA, INC	33.68	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	97.00
BACKYARD BOUNCIN'	674.00	MEMORY LANE	750.00
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	37.38	METRO TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, INC.	5,247.00
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	137.82	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	877.42
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	350.00	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	895.46
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	1,931.00	MGL	183.00
BERWICK AREA UNITED WAY	65.00	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	1,680.24
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	72.70	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	185.80
BERWICK FOOTBALL ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	165.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	31.12
BERWICK NOTARY CENTER	85.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	337.10
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	503.84	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	459.82
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	269.12
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	94.38	NESCOPECK SUPPLY CO	72.00
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION	812.31	NESCOPECK SUPPLY CO	242.50
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION	1,208.46	NMS	484.00
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FUND	1,793.19	P A W C	41.82
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,354.79	P A W C	22.35
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,877.50	P A W C	23.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,650.86	P A W C	64.24
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	42,425.14	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	60.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	41,524.52	PENN PRIME TRUST	6,576.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	52.95	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	77.88
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37.41	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	183.75
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	52.95	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	485.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	792.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37.41	PITNEY BOWES INC.	111.98
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	903.02	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	400.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	1,451.64	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	400.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	PPL	234.03
BOYER'S FOOD MARKET	14.95	PPL	840.81
BROOKE BOMBOY	400.00	PPL	800.36
BUCK'S LOCKSMITH SERVICE	285.00	PPL	12,387.73
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	59.00	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	386.37

CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	164.15	PSAB MUNI RETIREMENT TRUST	5,133.63
CAPITAL ONE	382.50	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	690.00
CARL ALBERT	350.00	QUILL CORPORATION	24.00
CARL SIMCHA	600.00	QUILL CORPORATION	185.58
CASSANDRA MOWERY	155.00	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	58,386.12	REAGAN RAFFERTY	450.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,456.30	REAGAN RAFFERTY	227.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,429.68	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CENTRAL SPRING SERVICE, INC	1,037.40	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	35.72	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CHARLES GERASIMOFF	38.85	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CHRISTOPHER KELCHNER	200.00	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CLEVELAND BROTHERS EQUIPMENT	121,531.00	RICHARD HINCHLIFFE	500.00
CNA SURETY	200.00	RICK BENNETT	300.00
CNA SURETY	100.00	ROCK N RESCUE	923.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	47.95	ROGERS UNIFORMS	280.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	223.23	ROSE OSTROWSKI	150.00
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	30.00	RR DONNELLEY	39.80
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	1,237.52	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	3,818.08
DENT'S AUTO SERVICE	115.00	SIGNAL SERVICE, INC	2,312.00
DON E. BOWER, INC.	3,422.13	SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC.	22,515.00
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	42.01	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	2.99
EAGLE POINT GUN/T.J. MORRIS & SON	9,397.95	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	53.95
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	1,164.30
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,351.43	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	24.95
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	559.44
FIVE STAR INTERNATIONAL LLC	139.82	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	38.00
GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CO, INC	252.31	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	1,995.74
GREGORY MARTIN	1,769.16	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	409.81
HAB-DLT/BERKHEIMER	194.50	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	532.88
HANSON AGGREGATES INC	421.03	TEAM GREEN RECYCLING & CONTAINER	17,250.00
HELENA CHEMICAL CO	115.00	TEAMSTERS	1,518.00
HOLDEN SPRUNG	322.81	THE INTERNET PLACE	17.04
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	101.18	THE INTERNET PLACE	450.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,032.56	TOM ROOD ENTERTAINMENT	200.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	380.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	80.29
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,009.47	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	30.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	380.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	33.52
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,075.47	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	33.52
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	380.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	343.32
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,115.10	VERIZON WIRELESS	766.78
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	380.00	WALMART BUSINESS/GECRB	176.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,047.74	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	243.60
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	380.00	WATSONTOWN BRICK CO.	1,260.54
JAMES DALBERTO	32.87	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
KENNETH STRISH	155.91	WEX BANK	2,264.81
KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,098.35	YCG	65.00

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: **Mayor Tim Burke**: Two girl Scout groups are going for merit badges. And want to do each of the projects in the Borough. **Group 1** in the 10-11 age group have a Buddy Bench and would like to place it somewhere in the Borough. At Council's suggestions. **Group 2** in the 12-13 age group is doing "Bra's Across the Bridge" on October 19th from 4-6 pm. They are asking for donations of bra's that will be strung across the bridge and once complete they will walk across the bridge starting on the Nescopeck side to bring awareness to breast cancer. It would end in St Charles Park. They will use the walk way so no closure of the bridge is necessary. Collection boxes have been place around town. The bras in good condition will be offered to Beyond Violence. The not so good ones will have the elastic hooks in back cut off and sent to the Carolina's Wildlife Commission. They use the hooks to do surgery on turtles with broken shells. The hooks hold the broken shell together until the glue sets.

August 31st: A suggestion was made to the Mayor from Councilman Jarrett to do a movie with admission being offerings of supplies for Beyond Violence. So the Mayor's Ball will fund a movie "Never Ending Story" everyone that attends, even if it is up to the theater capacity of 270 will receive a free popcorn & soda. The movie will be at 2pm on August 31st. The Mayor's Ball did very well this year and this is a good community event.

The Mayor will also be attending Jeremy's Journey that has been confirmed with Mrs. Creasy.

September 14th: The Mayor will be at the Teen Center they are having another all-inclusive sports day for the kids that did not have a chance to play sports elsewhere.

The Mayor will be cooking at the Garibaldi Golf Tournament that benefits the Police Department.

