

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2019
7:00PM Council Meeting

AGENDA:

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, September 16, 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's son Attorney Frank Kepner Jr, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz and Press Enterprise Reporter Pete Kendron.

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 1 addition (#8) to vote to advertise for Parking ordinance was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes, motion passes.

**PUBLIC HEARING
CITIZENS
CORRESPONDENCE
PERSONAL APPEALS:**

Lori Clemens: Disruptive conduct continues. Info was sent to Attorney Kepner. On advice of their attorney they are submitting new info to Council & Attorney Kepner.

Shannon & Bill Ferrah: 1400 block of Freas Ave. Flooding problem of their property with regard to culvert that runs along street. Council suggested Jack Kyttle contact Quad 3 come take a look.

Frank Berbeck: Asking if any update on the water problem on 3rd Ave? Borough Manager Scoblink said he talked to BAJSA and they said that have done all they are going to do. He asked that someone come down and look at the problem. With winter coming this area freezes up. The Borough Manager will come to look at the problem next time it rains.

Next issue is the old railroad bed that the club purchased and is in the process of cleaning up right now. The clubs concern is the alley behind there that

the borough owns and they would like to see the borough clean up the alley area.

Andrew Shecktor: Wants to put this sidewalk issue to bed. He stated that we all agree that the one area is unsafe and he can get that fix immediately but Mr. Harkins says he now wants the whole sidewalk fixed. He had pictures of the rest of his sidewalk that show that it is not raised more than an inch which is within code. He said he can fix the really bad/unsafe area within 30-days at most. The citation will not be dropped as Judge Knecht already ruled against Mr. Shecktor. A vote will be added to the agenda.

Ralph Shumaker: Against Firework Ordinance. It is unreasonable to require resident to purchase a permit to shoot off legal fireworks under state law.

Bridgett Coolbaugh: Wanted to advised Council Reliance Rescue and Squad have new treads and they in compliance. Reliance holding a Fish Fry October 18th.

Chris Isler: Professional Fire Technician. Has been asked by local clubs in the area and non-members of the PGI (Power Guild International) to come in and offer up his experience with the fireworks ordinance, people in town are using professional grade fireworks. Impose the noise ordinance. Anyone using them illegally are not going to come in for a permit, there is no place in Berwick Borough to safely put them off.

PRESENTATION: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING: Motion by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilwoman Troiani to approve the Council Minutes of August 19, 2019. And the Work Shop minutes of August 3, 2019. All ayes. Motion passes.

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

AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	69.00
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	17.25
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	360.60	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	17.25
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	69.20	MEMORY LANE	750.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	78.15	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	877.42
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	78.15	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	1,680.24
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	133.60	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	589.47
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	4.40	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	1,531.50
AUTOZONE	17.98	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	263.94

AVAYA, INC	33.68	NAT ALEXANDER COMPANY	75.95
AVAYA, INC	33.68	NESCOPECK SUPPLY CO	72.00
BACKYARD BOUNCIN'	674.00	NMS	1,230.00
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	37.38	P A W C	44.12
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	24.19	P A W C	188.44
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	15.99	P A W C	52.14
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	249.55	P A W C	16.63
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	306.46	P A W C	2,601.58
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	200.00	PA DEPT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY-E	211.55
BELLES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC	45,253.17	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	60.00
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	1,931.00	PENN PRIME TRUST	6,576.00
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	1,931.00	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	100.13
BERWICK CLINIC COMPNAY LLC	50.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	1,582.50
BERWICK PROFESSIONAL AUTO CENTER	51.70	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	577.50
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	503.84	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	577.50
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	69.81	PHILIP KEIFER	666.82
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	20,673.55	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	184.65
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	807.42	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	400.00
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	808.13	PLEASANT MOUNT WELDING INC.	9,875.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	40,943.01	PPL	233.13
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37,425.00	PPL	1,367.80
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	PPL	60.82
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	40,503.92	PPL	12,388.47
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,469.43	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	386.37
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	690.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	897.18	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	5,679.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	897.27	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	2,348.82	RAPTURE TACTICAL	395.80
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
BROOKE BOMBOY	400.00	RICK BENNETT	300.00
BUCK'S LOCKSMITH SERVICE	285.00	ROGERS UNIFORMS	1,545.00
BUCK'S LOCKSMITH SERVICE	260.00	RR DONNELLEY	39.80
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO., LLC	2,668.13	SBS FIRE PROTECTION	95.00
CAPITAL ONE	509.04	SCHUYLKILL PLUS!	235.00
CASSANDRA MOWERY	155.00	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	493.04
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF	58,819.71	SIGNAL SERVICE, INC	276.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	3,224.24	SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS, INC.	22,515.00
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	12.64	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	80.17
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	35.72	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	2.99
COLE'S HARDWARE	93.49	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	71.54
COLE'S HARDWARE	56.23	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	2.99
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES	143.80	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	71.54
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE C	1,237.52	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	1,164.30
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	20.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	30.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	379.90
FSSOLUTIONS	181.94	SUBURBAN FENCE CO.	1,640.00
GREGORY C. HARKINS	611.49	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	1,109.94

