

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2016

AGENDA: Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday February 15, 2016 at 7:00PM. President of Council Alvin Hill presiding and Council Members present were Scott Bower, Jay Jarrett, Jim Meighan, Andrew Shecktor, Travis Petty, Joanne Huntington.
Also present were Mayor Tim Burke, Borough Manager Debra Force, Chief of Police Ken Strish, Solicitor Frank Kepner, Codes Officer Greg Harkins, Fire Chief Bill Coolbaugh, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle (absent due to snow storm). Reporter Sue Swartz for the Press Enterprise and photographer.

There was a prayer by the Mayor and the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: AMENDMENTS: REMOVE RESOLUTION 2016-02, REMOVE RESOLUTION 2016-04, ADD IN TURKEY HILL EASEMENT.
MOTION: **SB** - SECOND: **JH**; **ALL AYES, motion passes.**

PUBLIC HEARING,
CITIZENS
CORRESPONDENCE,
PERSONAL APPEALS:

- Mr. Randy Panetta of Salem Township asked to speak to council regarding a police/Right to Know issue.
- Council President Hill granted him permission to speak. But cautioned that council would not address any on-going police investigation.
- Mr. Panetta said that his right to know request was denied and answered untimely. He feels it is a conflict of interest for our Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner to represent the borough on this issue because Kepner is his wife's attorney in a divorce and Attorney Kepner has access to documents that he himself has been denied. He said recently that Harrisburg has ordered that the documents be turned over to him. But Attorney Kepner has filed an appeal. He is requesting council to direct Attorney Kepner to withdraw the appeal and turn over the documents. He feels appeals are just an excuse for the attorneys to drain the well of money.
- Mayor Burke asked Mr. Panetta if he is insinuating that our chief of Police released information to Attorney Kepner improperly? Mr. Panetta said he is asking how

Attorney Kepner got information that he only got through discovery of police records. Attorney Kepner interrupted here and advised the Mayor that it was a complete fabrication. The Chief has turned over no records over to him (Kepner). Mr. Panetta stated that if that was so then he would ask for an investigation as to how Kepner's associate had the records at his last hearing.

- Council President Hill said that Mr. Panetta needs to let the judge decide this, let it go through the process. Let the appeal to the court decide it. We (the borough) are not going to get involved in it.
- Mr. Panetta asked to bring it to vote to pull the appeal. Council President said he will not do that.
- Mr. Panetta again asked the Council to take a vote to pull the appeal of the right to know and release the information.
- Councilman Travis Petty at this time made a motion to move to an Executive Session. This was seconded by Councilwoman Joanne Huntington. Council moved into an executive session at 7:30PM. Council emerged from executive session at 7:35PM.
- Council President Hill said council will defer to the opinion of the Borough Solicitor, Attorney Kepner. Attorney Kepner said it is in court and there is nothing else to say.
- Mr. Panetta asked if Attorney Kepner wanted to recuse himself. Hill said no. Panetta asked if council would like to ask him to recuse himself. Hill said no.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES APPROVED: Councilman Jarrett asked if there were minutes' form the December 29, 2015 Special Budget Meeting? Manager Debra Force said she will see that everyone gets a copy. Motion to approve 12/21/2015 and 01/04/2016 minutes was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Minutes approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS APPROVED: Motion to pay the January 2016 bills. Councilman Jarrett questioned what the bill for Danchecks for \$34,000. Fire Chief Coolbaugh said he knows he did not buy anything for that amount. Borough Manager Force said she would check into it and it may be just a typo. Councilman Jarrett said he will make a motion to pay the bills minus the \$34,000. to Dancheck until research is complete. This was seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Bills for January 2016approved for payment.

AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	668.07	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00
AVAYA, INC	25.30	JACK KYTTLE	20.00
BERWICK AUTOMOTIVE	79.90	JAMES DALBERTO	65.00
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	68.82	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	123.00
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	169.76	KNORR HAULING, INC.	3,117.40
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	50.00	KNORR HAULING, INC.	6,187.50
BORO OF BWK CAPITAL PROJECTS	24,000.00	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	385.00
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION	750.66	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	106.57
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION	808.40	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,400.00
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,175.04	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	74.00
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	34,635.85	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	550.10
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	39,342.76	METROCAST	127.12
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37,342.99	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICAT	766.16
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	37,837.19	MICHAEL MONICO	1,101.44
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	34.75	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	300.00	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	24.82	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK -PETTY CASH	25.95	MID-ATLANTIC FIRE AND AIRE	1,070.72
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION	766.75	MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	3,240.00
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION	749.87	P A W C	36.30
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	18,600.00	P A W C	2,739.70
BRANDON SHULTZ	30.00	PA UC FUND	775.32
BRANDON SHULTZ	30.00	PA UC FUND	348.26
BUDGET HOST PATRIOT INN	191.31	PCCA	125.00
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	407.40	PENN PRIME TRUST	64,741.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	36,763.54	PENN STATE UNIVERSITY	55.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	37,351.16	PENNBOC	100.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,495.86	PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	65.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	1,908.24	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	52.07
COLE'S HARDWARE	3.78	PPL	1,191.17
CRAFCO INC	1,205.72	PPL	96.07
CURTIS RIDER	220.00	PPL	13,859.46
DCED	260.00	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	27.12
DEBRA FORCE	77.76	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	2,656.41
DEFENDER FIRE CO.	383.33	PSAB	125.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	PSAB	125.00
EVER O AYALA	20.00	PSAB MUNI RETIREMENT TRUST	5,160.79
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,955.70	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
FIRSTLAB	127.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	949.20
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS.	890.53	SQUARE ONE CONSTRUCTION	9,735.00
GENERAL CODE	3,299.40	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	621.61
GENERAL SALES, INC.	129.35	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	82.94
GUTH LABORATORIES, INC.	52.89	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	652.50
HARTMAN & LALLY INSURERS, INC.	3,069.33	SUNTRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE	2,998.05
HAZLETON STANDARD ~ SPEAKER	3,506.55	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	414.78
HIGHWAY EQUIP & SUPPLY	218.75	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT	1,200.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,623.26	TEAMSTERS	1,152.46

ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	314.42
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	2,169.85	VERIZON WIRELESS	307.05
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	60.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,941.21	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WEX BANK	1,109.04
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,712.29	WHLM FM	120.00

Motion to pay the February 2016 bills. Councilman Jarrett made a motion to pay the February 2016 bills as presented. Seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. Bills for February 2016 approved to be paid as presented.

AARON ZANOLINE	86.00	KEEFER'S ARMY NAVY	69.89
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	821.21	KEN POLLOCK	29.99
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	149.24	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	326.25
ANDREW SHECKTOR	144.89	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	130.00
ANNETTE BRENNAN	50.00	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	5,103.50
ANNUZIATO DEGEORGE	50.00	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	215.00
AVAYA, INC	25.30	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	123.00
BERWICK AREA UNITED WAY	85.00	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	132.50
BERWICK PROFESSIONAL AUTO CENTER	147.10	KISSINGER'S FLOOR & WALL	2.00
BERWICK PROFESSIONAL AUTO CENTER	457.72	KNORR HAULING, INC.	6,187.50
BLOOMSBURG POWERSPORTS	44.00	KNORR HAULING, INC.	6,187.50
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	43.50	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	569.57
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	25.59	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	559.00
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	3,936.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	8,931.60	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	910.90
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	11,956.05	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	85.50
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION	734.45	MBC SOLUTIONS	179.99
BORO OF BWK MUNICIPAL PENSION	772.64	MBC SOLUTIONS	2,700.00
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,309.60	METROCAST	127.12
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	34,746.30	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICAT	764.62
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	36,249.50	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	35,084.90	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	36,637.68	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	300.00	MICHAEL MONICO	1,123.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	733.60	NANCY SBORZ	74.74
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	716.93	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	268.40
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	1,516.62	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	201.97
BOYER'S FOOD MARKET	23.76	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	832.62
BRADCO SUPPLY CO, INC.	1,277.28	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	520.86
BRANDON SHULTZ	20.00	NAT ALEXANDER COMPANY	150.00
BRANDON SHULTZ	30.00	NMS	246.00
BULLDOG DIRECT PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS	565.00	NMS	474.00
C.H. RINEHIMER	10.88	P A W C	34.24
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	124.50	P A W C	37.34
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO., LLC	1,641.63	P A W C	40.45