The Mayor had a message about a sink hole on 3rd & Pine Street yesterday and I contacted Jack and he had it taken care of by 9am the next day. He thanked Jack and his crew for getting it done so fast.

The Mayor read a letter regarding Berwick's 2019 "911 Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony" as well as a dual flag retirement ceremony at Reliance. It is Wednesday September 11th at 6PM. Area youth including Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Berwick Youth Leadership Experience Opportunity Group will be facilitating the flag retirement ceremony. They will have messages from First Responders as well. They are inviting the Mayor to speak, if available. This is the 4th year for this since the memorial was constructed with artifacts from the South Tower it is free and open to the public with light refreshments being served.

SOLICITOR: **Attorney Frank Kepner**: Had 3 hours of depositions in the Feldi-A.D. George matter today. Greg Harkins did well and said while he wasn't able to follow up on every single complaint that was made he has been down and dealt with complaints and the property. Attorney Kepner is not sure where the suit is going. The Abbonizio suit is coming up with a settlement conference with Judge Norton and they are trying to find an arbitrator everyone can agree on.

PERSONNEL: **Councilman Jarrett**: Nothing to report.

LEGAL & FINANCE: **Council President Alley**: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION: **Councilman Jarrett**: Nothing to report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: **Councilman Shektor**: Nothing to report.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: **Jack Kyttle**: SEE REPORT. The first order of Veteran Park bricks have been installed. And look great!

FIRE & WATER: **Councilman Shektor**: Nothing to report.

CODES, RECYCLING & ORDINANCES: **Councilman Learn & Talanca**: Damien Scoblink, the Borough Manager said that the shed that is collapsing in the alley behind Sponsler's Park. It is pretty bad and they tried to cite it. They have the alley blocked off because of it. The wall is falling that the mural is painted on. Councilman Lewis said he has been cited twice and he has paid the fines. The alley is blocked but the alley can be accessed on each end. Jack Kyttle said his crew first noticed the roof has caved in while in the lift. Attorney Kepner said to get a court order that it is to be taken down. DPW will fence off whole area around the building.

SAFETY: **Councilman Lewis**: Insurance company said we should have a Safety Committee meeting every month to get a discount. So we have a committee

formed that meets once a month and right now we go over a chapter in our Loss Control Standards book every month.

POLICE: **Chief Ken Strish**: (absent) See Report.

BAJSA REPORT: SEE REPORT.

BUSINESS

NOT READY

FOR ACTION: NONE

OLD

BUSINESS: Tabled at the July 15, 2019 Council Meeting was a discussion on naming of properties historic. Attorney Kepner and the Borough Manager were to review an Ordinance for some updates.

Attorney Kepner said he just had to make a few wording changes and it would be ready to advertise.

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to vote in favor of the ordinance. Councilwoman Troiani seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passes.

**APPROVAL OF
ORDINANCES**

AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

**Approved
Payment to
Peters Consulting
For \$183.75**

A motion was made by Councilman Learn to approve the payment to Peters Consulting for \$183.75 for the curb cut Project. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Payment to
Belles Property
For \$45,253.17
With contingency**

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to approve the payment of \$45,253.17 to Belles Property Mngt. Contingent upon satisfaction of the punch list. Seconded by Councilman Talanca. Dennis Peters will review the punch list. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Payment to
Peters Consulting
\$485.00
For blighted
Structures**

Councilwoman Troiani made a motion to approve payment to Peters Consulting \$485.00 for the Blighted Structures Project. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Payment to
Peters Consulting**

Councilwoman Troiani questioned why this was separate from the others. Council advised this is a CDBG requirement. Motion made by Councilwoman Troiani

For \$913.75 for Blighted Structures Project

approve payment to Peters Consultants in the amount of \$913.75 for the Removal of Blighted Structures project. Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

Approved New Plan For Steele & Bowman Streets Storm Water Project

Jack Kyttle explained that the cost of the new plan is \$76,257.91 from State Liquid Fuels money and does not included paving. Councilwoman Troiani made a motion to approve the new plan for Steele and Bowman Streets. Seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

Approved vacating Un-named Alley Behind Diehl Car Dealership at 1127 Pine Street

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to vacated the the un-named alley behind the Diehl Car Dealership at at 1127 Pine Street to the Diehl and Morris properties. Seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

Approved Borough MNGR To attend PSAB Budgeting & Finance Training 09/12/2019 Cost of \$125.00

Councilwoman Troiani made a motion to approve this training at a cost of \$125.00 to the borough. Seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

Approved Fair Housing Study

A motion was made by Fair Housing Study. Seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

Proposal By VOTACALL to Replace phone System

Borough Manager Damien Scoblinc said that the phone system is outdated and parts are not available to to fix it should it break. Right now we pay \$33.XX/mo. If they would replace the system they would charge us \$131.83 a month for 5 years. Last year the quote was \$128.xx/mo for 5 years. The system does work right now. Councilman Jarrett said we would fix the phone system when it breaks. The proposal died for lack of a motion.

Approved Vacating Un-named Traversing Susquehanna & Front Street

A motion was made by Council Learn to vacate un-named alley that traverses Susquehanna Ave and Front St while running parallel between Iron and Hughes Streets. Impacting the households of HACKER, 360 Iron St - THOMAS, 825 Susquehanna Ave - HAZLETT, 823 Susquehanna Ave - FRANTZ IV, 254 Iron St. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

Approved 10th YEAR 2020 Riverfest Dates. October

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to approve the 10th Annual Riverfest dates for 2020. October 10th - 11th - 12th. Seconded by Councilman Shecktor.