HANSON AGGREGATES INC	431.07	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	429.64
HELENA CHEMICAL CO	115.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	666.75
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,033.77	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	109.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	380.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	116.18
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	380.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	776.47
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,399.55	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	347.60
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	555.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	209.67
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,070.21	SURROUNDED BY SECURITY INC.	540.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	380.00	TEAM GREEN RECYCLING & CONTAINER	17,250.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,981.75	TEAMSTERS	1,518.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	380.00	THE INTERNET PLACE	131.04
IOLA LUMBER CO	444.86	THE INTERNET PLACE	17.04
J.H. WILLIAMS & CO., LLP	15,480.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	5.89
JAMES DALBERTO	20.00	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	4.75
KEN POLLOCK	115.83	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	33.52
KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,098.35	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	33.52
KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,016.80	US SUPPLY COMPANY	52.59
LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,895.00	VALLEY PLUS!	235.00
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	36.99	VERIZON WIRELESS	343.32
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	911.05	VERIZON WIRELESS	343.32
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	361.90	WALMART BUSINESS/GEGRB	176.00
LAVERY LAW	243.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	428.00
LECCE ELECTRIC, INC.	439.29	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
LENDENMANN'S REMODELING	14,870.00	WEX BANK	2,986.12
LEYLA LOPEZ	100.00	WEX BANK	2,311.21

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: **Mayor Tim Burke:** Gave out another \$2500. From proceeds from the Mayor's Ball. That brings the total to a little over \$7,000. given to local non-profits.

08/31/2019 Was the Free Movie, 124 attended.

09/24/2019 Will attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for Katie Starr.

SOLICITOR: **Attorney Frank Kepner Jr. Attending in place of his Father:**

They have received an order scheduling a trail

for the Abbonizio suit February 11, 2020. Non-binding mediation is being conducted prior to November 30th as soon as they select a mutually agreeable mediator prior to that.

Regarding the Clemen's; the next court date is October 3rd. There was an agreement reached with the Karchner's one tenant.

The alley ordinances hearings will be advertised. The firm will notify all the residents of the surrounding properties.

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

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

PARKS & RECREATION: **Councilman Jarrett**: Thanks to Nancy Sborz for the Summer Concerts. And Pete, Bob and the Mayor for helping out with the Cake and Ice Cream night. Guilty Pleasure will play at Riverfest.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: **Councilman Shektor**: Spoke to the Commissioner and they are looking for funding for the radios.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: **Jack Kytte**: SEE REPORT. The parts and equipment came in for the Storm Water Project.

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

CODES, RECYCLING & ORDINANCES: **Councilman Learn & Talanca**: Parking Ordinance coming up.

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

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

BAJSA REPORT: SEE REPORT.

BUSINESS
NOT READY
FOR ACTION: NONE

OLD
BUSINESS: NONE

APPROVAL OF
ORDINANCES

AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- Approved
Payment to
Belles Prop
Management for
\$56,050.00** A motion was made by Councilman Shecktor to approve the payment to Belles Property Management for PA APP #1 in amount of \$56,050.00. This was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.
- Approved
Certificate
Of Consistency
w/Consolidated
Plan** Tyler Dombroski from SEDA-COG stated this comes up for approval yearly. The Borough is stating they support what The Eastern PA Continuum of Care is doing as they ask HUD for funding for housing, homelessness, and domestic violence. Councilman Jarrett made a motion to approve the Certificate of Consistency, this was seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Motion is approved.
- Approved
Publication of
analysis of
impediments fair
housing study RFP** Tyler said this is along similar lines of the above. The Borough is obligated to do in order keep receiving their CDBG funding. There are protected classes with regard to housing. The Borough would hire out to do a study on this. The money to pay for this can come out of the CDBG monies that have been set aside. Might be able to save some money by advertising with Bloomsburg. Councilman Jarrett made a motion to approve, this was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion is approved.
- Approved
Closing Mulberry
Street on Oct 19th
For marching band
competition** A motion was made Councilman Learn to close a portion of Mulberry Street either above or below Team Green. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.
- Approved
2020 MMO for
Boro Police
Pension Plan
\$181,355.43** A motion was made by Councilman Talanca and seconded by Councilman Lewis to pay the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Berwick Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$181,355.43. All ayes. Motion is approved.
- Approved
2020 MMO for
Non-Uniformed
Pension Plan
\$93,298.00** A motion was made by Councilman Talanca and seconded by Councilwoman Troiani to pay 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$93,298.00. All ayes. Motion is approved.

Item #7 is by-passed for vote due to the Fire Police will not be available for The Columbia-Montour Visitors Bureau Covered Bridge & Arts Festival due to training already scheduled that day.

ADDED ITEMS: Two added items:

**Approved
To advertise
The Parking
Ordinance** Added to the agenda is the advertisement of the Truck Parking Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Talanca and seconded by Councilwoman Troiani to advertise the Truck Parking Ordinance. All ayes. Motion was approved.

**Approved
A 30-day
Extension to
Councilman
Shecktor to
Repair his
sidewalk** Added. A motion was made by Councilman Talanca to grant Councilman Shecktor 30 days to fix his unsafe section of sidewalk. But his citation will still stand. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani, all ayes with Councilman Shecktor abstaining. Motion is approved.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Jarrett, seconded by Councilwoman Troiani

Respectfully Submitted: Damien Scoblink, Borough Manager