

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2019
7:00PM Council Meeting

AGENDA:

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, January 7, 2019 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 (late 7:15PM), Pete Talanca and Mayor Tim Burke.

Also present were Chief of Police Ken Strish, Borough Treasurer Cassandra Mowery, Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner (late 7:10PM), 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.

Councilman Talanca made a motion to elect Jeri Alley as President of Council, seconded by Councilman Lewis. Councilwoman Alley abstained. All ayes. Motion passes.

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to elect Councilman Lewis as Vice President, seconded by Councilman Learn. Councilman Lewis abstained. All ayes. Motion passes.

PUBLIC HEARING
CITIZENS

Damien Scoblink: Handed in the 2018 Civil Service report.

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONAL APPEALS:

LORI CLEMENS: 126 E. 6th St. The issue at 128 E. 6th St. is not resolved and getting worse. The Solicitor said he will meet with Police Chief Strish.

Councilman Learn made a motion to proceed with law enforcement of the Landlord Ordinance. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

PRESENTATION:

NONE

**APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES
OF THE
PRECEDING
MEETING:**

Motion by Councilman Shektor and seconded by Councilwoman Jarrett to approve the Council Minutes of January 21, 2018. Councilman Jarrett abstains due to non-attendance of the November meeting. 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.

AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	KEEFER'S ARMY NAVY	214.84
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	67.60	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,158.25
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	49.60	KNORR HAULING, INC.	3,117.40
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2.17	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,400.00
AVAYA, INC	33.68	MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP	240.00
BASTIAN TIRE & AUTO CENTERS	125.00	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	1,552.41
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	350.00	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	5.75
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	251.06	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	5.75
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	740.82	METROPOLITAN BOTTLING CO.	848.93
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	38,935.49	MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	3,232.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	2,232.12	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	59.48
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	35,324.72	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	356.74
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	40,250.13	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	148.40
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	0.57	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	571.56
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	22.58	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	15.09
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	0.57	P A W C	38.13
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	166.67	P A W C	2,640.60
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCT	22.58	PA TURFGRASS COUNCIL	240.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	849.00	PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	65.00
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	89.00	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	53.55
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH	51,281.09	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	3,083.75
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH	2,248.16	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	292.50
CNA SURETY	100.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	112.50
COLE'S HARDWARE	27.83	PETROLEUM SERVICE COMPANY	373.19
COLE'S HARDWARE	14.99	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	800.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	55.84	PPL	156.74
COLE'S HARDWARE	46.40	PPL	165.20
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	318.25	PPL	12,570.87
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	120.59	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	174.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	6.83	PSAB	215.00
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	199.60	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	3,147.50
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	50.80	QUILL CORPORATION	159.92
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	87.72	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	234.12	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	RHONDA T. KOCH, CCR	126.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	RHONDA T. KOCH, CCR	315.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	295.82
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS.	1,134.29	ROBERT C. YOUNG, INC.	3,683.78

GENERAL SALES, INC.	3,807.14	SQUARE 1 HOME IMPROVEMENTS	18,860.00
GREGORY MARTIN	400.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	390.80
HAZLETON STANDARD ~ SPEAKER	841.00	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	70.75
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,290.30	SUBURBAN FENCE CO.	1.80
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	69.82
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,945.57	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	675.92
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	143.49
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,122.92	TEAMSTERS	1,371.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	12.72
IWORQ	4,729.00	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	9.38
JACK KYTTLE	60.00	VALLEY PLUS!	210.00
JAMES DALBERTO	19.98	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
JORDAN HOPPER	782.50	WEX BANK	1,619.89

REPORTS

OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: **Mayor Tim Burke**: 34 children helped this Christmas.
As always Berwick people are very generous.

6th Street Fire Drive is underway for 3 families.
The response has been so great that we had to turn away donations. Martz Storage has offered a 1-year storage locker for donated goods.
Now we can hold items and when a need arises we may already have what is needed in storage.

Thank You to our DPW department for help with the ice build-up at 1805 Steel Street. Water was up to car door and driveway was a sheet of ice. The elderly resident did not know how she was going to get to her Doctor appointment. So the Mayor took her and by the time he brought her back DPW had the ice already cleared.

SOLICITOR: **Attorney Frank Kepner**: Abbonizio has been finally listed for trial in February before Judge Norton.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: **Jack Kytte**: SEE REPORT. New should be on way for February.

SAFETY: **Bob Lewis**: Still working on the parking issue.

POLICE: **Chief Ken Strish**: See Report.

BAJSA REPORT: See report.

BUSINESS

NOT READY

FOR ACTION: NONE

OLD

BUSINESS: NONE

**APPROVAL OF
ORDINANCES
AND RESOLUTIONS:**

2019-01 ORDINANCE: Adopting the 2015 Property Maintenance

A motion was made by Councilman Shektor and seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

2019-01 RESOLUTION: Inter-fund transfer from Street Lighting and/or Fire Protection Fund to the General Fund to be transferred back by August 31, 2019.

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca and seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

**Approved
Peters
Consulting
Payments**

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to pay invoiced to Peters Consulting for \$3,083.75 & \$112.50 from CDBG funding for blighted Properties. And an invoice for \$1,100.00 From CDBG funding for the ADA Curbing. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
probationary
status
Of Officer
Kelchner
To Full Time**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiana approve the completion of Christopher Kelchner's probationary period and move him to a full time officer position. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes, motion passes.

**Approved
probationary
status
Of Officer
Mulder
To Full Time**

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca to approve the completion of Jeremy Mulder's probationary period and move him to a full time officer position. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes, motion passes. Mayor burke commented that these are both good additions to the force

**Approved the
2019 Budget**

Councilman Shektor 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 Shektor to approve the 2019 budget this was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. All ayes, motion passes.

**Approved
taking 1720
Brittain off
the Demo List
w/time line &
a Bond**

Councilwoman Troiani made a motion to approve taking 1720 Brittain off the Demo List if the new owner supplies the Borough with a "time line" of repairs to bring the property up to code and a completion date to complete rehab of the property and a performance bond in the amount of demo to be used to demo the building if time line is not met.
Councilman Shecktor seconded this.
All ayes, motion passes.

**Approved
to advertise
For Borough
Manager**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiana to advertise for the position of Borough Manager.
This was seconded by Councilman Talanca.
All ayes, motion passes.

ADDED ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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