CARGILL, INCORPORATED	4,742.29	P A W C	2,737.24
CARGILL, INCORPORATED	1,424.42	PENN STATE	220.00
CARGILL, INCORPORATED	3,206.49	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	31.75
CASSANDRA MOWERY	79.89	PIKES CREEK ASPHALT	1,684.35
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	37,351.16	PIKES CREEK ASPHALT	790.95
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	3,563.70	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	806.50
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	1,908.24	PNOA	25.00
CLEVELAND BROTHERS EQUIPMENT	222.68	POWELL'S SALES & SERVICE	155.00
CNA SURETY	200.00	PPL	294.06
COLE'S HARDWARE	96.66	PPL	339.77
COLE'S HARDWARE	26.64	PPL	210.53
COLE'S HARDWARE	39.96	PPL	67.68
COLUMBIA COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICE	2,777.53	PPL	92.62
COLUMBIA MONTOUR SWAT	500.00	PPL	13,512.54
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	17.62	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	3.14
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	16.73	PRECISION WELDING SUPPLIES	84.50
CRAFCO INC	80.99	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	747.40
CURTIS RIDER	396.75	PSAB	1,304.00
DALO'S BAKERY	25.70	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	707.95
DEACON EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	4,874.22	RANDY GAUGLER	389.00
DEACON EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	840.43	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
DEBRA FORCE	36.23	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
DEFENDER FIRE CO.	383.33	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	925.26
DENT'S AUTO SERVICE	29.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	325.64
DILTZ EQUIPMENT SALES	64.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	322.42
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	34.08	ROBERT MAIER	50.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	176.25	ROGER BODWALK	704.20
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	SQUARE ONE CONSTRUCTION	16,775.00
EAST PENN FIRE & EMERGENCY SALES	1,209.60	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	316.38
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	4.92	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	19.40
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	303.46	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	70.94
ERIK HELBING	50.00	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	22.95
EUGENE GOLLA	50.00	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	356.58
FASTENAL COMPANY	20.43	SUNBURY MOTORS	60.13
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,955.70	SUNBURY MOTORS	14.82
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	SUNTRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE	2,998.05
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS.	890.53	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	38.36
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	223.50	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	487.65
GENERAL SALES, INC.	28.80	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	67.12
GENERAL SALES, INC.	54.95	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	184.26
GERALD JARRETT	25.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	285.84
GORDY'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING	131.50	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	294.18
GREAT AMERICAN PRINTER	2,455.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	512.25
HARRY J FRUECHT	486.74	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	47.95
HARTMAN & LALLY INSURERS, INC.	3,069.33	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	56.60
HILLER'S HEATING & AC	371.00	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	527.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,760.91	TEAMSTERS	1,123.71
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	THE LOCKER ROOM	156.00

ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,787.79	TRACTOR PARTS CO	329.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	135.00	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	329.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,599.27	TRANS UNION LLC	159.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	165.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	53.95
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,841.85	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	187.74
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	430.70
J.YURICK'S EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	798.67	VERIZON WIRELESS	307.31
JAMES DALBERTO	30.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	60.90
JAMES DALBERTO	30.00	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
JAMES DALBERTO	5.00	WEX BANK	936.11
JAMES DALBERTO	30.00	XEROX CORPORATION	405.23
JNK HYDROTEST & EXTINGUISHER	1,764.00	YIS/COWDEN GROUP INC.	60.50
JORDAN HOPPER	160.90		

REPORTS

OF

COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: Tim Burke; January 14 there was a big fire at Christos. The temperature was 18 degrees and the firemen did a fantastic job. The Salvation Army is running a Freeze Program, offering food and an overnight place to sleep when the temperature drops to freezing. They could use volunteers for the nights, food donations and blankets. They are helping 4-5 homeless people. January 25th there was a bank robbery. An invitation to attend the Berwick Youth Wrestling Awards Banquet this Friday. The Mayor has attended meeting at BIDA and BAJSA this past month. The Mayor is putting together a report for everyone on the overtime budget for the police department to try to help since we have a hire coming on. The comparison will be the strength of the force 10 years ago as compared to today. The Mayor gave a welcome to Mrs. Bobersky and 3 of our finest in the audience tonight (referring to 3 police officers in attendance).

