

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2016**

AGENDA: Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday August 15, 2016 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Present at this meeting was President of Council Alvin Hill presiding and Council Members Scott Bower (VP), Jay Jarrett, Jim Meighan, Councilman Andrew Shecktor, Travis Petty, Joanne Huntington and Mayor Tim Burke. Also present were Borough Manager Debra Force, the solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner, Police Chief Ken Strish, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Codes Officer Greg Harkins and Fire Chief Bill Coolbaugh, and Press Enterprise reporter Julie Wimple.

A prayer and The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**REVIEW &
APPROVAL
OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bower to approve the agenda. 2nd by Councilman Shecktor. With an amendment addition of the Fire Engine Bid openings. All ayes. Motion to approve agenda passes.

**PUBLIC HEARING,
CITIZENS
CORRESPONDENCE,
PERSONAL APPEALS:**

AD George of 1017 LaSalle Street. He was at the last council meeting to let Council know about the paving job in the alley. The pitch is away from the drain. He went to 2 meetings at BAJSA. He spoke to Denny and Gloria and they said they are doing it to specs. Jack ran a laser and agrees it is not pitched correctly. He installed some non-grade but that is only temporary. Jack said it would be about \$200.00 + cost of labor to install a berm to divert the water. The borough will do that.

Resident and wife appreciate the Berwick Memorial Park and the job the DPW does with upkeep.

George Zapata was here to tell council that 19 years ago he was pulled over by Jeff Taylor. He was told that his kind was not wanted here and to go back home. So now Council is going to hire him and he has

to worry how is going to be treated by him. Just wants Council to know his story.

Jack Shaffer, Susquehanna Ave. Wants to know why the hearing is not going to be held at the bar? He was advised that the that was when the hearing was just about the bar and now it for Borough wide. And must be held in a neutral spot. Mr. Shaffer was advised by council President Hill that he will have his chance to talk at the hearing tomorrow.

Denise Bedio an Independent candidate for the 109th District of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives. She wanted to introduce herself.

Tyler Dombroski SEDA-COG, has 2 Resolutions on the agenda tonight. 2016-10 the Fair Housing and 2016-11 5 years Consolidation Plan. And the 2016 Administrative Contract.

Councilwoman Jennifer Kulesza from Briar Creek Borough. She wants to bring the area boroughs together to get public transportation. Maybe have 3 general stops. Council President Hill invited her to attend the next work shop in September. Councilman Jarrett said for her to talk to Eileen Chapman at Agape.

Ralph Shumaker with regard to the ordinance to restrict animals in the borough. He feels it is an infringement of constitutional rights. And he would like to see Council allow more animals in the borough. But with regard to SEDA-COG he feels it is not the government's responsibility to regulate a person's life from cradle to grave.

Randy Panetta the Right to Know issue. Wants to inform Council that they have now exhausted the 5th continuance and he would like to know the reason for this last one. (Chief Strish went on vacation)

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

PREVIOUS
MONTHS
MINUTES
APPROVED:

MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 15, 2016 MINUTES:
A typo needs to be corrected: Item 10 the amount that is to be made available to Mayor Burke should be \$14,900.00 and NOT \$4,900.00.
A motion was made by **Councilman Shektor** to approve the agenda. 2nd by **Councilwoman Huntington**. All ayes.
Motion to approve agenda passes with the above correction.

PAYMENT
OF BILLS
APPROVED:

MOTION TO PAY THE JULY 2016 BILLS.
MADE BY: **COUNCILMAN SHEKTOR**, SECONDED: **COUNCILMAN MEIGHAN**. **ALL AYES, 1 OPPOSED (COUCILMAN JARRETT)**,
MOTION PASSES

