

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2018
7:00PM Council Meeting

AGENDA:

6:32-6:44Pm Executive Session held to discuss personnel. Announced by Council President at beginning of Council Meeting.

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, December 17, 2018 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Presiding at this meeting was President of Council Jay Jarrett, Council Members Jeri Alley(VP), Nelson Learn, Bob Lewis, Andrew Shecktor, Teresa Troiani, Pete Talanca 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 Susan Schwartz.

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

PUBLIC HEARING
CITIZENS
CORRESPONDENCE
PERSONAL APPEALS:

Scott Bower: Asked if the recycling pick-up day would change. Council advised it would not. Recycling pick-up remains Wednesdays.

Bobby Myers: Asked that codes look into the house across from 246 Iron Street. It is looking pretty bad. Council said they would have Codes do that.

Fred Gause: Wise Foods issue. Street condition is getting bad. Some temporary repairs were made. Doesn't even feel like putting up Christmas decorations. Wise was out taking pictures and said would try to fix in Spring. But he is not hopeful.

Bridgett Coolbaugh: Keeping Kids Warm was held and 30 kids received coats, hats, gloves, and boots. Some even got socks because they were not wearing any. K-Mart gave an excellent deal. They also have a new donor that will fund the program.

Reliance Fire Company also held a Grocery Day at Aldi and Boyer's IGA. Handing out \$25.00 to shoppers to help with cost of food orders. They had a company and individual donors that helped with costs.

PRESENTATION: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING: Motion by Councilman Talanca and seconded by Councilwoman Troiana to approve the Council Minutes of November 19, 2018 and the Work Shop Minutes of December 3, 2018. All ayes, President Jarrett abstain on the November meeting minutes because he Did not attend. Motion passes.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Councilwoman Troiani and seconded by Councilman Lewis to pay the bill listing. All ayes. Motion passes.

A CERTIFIED ARBORIST, LLC	900.00	J.H. WILLIAMS & CO., LLP	17,200.00
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	JACK KYTTLE	60.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	55.20	JAMES DALBERTO	27.87
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	51.25	JEREMY MULDER	225.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	161.25	KAREN MACIEJEWSKI	264.89
AMERICAN ROCK SALT, LLC	3,199.62	KENNETH STRISH	500.00
ANNETTE BRENNAN	50.00	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	2,462.50
ANNUZIATO DEGEORGE	50.00	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	2,809.00
ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS	80.00	KEYSTONE INSURANCE ASSOCIATES	1,967.00
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	135.63	KNORR HAULING, INC.	6,187.50
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2.17	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	1,045.92
ATLANTIC TACTICAL	2,464.35	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	5,002.00
AVAYA, INC	33.68	MARTY SITLER	262.97
BACKYARD BOUNCIN'	320.00	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	717.33
BARRACUDA NETWORKS, INC	3,600.00	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	46.00
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	350.00	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	11.50
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	5.48	MBC SOLUTIONS	1,050.00
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	3,477.00	MCBRIDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	10,000.00
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	101.95	MICHAEL KLINETOB	225.00
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION FD	772.84	NANCY SBORZ	500.00
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION FD	837.75	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	380.45
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENS TRUST FD	1,546.81	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	127.83
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENS TRUST FD	2,193.61	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	624.48
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION	950.84	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	514.89
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION	1,117.11	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	543.48
BORO OF BERWICK GENERAL FUND	28,944.31	NMS	607.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	39,216.14	P A W C	31.31
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	42,086.07	P A W C	16.19
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	2,232.12	P A W C	93.87
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	46,236.52	P A W C	39.27
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	7,913.10	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	39,323.19	P A W C	2,640.60
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	18.37	PA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC	150.00

BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	166.67	PA STATE MAYOR'S ASSOC	60.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	18.37	PAYROLL FORMS COM	61.45
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	2,658.04	PENNBCO	170.00
BRADLEY LORD	225.00	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	20.23
BRANDON SHULTZ	95.00	PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY	1,430.00
BRANDON SHULTZ	225.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	8,423.75
BRIDGET D BILLINGS	35,676.93	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	2,056.25
BWK AREA SWIMMING POOL ASSOC	5,000.00	PHILIP MAINIERO	225.00
C D B P & M	3,124.40	PIKES CREEK ASPHALT	891.31
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CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	24.00	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	184.65
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	54.00	PPL	882.62
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH	47,983.30	PPL	56.44
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH	2,792.80	PPL	12,694.11
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	141.89	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	924.00
CHAPIN SERVICE	253.40	PSAB	1,309.00
CHRISTOPHER KELCHNER	339.77	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	8,603.31
CHRISTOPHER KELCHNER	225.00	RANDY GAUGLER	225.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	133.79	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
COLE'S HARDWARE	27.29	RANGER HOSE CO	950.40
COLE'S HARDWARE	4.94	REAGAN RAFFERTY	167.62
COLE'S HARDWARE	61.26	REAGAN RAFFERTY	450.00
COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEMS, INC.	769.52	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
COMPUTER SOFTWARE, INC.	8,109.00	RHONDA T. KOCH, CCR	75.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	193.51	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	650.86
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	290.95	ROBERT C. YOUNG, INC.	3,683.78
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	196.13	ROBERT MAIER	50.00
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	759.74	ROGERS UNIFORMS	70.00
DCED	445.50	ROGERS UNIFORMS	355.00
DENT'S AUTO SERVICE	30.00	SCOTT SIENKIEWICZ	225.00
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	267.59	SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS	8,275.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	1,708.74
ERIK HELBING	50.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	62.90
EUGENE GOLLA	50.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	286.14
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	STEPHEN LEVAN	225.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,955.70	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	1,106.52
FIVE STAR INTERNATIONAL LLC	139.82	STEVEN TORRES	225.00
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS.	1,134.29	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	1,278.89
GIBBONS FORD	199.90	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	178.29
GRASSHOPPER	568.79	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	32.09
GREGORY MARTIN	13.77	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	1,640.75
GREGORY MARTIN	450.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	409.16
HAILSTONE ECONOMIC	9,500.00	TEAMSTERS	1,371.00
HILLER'S HEATING & AC	2,048.00	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	179.98
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,030.41	TROY MANEVAL	225.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	480.65
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,270.88	VACUUM SALES, INC.	37.76

ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	371.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,499.03	VOSS SIGNS	327.50
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	243.60
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,067.93	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00		

REPORTS

OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke: 12/8 he helped out with the Keeping Kids Warm. Also helped out with decorating at Sponslor's Park.

12/23 attended the West Berwick Hose Christmas party.

12/24 will be helping out at the Salvation Army Christmas Eve dinner.

12/25 will be helping out at the Christmas Dinner at Eagle Hose.

So far has 26 kids he helping with Toys for Christmas. Thank You to everyone who has donated.

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner: Abbonizio has been finally listed for trial. Just received an expert report from

Working on Decker answer.

2-hour parking on E. 3rd Street and STOP sign at Washington & Elm needs to be an Ordinance. Council asks that he start that work.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Jack Kytte: SEE REPORT. Also was asked to take a look at the street flooding on Steel & Bowman and Steel and Fairchild. Seems the dry wells are not keeping up with water. There used to be an empty lot that helped drain water. A house has now been built on that lot. Something will need to be done. He suggests calling in the

engineers to look it over and come up with a plan. Council agreed.

SAFETY: **Bob Lewis**: Parking issue seems to come at every meeting so he going to meet with Kelly at BIDA and LCCC to see if we can come up with a solution. He will report back to Council after that meeting.

POLICE: **Chief Ken Strish**: Columbia/Montour County is putting together a post overdose response team that will go out after the event of an overdose where Narcan is used; team will inform of options. Options are death if they don't get clean, arrest or, rehab.

See report & statics. Chief would like to see 3 of the new officers come off their probationary period as they are doing very well. Council will put that on the next agenda.

January 20th the Police Benevolent Association in conjunction with Reliance will start a "Shop with a Cop" program. The association is close to getting it's 501C3 designation.

See Report.

BAJSA REPORT: See report.

BUSINESS

NOT READY

FOR ACTION: NONE

OLD

BUSINESS: NONE

**APPROVAL OF
ORDINANCES
AND RESOLUTIONS:**

2018-15 RESOLUTION Appointing Cassandra Mowery as Chief Financial Officer of the Police & Non-Uniformed Municipal Employee Pension Fund. A motion was made by Councilman Learn & seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes, motion passes.

2018-16 RESOLUTION Appointing Nancy Sborz as Right to Know Officer. A motion was made by Councilman Talanca & seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes, motion passes.

2018-17 RESOLUTION Appointing Jack Kytte as a voting member of the SEDA-COG Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to serve until 12/31/2022.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiani & 2nd by Councilman Talanca. All ayes, motion passes.

2018-01 ORDINANCE 2019 TAX MILLAGE RATE. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis & 2nd by Councilman Talanca. All ayes, motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

**Approved 2017
Caper Report**

Councilwoman Troiani made a motion to accept the 2017 Caper report, seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes, motion passes.

**Approved the
2019 Budget**

Councilman Shecktor spoke about how council worked together on the 2019 budget and all departments made concessions. Recycling really needs to be looked into for 2020.
Motion made by Councilman Shecktor to approve the 2019 budget this was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. All ayes, motion passes.

**Approved the
Work Shop &
Council
Meeting Dates
for 2019**

Councilman Talanca made a motion to approve the work shop dates as the first Monday of each month; with the exception of September 2nd which will move to Tuesday September 3rd. Council meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of each month. This was seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes, motion passes.

**Appointed
Bobby Myers
to the
Zoning Board**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Alley to appoint Bobby Myers to the Zoning Board; this was seconded by Councilman Talanca.
All ayes, motion passes.

ADDED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Alley, second by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.