ENGINEER: Quad 3 (NOT PRESENT AT MEETING)

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner. Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL: Travis Petty-Joanne Huntington. Contracts on the agenda.

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Travis Petty-Andrew Shecktor. Meeting to discuss status of Borough and elections. That was cleared up. Looking at doing an audit to verify budget numbers and it was decided to start with our auditor first. Information was submitted to the Ordinance Committee regarding Drones in borough parks. And a request was made to the borough manager to possible get borough email accounts.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Jay Jarrett-Alvin Hill. Some of the bands that we had last year have broken up so we are in the process of booking new bands and contracts are going out.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Andrew Shecktor-Jay Jarrett-Greg Harkins. Symmetries have been updated.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Joanne Huntington-Jim Meighan-Jack Kytte. BAJSA has started the storm water project in the west end. DPW has been inspecting it daily for progress and any issues. Also being inspected are the on-going street cuts throughout the borough. DPW is communicating with the utilities companies to resolve the issues they have found. They have also been working on the street sign inventory and replacing signs. This process will continue until all our signs meet the requirements of the PUTCED. Winter maintenance on equipment continues. The Thompson Run sign and the Ber-Vaughn Park have been removed to be refurbished. They are waiting on the bullet proof glass to complete the door to the police station. DPW is working on a platform for the fountain center pump. The goal is to have the fountain up and running by April 1, 2016. The mild winter has kept the salt barn full, the business district has been cleared. Pot holes continue to be filled with cold patch. And the Borough Manager has the specs and quotes for the 2016 F550 plow truck to replace the 2000 GMC 6500 plow truck. The recycling center is open Tuesdays from 1-5PM.

FIRE AND WATER: Andrew Shecktor-Jim Meighan-Fire Chief Bill Coolbaugh. The fire Chief has reached out to the company Chiefs regarding the new purchase order forms. They will try to get 2 estimates on things but sometimes only one company manufactures an item and they have to go with them. The Chief is working on a yearly report for council and that will be available soon. He is looking to hold a meeting on where the fire companies are going for the future. And last he has information on a grant for a drone for search and rescue that he is researching. No big call out recently.

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

SAFETY: Joanne Huntington-Scott Bower. The committee said that Tom O'Donnell suggested closing off Market Street during the Christmas Boulevard tear down, that there was a problem with traffic. Council President said that would be hard to do as Market Street is a state owned street.

POLICE: Jim Meighan-Scott Bower-Police Chief Ken Strish.
SEE REPORT.

BAJSA REPORT: Scott Bower. SEE REPORT.

BUSINESS NOT
READY FOR
ACTION or NO

ACTION NEEDED: READ INTO THE RECORDED THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT FROM OUR INSURANCE CARRIER PENNPRIME.

PENNPRIME FEELS THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS TO HAVE INSURANCE PROTECTION AGAINST PROPERTY AND BUSINESS INTERRUPTION LOSSES ARISING FROM MALICIOUS ACTS INVOLVING NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL HAZARDS. THEREFORE, THEY ARE INCLUDING, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE, \$1,000,000 IN COVERAGE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRUST COMBINED. THIS COVERAGE, IS WRITTEN THROUGH HISCOX, WHICH IS AN AM BEST A-RATED INSURER. THIS POLICY INCLUDES MATERIALS COVERAGE FOR INSURED BUILDINGS, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND AUTOS, AND ALSO INCLUDES, AGAIN AT NO EXTRA CHARGE, RISK CONTROL SERVICES, ALLOWING THE BOROUGH TO CONSULT WITH CONTROL RISKS, AN INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST RISK CONSULTANCY, TO ASSIST THE BOROUGH TO ASSESS, MANAGE AND ENHANCE RESPONSE TO COVERED MALICIOUS ACTS. WE WILL BE HAVING AN OPEN HOUSE WITH PENNPRIME REPRESENTATIVES, POSSIBLY IN JANUARY, AND ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS AS WELL AS ANY OTHER COVERAGES CAN BE DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER ISSUES OR QUESTIONS ON THIS TOPIC, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MY OFFICE. IF I CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS IMMEDIATELY, I WILL GET BACK TO YOU!