12TH MAN BOOSTER CLUB	165.00	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,789.06
A. O. RENT	573.06	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00
AARON ZANOLINE	10.00	ICU SURVEILLANCE	560.00
AARON ZANOLINE	5.00	IDEAL INVESTIGATIONS & SECURITY	5,110.26
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	479.31	IREM STRING BAND	325.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	110.40	JAMES DALBERTO	30.00
ANNETTE BRENNAN	50.00	JAMES DALBERTO	85.00
ANNUZIATO DEGEORGE	50.00	JAMES DALBERTO	30.00
AVAYA, INC	25.30	JAMES DALBERTO	30.00
BACKYARD BOUNCIN'	200.00	JORDAN HOPPER	40.00
BACKYARD BOUNCIN'	175.00	JORDAN HOPPER	128.00
BARLETTA MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION	391.55	KENNETH STRISH	340.68
BARRACUDA NETWORKS, INC	100.00	KENNETH STRISH	119.86
BARRY'S SERVICE STATION	179.67	KEN'S CATTAILS	120.00
BARRY'S SERVICE STATION	553.90	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	5,726.91
BARRY'S SERVICE STATION	70.32	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	123.00
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	380.00	KNORR HAULING, INC.	6,187.50
BEN MIKE	500.00	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,160.00
BERWICK AREA SWIMMING POOL ASSOC	50.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	416.94
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	50.65	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	34.83
BERWICK THEATRE & CENTER	40.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	34.00
BLOOMSBURG POWERSPORTS	34.99	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	96.50
BOB GIFT OR	700.00	MBC SOLUTIONS	2,700.00
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	131.51	MCCARROLL PRECAST, INC.	656.75
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	20.21	MEMORY LANE	750.00
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	METROCAST	2.17
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE PEN	801.95	METROCAST	127.12
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE PEN	801.94	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	791.05
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,242.32	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	33,258.41	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	35,889.63	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	35,222.23	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20

BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,135.71	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	377.00
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	80.83	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	361.93
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	27.36	NANCY SBORZ	21.99
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	300.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	1.69
BOROUGH OF BERWICK -PETTY CASH	200.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	97.94
BOROUGH OF BERWICK -PETTY CASH	300.00	NMS	228.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	714.18	O'NEIL EXCAVATING	100.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	750.18	P A W C	594.71
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	412.24	P A W C	34.61
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	1,039.82	P A W C	72.36
BUCK'S LOCKSMITH SERVICE	260.00	P A W C	2,737.24
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	65.00	PENNSYLVANIA ALUMINUM	445.80
CENTRAL CLAY PRODUCTS, INC	292.20	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	402.50
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	37,469.20	PPL	773.85
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,572.30	PPL	57.36
CHRISTOPHER CASHMAN	540.00	PPL	67.84
CLEVELAND BROTHERS EQUIPMENT	5.24	PPL	827.13
CNA SURETY	100.00	PPL	11,509.51
COLE'S HARDWARE	30.71	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	34.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	9.99	PSAB	185.00
COMMONWEALTH OF PA	50.00	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	1,096.90
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	30.00	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	838.88
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	210.81	RANDOLPH SCOTT RENARD	700.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	580.48	RANDY GAUGLER	180.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	14.43	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	220.89	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	534.90	RHONDA T. KOCH, CCR	150.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	1,464.67	ROBERT MAIER	50.00
COOK'S WHOLESALE FOODS	104.00	ROGERS UNIFORMS	285.00
DALO'S BAKERY	35.70	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	3,836.73
DANIELLE BERKES	500.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	55.98
DAVID GRASLEY	50.00	STARR PORTABLES	230.00
DAVID KOVACH	25.00	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	82.94
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	291.20	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	524.88
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	298.22
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	6.51	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	26.20
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	33.32	SUNTRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE	2,998.05
ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOCTT	1,598.00	SUNTRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE	2,998.05
EUGENE GOLLA	50.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	227.72
FASTENAL COMPANY	10.58	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	185.51
FASTENAL COMPANY	283.83	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	31.60
FASTENAL COMPANY	72.62	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	437.79
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,955.70	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	192.08
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	TEAMSTERS	1,234.84
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	1,152.00	THE INTERNET PLACE	106.74
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	139.72	THE LOCKER ROOM	516.00
GENERAL SALES, INC.	54.95	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	104.94
GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CO, INC	114.35	TRAFFIC PARTS	87.92

GREGORY MARTIN	127.80	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	137.96
HALLS MARINE	194.79	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	22.97
HANSON AGGREGATES INC	381.39	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	112.52
HARTMAN & LALLY INSURERS, INC.	3,069.33	TROOP N CAMP CADET	100.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	287.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	33.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,664.87	VERIZON WIRELESS	307.10
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	60.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,825.97	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WEX BANK	1,117.63
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,909.95	WEX BANK	26.89
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WHLM FM	297.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,826.34	WYNDHAM GETTYSBURG	309.42
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00		

REPORTS

OF

COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: Tim Burke.

- August 2nd was National Night Out. They had a great GUNS VS HOSES basketball game going.
- August 4th he held a random inspection on all the cars.
- After the shooting in Dallas we sent a letter to them from us and the Mayor sent a thank you back.
- A young man by the name of Griffin Welch from Bloomsburg that has been doing free lawn care with his own equipment. He will take a donation but will not ask for one.
- The school has asked for a key to the city for the August 27th grand opening and a proclamation.
- Recognize 2 Bloomsburg councilman in the audience Carey Howell and Fred Trump and Jenn Kulesza from Briar Creek Borough.

