

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2019
7:00PM Council Meeting

AGENDA:

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Presiding at this meeting was Vice President of Council Bob Lewis, Council Members, Jay Jarrett, Nelson Learn, Andrew Shecktor, Pete Talanca, Teresa Troiani and Mayor Tim Burke. New Borough Manager Damien Scoblinsk

Also present were Chief of Police Ken Strish, Borough Treasurer/Acting Manager Cassandra Mowery, Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz

Absent was Council President Jeri Alley, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle and a Press Enterprise Reporter.

Sue Goddard, SEDA-COG (Home Rehabilitation):

Public Hearing **held to** explained the Housing Rehab Program to the audience.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

CITIZENS

CORRESPONDENCE

PERSONAL APPEALS:

County Commissioner David Kovach: With announcement that the Stuart Tank Museum is getting another Stuart Tank on permanent loan for display inside the museum. He is asking council for permission to put up NO PARKING sign on Vine Street and close the street for delivery of the tank on 4/23. He would make sure this would not interfere with child drop off at the YMCA. Council approved. The Commissioner also invited 2 Council members to accompany him on a charter bus when they pick up the tank.

Vinnie Hippenstell Steel Street resident: Here to discuss storm water issues and the flooding of her driveway since new home was built across the street. Council advise her that Jack Kyttle is working on a plan for a Rain Garden to absorb the run off.

Melissa Farrow of United in Recovery Coalitions:

Talked about the opioid epidemic and her organization.

Chief Ken Strish: Talked about the Drug Take Back the police are having on April 28th.

Fred Gause of 333 S. Mercer Street: Stated that he is still having issue with Wise Chips and the tractor trailers making dust in the area. Mr. Gause said he has contacted Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and they will pursue Dust & Grime issues with them. He also wanted to know if he could circulate a petition. Council said that he did not need their permission.

Scott Bower: Asked if Council would replace the Parking Enforcement Officer. Council said they have not gotten to discuss that yet.

PRESENTATION: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING: Motion by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Talanca to approve the Council Minutes of March 18, 2019. And the Work Shop minutes of April 1, 2019. All ayes. Motion passes.
It was read into the minutes that Council held an Executive Session on 04/01/2019 to discuss personnel.

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

AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,267.34
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	129.90	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	77.60	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,005.37
AMERICAN ROCK SALT, LLC	1,653.02	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00
ANNETTE BRENNAN	50.00	INTOXIMETERS INC.	1,404.00
ANNUZIATO DEGEORGE	50.00	IOLA LUMBER CO	1,956.44
ASTRA RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	1,726.90	JAMES DALBERTO	20.00
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	130.37	JAMES DALBERTO	27.87
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2.17	JEREMY MULDER	67.09
AUTOZONE	26.97	KEN POLLOCK	31.07
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	9.96	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	4,020.30
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	250.00	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	3,840.00
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	3,508.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	278.26
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	1,931.00	LAVERY LAW	883.50
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	1,931.00	MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP	180.00
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	1,931.00	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	1,332.47
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	101.00	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	57.50
BERWICK YMCA	80.00	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	864.31
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	375.33
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	148.60	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	29.99
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	1,735.89	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	164.77

