

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

**AGENDA:** Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, November 18, 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.

Also present were Chief of Police Ken Strish, Borough Solicitor Frank Kepner, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz and Press Enterprise Reporter Susan Schwartz.

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

**Review and Approve Current Agenda:** A Motion to approve the current agenda was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes, motion passes.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
CITIZENS  
CORRESPONDENCE  
PERSONAL APPEALS:** **Dr. Robert Stashko:** Having water drainage problems near his Steel St home. Questions if Council can find money via a grant to fix his problems. Council will look into it.

**PRESENTATION:** Robin Messina presented Council with a program she wants to start in conjunction with the police department. She wants to collect new sheets and blankets for victims of assault that must have their bedding taken for forensics. The United Way has agreed to be the drop off point. She recently announced it on her Facebook page and already received some donations.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING:** Motion by Councilwoman Troiani and seconded by Councilman Talanca to approve the Council Minutes of October 21, 2019.  
All ayes. Motion passes. It was announced that an Executive Session was held after the workshop on November 4, 2019 to discuss personal issues.

**APPROVE****PAYMENT****OF BILLS:**

Motion by Councilwoman Troiana and seconded by Councilman Learn to pay the bill listing.

All ayes. Motion passes.

A & A AUTO PARTS STORES	14.99	JAMES DALBERTO	71.79
A CERTIFIED ARBORIST, LLC	425.00	JAMES DALBERTO	26.60
ALI ALLEY, MDPC	235.00	JAMES DALBERTO	127.55
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	JAMES DALBERTO	15.98
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	113.90	JEREMY MULDER	20.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	459.23	JORDAN HOPPER	300.95
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	138.86	KEN POLLOCK	1,431.31
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	4.40	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,496.90
AVAYA, INC	33.68	KEVIN MILLER	162.50
BARLETTA MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION	2,659.50	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	811.75
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	2.50	LACAL EQUIPMENT, INC	320.08
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	269.00	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,400.00
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	2,185.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	594.50
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	275.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	19.94
BERWICK AREA UNITED WAY	65.00	LENDENMANN'S REMODELING	11,995.00
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	18.39	MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP	120.00
BERWICK HOSPITAL CENTER	44.00	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	214.69
BEST LINE EQUIPMENT	1,600.75	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	5.75
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	40.25
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	511.15	MICHAEL KLINETOB	1,500.00
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	1,265.50	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	45.58
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	809.03	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	14.07
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	42,143.48	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	122.92
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	41,425.12	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	152.62
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	836.03
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	40,250.39	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	36.47
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	43,916.38	NESCOPECK AGWAY	99.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	1.61	NMS	242.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	12.91	P A W C	48.14
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	42,146.70	P A W C	89.89
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	1.61	P A W C	24.95
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	P A W C	142.07
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	12.91	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	1,494.51	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	85.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	987.06	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	60.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	51,750.00	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	35.70
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	152.50	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	81.25
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	519.10	PIESTRAK'S GUN SHOP LLC	485.00
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	46.00	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	800.00
CAPITAL ONE	125.00	PPL	28.74
CAPITAL ONE	250.00	PPL	34.89
CAPITAL ONE	86.01	PPL	1,430.09
CAPITAL ONE	156.77	PPL	1,200.23
CAPITAL ONE	302.34	PPL	12,693.70
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	56,338.65	PRECISION MILLWRIGHT & FABRICATING	153.90

CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	3,249.00	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	119.00
CHARLES GERASIMOFF	85.16	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	1,083.40
CLEVELAND BROTHERS EQUIPMENT	5.00	PSAB	1,309.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	12.19	PSAB MUNI RETIREMENT TRUST	5,280.21
COLE'S HARDWARE	144.95	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	4,852.58
COLE'S HARDWARE	27.54	QUILL CORPORATION	393.40
COL COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMM	758.91	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
COMMONWEALTH OF PA/DEPT OF AGRIC	35.00	REAGAN RAFFERTY	698.51
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	11.65	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
DEACON EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	40.64	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	6,923.59
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	1,212.67	SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC.	11,115.00
DON E. BOWER, INC.	546.22	SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC.	10,800.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	101.89
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	15.10	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	654.37
EVIDENT CRIME SCENE PRODUCTS	1,048.66	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	396.29
FASTENAL COMPANY	74.95	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	752.88
FASTENAL COMPANY	82.18	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	383.02
FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION	46,482.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	336.42
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	808.93
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	399.84
GALAXY LIVE ENTERTAINMNET LLC	1,500.00	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	186.97
GALL'S, INC.	222.74	T.E.A.M. SUPPLY INC	363.42
H. ANTHONY SEMONE, PHD	500.00	TEAM GREEN RECYCLING & CONTAINER	17,250.00
HAB-DLT/BERKHEIMER	24.75	TEAMSTERS	1,518.00
HANSON AGGREGATES INC	434.35	THE LOCKER ROOM	850.00
ICC	142.00	TIMES LEADER	349.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,070.15	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	179.34
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	395.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	32.95
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,109.95	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	236.66
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	395.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	33.89
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,163.94	VERIZON WIRELESS	300.02
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	395.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	343.55
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,217.02	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	428.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	395.00	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
IOLA LUMBER CO	940.46	WEX BANK	2,076.46
J.H. WILLIAMS & CO., LLP	1,720.00		

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: **Mayor Tim Burke**: Made his annual Halloween visits to area elementary schools and gave out \$1,700.00 worth of candy; a lot that was donated and really helped out. Holy Family also received \$500.00 from the Mayor's Ball.