ENGINEER: Quad 3 (NOT PRESENT)

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner. Gyimesi paperwork is filed and sheriff will be doing something soon. UGI has file suit saying our Ordinance is too expensive and we do not have any say over Penn DOT owned streets. We filed for some discovery is in the Abbonizio suit; that is moving very slowly.

PERSONNEL: Travis Petty-Joanne Huntington- Debra Force. Nothing

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Travis Petty-Andrew Shecktor-Debra Force. Deferred until later in the agenda.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Jay Jarrett - Alvin Hill.
Summer Concerts are going good.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Andrew Shecktor - Jay Jarrett
- Greg Harkins. One more 3-hour class on August 30th
and the drill in October by FEMA & PEMA. On the
system and traffic control. Dee Dee is taking a
computer class on the new system as we speak.
Emergency sirens will be tested the 18th.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Joanne Huntington-Jim
Meighan-Jack Kyttle. SEE DPW REPORT as that covers
everything. Friday morning a tree fell on the metal
stage by the boat dock and destroyed it. We are
waiting on the insurance company to see if it is
covered.

FIRE AND WATER: Andrew Shecktor, Jim Meighan-Fire
Chief Bill Coolbaugh. SEE FIRE REPORT.

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Scott Bower -
Greg Harkins. SEE CODES REPORT.

SAFETY: Joanne Huntington-Scott Bower. A DPW workers
was hit on the side of the face with a tree limb.
But it was just a brush burn. The Parking
Enforcement Officer fell and he did not have an
injury. All accidents need to be reported in 24
hours and a report filed in 30 days. Injured or not.
Line painting in August during non-busy times. Fire
Chief Coolbaugh said that the fire companies are
under a different insurance company but a fireman
did get a cut during water rescue training. It was
treated at the scene. And there was no time lost.

POLICE: Scott Bower - Joanne Huntington -
Police Chief Ken Strish. SEE REPORT.

BAJSA REPORT: Scott Bower. SEE REPORT.

**BUSINESS NOT
READY FOR
ACTION or NO
ACTION NEEDED**: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

**ORDINANCES &
RESOLUTIONS**:

RESOLUTIONS:

- A. 2016-09 Penn-DOT application for traffic signal at the intersection of RT 93 and Route 11. **Motion to approve was made by Councilman Jarrett, seconded by Councilman Meighan, all ayes. Motion passes.**
- B. 2016-10 Fair Housing Resolution. **Motion to approve was made by Councilman Meighan, seconded by Councilman Jarrett, all ayes. Motion passes.**
- C. 2016-11 To Apply for FFY 2016 CDBG Funding, Approve the Five Year Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan. **Motion to approve was made by Councilman Bower, seconded by Councilman Meighan, all ayes. Motion passes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and take action on approval of the Professional Services Agreement with SEDA-COG for CDBG Administration.
Discussion: NONE
Motion to approve was made by Councilman Jarrett seconded by Councilman Bower all ayes. Motion passes.
2. Consider and take action on directing the Borough Manager to advertise for hiring of Crossing Guard(s) Alternates:
Discussion: NONE
Motion to approve was made by Councilman Shecktor seconded by Councilman Petty all ayes. Motion passes.
3. Consider and take action on waiving permit fees in the amount of \$602 for the Berwick Boulevard Building.
Discussion: NONE
Motion to approve was made by Councilman Jarrett seconded by Councilman Meighan all ayes. Motion passes.
4. Consider and take action for the Borough Manager to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference October 14-16, 2016 in Gettysburg. The conference takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Registration fee is \$185.00 and hotel for two evenings.
Discussion: NONE
Motion to approve was made by Councilman Jarrett seconded by Councilwoman Huntington all ayes. Motion passes.

5. Consider and take action for the Borough Manager to attend the PENN PRIME Risk Management Conference on September 15th and 16th in State College. The conference takes place Thursday and Friday. Registration fee is paid for by PENN PRIME and hotel is paid for by PENN PRIME.

Discussion: NONE

Motion to approve was made by Councilman Petty seconded by Councilman Meighan all ayes. Motion passes.