BOROUGH OF BERWICK CAPITAL PROJECTS	13,885.80	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	255.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK GENERAL FUND	20,789.88	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	55.97
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	752.01	NMS	242.00
BORO OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	752.07	P A W C	40.41
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37,941.43	P A W C	23.34
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,075.29	P A W C	15.38
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	P A W C	15.38
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,573.53	PENN STATE	180.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,772.67	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	44.03
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	244.67	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	50.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	1,287.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	244.67	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	232.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK -PETTY CASH	25.50	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL	184.65
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	862.23	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	800.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	811.95	POWELL'S SALES & SERVICE	114.40
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	PPL	222.42
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	54,729.96	PPL	120.12
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	76.90	PPL	915.48
BUCK'S LOCKSMITH SERVICE	85.00	PPL	12,119.33
C.H. RINEHIMER	15.95	PRECISION MILLWRIGHT & FABRICATING	538.20
CASSANDRA MOWERY	150.00	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	61.68
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	50,719.05	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	338.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	1,917.00	RHONDA T. KOCH, CCR	75.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,810.20	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	642.16
CNA SURETY	843.75	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	356.72
COLE'S HARDWARE	90.92	ROBERT MAIER	50.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	172.02	ROGERS UNIFORMS	124.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	148.04	RR DONNELLEY	59.70
COLE'S HARDWARE	15.12	SEDA-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	15,635.00
COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEMS, INC.	939.00	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	134.22
COPQUEST, INC.	152.90	SOUTH CENTRE TOWNSHIP	800.00
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	6,129.14	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	635.75
CURTIS RIDER	45.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	345.34
CURTIS RIDER	50.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	65.90
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	63.58	STEPHEN LEVAN	174.08
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	1,187.35	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	75.85
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	55.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	814.35
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	148.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	859.14
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	173.12	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	65.55
ERIK HELBING	50.00	TEAM GREEN RECYCLING & CONTAINER	17,250.00
EUGENE GOLLA	50.00	TEAMSTERS	1,565.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	THE INTERNET PLACE	89.70
GENERAL SALES, INC.	57.95	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	12.99
GREGORY C. HARKINS	888.51	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	39.49
GREGORY MARTIN	184.55	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	4.69
HIGHWAY EQUIP & SUPPLY	907.63	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	531.92
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,237.60	VACUUM SALES, INC.	129.82

ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	243.60
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,303.62	WEX BANK	1,878.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	245.00	YCG	49.00

REPORTS

OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke: 04/10/19 attended the "Hand to Hand" HC people into the job force.
 04/12/19 attended the Nescopeck Literacy program in reading.
 04/17/19 talking to the Senior Citizen about safety.
 04/22/19 Retreat State Prison wedding. 14 this month.
 Found a business to do a Community meal for 100.
 04/27/19 is the Mayor's Ball

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner: Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Jarrett: Met with new Manager with regard to Benefits.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Councilman Shecktor: * showed a picture of his newest Granddaughter.
 **Attended the Ethics Seminar and came away with a great Idea for Recycling that he will go over in the next Work Shop.
 ***He talked about the Dept of Homeland Security and radios.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: SEE REPORT.

POLICE: Chief Ken Strish: See Report.

BAJSA REPORT: SEE REPORT.

BUSINESS

NOT READY

FOR ACTION: NONE

OLD

BUSINESS: 1. Bond Follow Up on 325-327 Vine Street. Not received at this time.

**APPROVAL OF
ORDINANCES**

AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS

**Approved
Request for
Fundraising
Event at Test
Track Park**

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to approved a request to hold a fund raising event at Test Track on October 26, 2019 from 11-2 to benefit the Berwick Community Dog Park. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Commitment
Request from
Pool Association**

Councilman Jarrett made a motion to pay \$5,000.00 cash and to do the grass mowing outside the fence area for the pool. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved action
To have the
Solicitor write
Advertisement**

Councilman Shecktor made a motion to have the Solicitor write the advertisement for contractor bids to perform traffic signal maintenance/emergency repairs for the 2019 season. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
No Parking
Signs on
Mulberry**

Council again discussed no tractor trailer parking on Mulberry Street from 11th Street to Columbia Avenue. Councilman Talanca asked for the signs with a 2 week notice after signs posted and a newspaper advertisement. Councilman Talanca made the motion as stated above, this was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.
Chief Strish will look into the legality of towing offenders and Jack Kyttle will look into the cost of signage.

**Approved
Peters
Consulting
Payments**

A motion was made by Councilman Learn to approve the payment to Peters Consulting for \$373.75 for from CDBG funding for the ADA Curbing. Seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved
Substantial
Amendment #1
To FFY 2018
Action Plan**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiani to approve Substantial Amendment #1 to the FFY 2018 Annual Action Plan. This was seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Motion passes.

No Added Items

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Jarrett, seconded by Councilman Talanca.