**11/09/2019** Meeting with Bloomsburg Medical students. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of doing this. He answers some questions and they share statics.

**11/13/2019** He attended and spoke at the Salvation Army Kick Off at Rolling Pines.

**11/26/2019** He attended and spoke at the Penn State 4H meeting down at the Fair.

He has met with 2 different set of parents about bus stop safety and then met with several school board members and they are being worked on. One issue was the kids on Vine St having to walk 9/10 of a mile to Martzville Road bus stop. And the other was at LaSalle Street kids having to cross first at the light at Gray's Furniture than cross Rt 11 N without a light. On this one Mr. Brookhart discussed making the bus stop in Veteran's Park so the bus would stop traffic for the kids to get on the bus.

Will partner up with the Hope Center for Thanksgiving. We supply the turkeys and they supply the trimmings for Berwick families.

The Christmas Program has started. Last year 34 children were involved. And special thanks go out to Toys for Tots because the older children are harder to buy for. And the first check out of the Mayor's Ball goes to them.

There are two business men in town that want to put up a sign and I spoke to Greg Harkins in codes about this. The sign would be a large 16x20 LED sign that would advertise all events in the borough.

SOLICITOR: **Attorney Frank Kepner**: He is working on the ordinance limiting truck weight on borough roads. And find that that an engineering study might be in order because if you have someone that uses the wrong street and can't justify why you put weight limits on one as oppose to another you might run into problems. Quad 3 states most municipalities they work with are doing the engineering studies. Not sure of the cost.

Clemens -vs- Karchner, I was advised by Karchner's attorney that the place has been sold. But it appears that may not be the case. There was an agreement that Miss Smith would not be present in the place from 8pm - 8am the Clemems feel that she has been and I have been in contact with Mr. Karchner about this to see if we can resolve it.

The Abbonizio mediation has been schedule for December the 6<sup>th</sup> and if mediation fails the trial has been moved too sometime in February.

PERSONNEL: **Councilman Jarrett**: Nothing

LEGAL & FINANCE: **Council President Alley**: Just started budget talks. The first meeting was tonight.

PARKS & RECREATION: **Councilman Jarrett**: Nothing

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: **Jack Kyttle**: SEE REPORT. Regarding MS4; back in September Damien & Jack had a meeting with DEP to go over our pollution reduction plan which is all of our suggested best management practices that we were going to use of the next 5 years to reduce our sediment by 10% for the Chesapeake Bay. Some of the BMP's they don't agree with and would like us to look at other solutions. Some were stream bank restoration. So he is working with the engineers to come up with some solutions looking at different locations in the borough for rain gardens and some BMP's like that. We do have to reply back, we had 90 days up in December so we will be replying back to DEP. We are hoping that we can get them to up the numbers for the street sweeping sediment.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: **Councilman Shecktor**: Attended the Talen dinner. There were surprisingly no complaints. Talen did say that they will not be building the 3<sup>rd</sup> reactor due to gas prices.

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

CODES, RECYCLING & ORDINANCES: **Councilman Learn & Talanca**: Codes meeting coming up.

**Councilman Jarrett** said that he would like to see Codes set up a meeting with State Representative Millard and State Senator Gordner to talk about the effect that the recycling law is have on our community. So because we are 200 residents over the limit we have to spend \$270,000.00 while other communities can just discontinue the program. We need to ask for a policy change.

SAFETY: **Councilman Lewis**: Nothing to report.

**POLICE: Chief Ken Strish:** See Report. Councilman Jarrett said that Detective Martin and Rafferty spoke at the Community Watch last week and they did a wonderful job.

BAJSA REPORT: SEE REPORT.

**BUSINESS**

**NOT READY**

**FOR ACTION:** Council discussed and agreed to hear a presentation by "No Nonsense Neutering". A program addressing the problem of feral cats.

The Boro Manager will schedule it for the next workshop Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**OLD**

**BUSINESS:** NONE

**APPROVAL OF**

**ORDINANCES**

**AND RESOLUTIONS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approved  
Payment to  
Peters consulting  
For \$81.25**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to approve the payment to Peters Consulting for \$81.25 for work on blighted properties. This was seconded by Councilman Shecktor All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved  
To hire Hailstone  
As consultant for  
Impediments to  
Fair Housing**

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to hire Hailstone Consulting at a cost of \$17,575.00 to conduct the analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. This was seconded by Councilman Learn All ayes. Motion passes.

**Denied request  
By M&T Bank to  
Remove 1654  
Brittain Street  
From demo list**

Councilman Lewis made a motion to deny taking 1654 Brittain Street off the demo list. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved  
Advertising  
for empty  
Board seats**

A motion was made Councilman Jarrett to advertise for the following empty board seats: (2) on Civil Service, (1) Citizen rep on Landlord Ord Appeals Board, (3) on Codes Appeals Board, (1) on Berwick Area Joint Sewer Authority. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All Ayes. Motion is approved.

**Approved  
appointment  
of Councilman**

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca and seconded by Councilman Shecktor to appoint Councilman Jarrett to the Borough-Landlord Appeals Board.