6. Consider and take action on opening of sealed bids on the DPW equipment.

- Large dump truck (2000 GMC) Three bids: \$5,900.00, \$5,750.75, \$4,485.00. **Motion to go with high bid of \$5,900.00 was made by Councilman Meighan and seconded by Councilman Shektor. All ayes. Motion passes.** High bid submitted by Joshua Readler.
- Dodge pick-up truck (1999) Three bids: \$2,775.75, \$375.00, \$368.00. **Motion to go with high bid of \$2,275.75 was made by Councilman Shektor and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes. Motion passes.** High bid submitted by Dan Strausser.
- John Deere 345 Two bids: \$136.00, \$775.75. **Motion to go with high bid of \$775.75 was made by Councilwoman Huntington and seconded by Councilman Bower. All ayes. Motion passes.** High bid was submitted by Dan Strausser.
- John Deere 520X w/snow blower attachment Three bids: \$211.00, \$1,575.75, \$1,452.00. **Motion to go with high bid of \$1,575.75 was made by Councilwoman Huntington and seconded by Councilman Meighan. All ayes. Motion passes.** High bid submitted by Dan Strausser.
- Gravely Tractor Four bids: \$182.00, \$175.25, \$525.00, \$751.75. **Motion to go with high bid of \$751.75 was made by Councilman Shektor and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes. Motion passes.** High bid submitted by Dan Strausser.
- Utility Trailer 6x12 International(1990) Three bids: \$350.00, \$575.75, \$912.00. **Motion to go with high bid of \$912.00 was made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes. Motion passes.** High bid submitted by William Drake.

7. Consider and take action on approval of projects for Eagle Scout Bogart and Eagle Scout Yacuboski.

Discussion: Flag pole and benches along trail at Test Track Park. They will be working Jack Kyttle.

Motion to approve the projects was made by councilman Meighan and seconded by Councilman Bower. All ayes. Motion passes.

8. Consider and take action on appointing a new Council Representative to the Pool Authority.
DISCISSION: It does not have to be a council member. We need to advertise for the position. A question was raised as to who will pay for the ad. It was decided that the borough will pay for the ad.
Motion to advertise for a volunteer to serve on the Pool Authority board was made by Councilman Shecktor and seconded by Councilman Meighan. All ayes, one opposed (Councilman Bower). Motion passes.
9. Consider and take action with regard to the finger printing process currently being done by the Pool Association.
Discussion: Councilman Shecktor brought this up with Ginny Crake and they would not have a problem. Mr. Shecktor read a letter that will be presented to the Pool Authority at their next meeting. Attorney Kepner was asked if the borough would be sued if the ACLU would fight this. Attorney Kepner said he felt the borough would brought into the suit. He was then asked if the posting of a sign that states it finger printing was voluntary would alleviate a law suit and he said yes he felt it would.
Councilman Shecktor asked that the issue be tabled until the next meeting, this was seconded by Councilman Meighan. All ayes. Motion to table passes.
10. Consider and take action to direct the Borough Manager to advertise for a part-time Police Clerk.
Discussion: Police Clerk Mc Clintock will retire soon and this would help with the transfer of information.
Motion to advertise was made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes. Motion passes.
11. Consider and take action on the Civil Service Commission List of the Top Three Candidates for the Police Department Hiring.
DISCISSION:
Councilman Petty:
Our process violated the Civil Service rules that we promulgated, namely rule 4.17 which requires that the background checks be conducted by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. Council through our own vote supplanted that and had our own designee do the background check. So it appears by the letter of the rules we did violate the process as described in the Civil Service Rules.
Councilman Jarrett:
Was there in fact a vote of Council because I don't remember that.
Councilman Petty:
Jay I can't remember every single vote that was taken, I remember that at some point it was at least discussed in a public meeting. I have to imagine that at some point we voted for an outside company to handle the whole process. I'm not going to speak for everyone but I would assume that the backgrounds were included in that process.
Councilman Jarrett:

I will refresh your memory. In October we voted to have Mr. Gamble do the written, the oral and the physical agility. I believe that is what the motion said. And there was a conversation around this table that Chief Strish would do the background checks. It was not in the motion or in the minutes. But there was a conversation at this table.

The Mayor

Do we have a \$30,000. Dollar waste here is that what we have?

Councilwoman Huntington:

What about the hiring of Kyle James.

Councilman Petty:

That is 2 issues that we need to take one at a time.

First we need to table this hiring and give the Chief a chance to conduct the background checks. In speaking with the Civil Service Attorney it will not impede on the process. So anybody that has been disqualified as a result of their determination or the polygraph will remain disqualified. All this does is give the Chief of Police an opportunity to ensure that the people on this current list are appropriate to be working in the Berwick Police Department. Another option that the attorney gave is that the Chief accepts the background that has already been conducted and waves his right and appoint whoever did the background as his designee it will get 2 cops on the street faster. He asked for the Chief input.

Chief Strish:

Yes, we need to get police on the street for the safety of my men and the citizens. I just need to see the materials, I need to see how they were vetted, and I need that material ASAP and then I'll make that decision as to whether I wave that.

There are 3 candidates here that I can do in a day and a half.

Mayor Burke:

Mr. Kepner can we go back after we violated the policy and procedure manual?

Attorney Kepner:

Yes, I think you can.

Councilman Petty:

I don't see any reason why we can't cure that violation by conducting another background check. Nowhere in the rules does it say you can only conduct one background check.

Attorney Kepner:

I agree.

Councilman Petty:

I do think after that background; regardless of what Chief Strish decides as to the designee, this will need to go back before the Civil Service Commission. If Chief decides to appoint t these people as his designee I don't think it will need to go back before the Commission because they already had the information and that is how they made their determination.

Attorney Kepner:

I would concur completely.

Mayor Burke:

Mr. Kepner what if the Chief decides he does want to do the background seconded handed?

Attorney Kepner:

Then he has the right, under the Ordinance to do the background check.

Mayor Burke:

Then this get thrown out.

Attorney Kepner:

No Mr. Mayor, he could if he feels it is appropriate he could just go ahead and do the background checks. And then we will be in compliance with what the Ordinance says.

Mayor Burke:

And if chooses not to?

Councilman Bower:

Then he gets no cops.

Mayor Burke:

I understand that but where does the right and wrong come in? We have to stop correcting.

Council President Hill:

What is the feeling Council? Motion to table the hire until Chief can do the background checks?

A motion was made by Councilman Bower to table the hiring until the Chief Strish reviews the background checks. This was seconded by councilman Petty. All ayes, one opposed (Councilwoman Huntington). Motion to table passes.

Councilwoman Huntington: I want Debra (Force) to speak of something that happened that Council should know about.

Debra Force: Last summer I was approached by Mr. Jarett and the Chief in order to share the applications with the Chief. Ken looked over each and every application. And Jay said this is how it has to be done. He needs to know what he is working with.

Councilman Jarrett: Said he will pick his words carefully. That Debra lied in a public meeting last month about what I said about Mr. Kepner.

Debra Force: No I did not.

Councilman Jarrett: Yes, you did. The incident you are referring to is the day we met with LCC. Correct, Chief? (Chief did not remember). What I said was that you two need to start working together. Because you have 7 common enemies; those of us around this table.

Debra Force: No, that is not the conversation you had with me. What you told me was that you, Ken and I have 1 common enemy. And that is Alvin Hill.

Councilman Jarrett: Well, that is true too. But that is another story. We can sit here and do a he said, she said.

Debra Force: Well, there is more. Kyle James. His physical agility testing wasn't moving fast enough for you and Ken. So you had me call Mr. DiPippa who did the testing prior. That was hiring an outside consultant.

Councilman Jarrett: Kinda like the attorney you hired.

Debra Force: That was with Council's consent. That was discussed at many workshops.

Council President Hill: Moving on.

Councilwoman Huntington: Tell the rest of it Debra.

Debra Force: You call me on August 24 (2015) at 4:30pm. You wanted me to witness the physical agility testing.

Councilman Jarrett: We did. Yes, we did witness the physical agility testing to get a cop on the street. We did not perform the testing.

Debra Force: No, Mr. DiPippa did (the testing). And I told you don't you ever put me in that position again.

Councilman Jarrett: Debra, let's get it on the table. You have alienated Chief Strish, Attorney Kepner and now myself because we have challenged you.

Debra Force: If I have alienated these 3 people it is because I am doing the work that council has asked me to do. I bring everything before council and that is why you don't like the way I work.

Chief Strish: My statement is this where does it say in the rules that the Borough Manager is in charge of anything regarding Civil Service. We have to follow rules; I have to follow rules as a Police Chief.

ADDED ITEMS: Fire engine bid opening. There were 2 bids. One from KME Kovach for \$523,661.00 and Ferrara for \$432,299.00. Motion by Councilman Petty to table the bids and review them to see why the big discrepancies in price and have a council member sit in on the review; one council member that is not affiliated with any fire company. This was seconded by Councilman Bower. All ayes. Motion to table passes. Councilman Schecktor was asked to sit in on the review.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Schecktor.