THANK YOU, AND I AM GLAD TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS IMPORTANT COVERAGE AT NO COST. CINDA L HARTMAN

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS: **ORDINANCE 2016-01: TAX ASSESSMENT.** Fixing millage for 2016 to 14.10 mill the same as it was for 2015. The last year taxes were raised was 2010. Motion to approve made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilman Meighan. All ayes. **Motion approved.**

RESOLUTION 2016-01: PERMISSION FOR SEDA-COG STAFF TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF BERWICK, CERTAIN DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT AND COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS.

Motion to approve made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes. **Motion approved.**

RESOLUTION 2016-02: ENTER INTO A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO FINANCE RENOVATIONS TO RELIANCE FIRE CO. Council President Hill said this **was approved** at the 6:30PM meeting held this evening before the council meeting.

RESOLUTION 2016-03: AMEMDMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE REULES & REGULATIONS correcting typo in SECTION 4.12 WRITTEN EXAMINATION.THIS SECTION AMENDED BY DELETING THE LANGUAGE "THE TOP TWENTY (20) HIGHEST SCORES" TO READ "THE TOP 15 HIGHEST SCORES". Motion to approve made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes. **Motion approved.**

RESOLUTION 2016-04: ENTER INTO GRANT WITH BERWICK HEALTH & WELLNESS FOUNDATION. Council President Hill said this **resolution is here by deleted.** No resolution is needed for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACT FOR
BORO MANAGER
DEBRA FORCE:
APPROVED

Council President Hill said Debra will receive a 2.5% raise, 4 weeks' vacation, 10 sick days, 5 personnel days, 12 holidays, no clothing allowance, no mileage, all other benefits are the same as last contract.

Motion to approve the contract was made by Councilwoman Huntington and seconded by Councilman Bower. All ayes with Councilman Jarrett opposed. Motion passes 6/1.

EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACT FOR
KAREN
DALRYMPLE:
APPROVED

Councilwoman Huntington said Karen will go to full time at a rate of \$13.00 an hour, comp time will be limited to 8 hours, her part of health insurance will be paid at \$25.00 a week. Motion to approve the contract was made by Councilman Meighan and seconded by Councilman Bower. All ayes with Councilmen Jarrett & Hill opposed. Motion passes 5/2.

EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACT FOR
NANCY SBORZ:
APPROVED

Councilwoman Huntington said Nancy will go to full time at a rate of \$15.00 an hour, comp time will be limited to 8 hours, her part of health insurance will be paid at \$50.00 a week. Councilman Jarrett said he thought that when council last talked about this that Nancy did not need health insurance. Councilman Petty said circumstances have changed. Mr. Jarrett questioned how that affected the \$17,000. carry over in the budget? Mr. Petty said that the hourly rate was lowered and the co-

pay on insurance raised to compensate. Motion to approve the contract was made by Councilman Meighan and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington.
All ayes with Councilmen Jarrett & Hill opposed.
Motion passes 5/2.

POSSIBLE
BRUSH COST
SHARING:
APPROVED
NEW 2016
F-550 PLOW
TRUCK FOR
DPW:
APPROVED

The Borough Manager WILL contact area Municipalities regarding cost sharing for BRUSH DROP OFF.
Motion was made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilman Meighan. All ayes. Motion passes.
The purchase of a 2016 F-550 plow truck for DPW in the amount of \$78,778.83.
The funds would come out of the State Liquid Fuel account. Council President Hill said this is a CO-STAR provider so bid is necessary. Mr. Jarrett asked if there are any strings attached if they use the Liquid Fuels money. Mr. Hill said no strings attached to this purchase. Mr. Jarrett said he just wants to be sure the borough can use the truck for whatever is needed. Motion was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes, motion passes.

ANNUAL
DUMPSTER DAY
MAY 7, 2016:
APPROVED

Set the Annual Dumpster Day date to Saturday May 7, 2016 8am - 1pm.
Councilman Jarrett wanted Council to know that the annual Beyond Violence 5K is set for that date also At 1PM. He may suggest to Beyond Violence to change the time to 1:30PM so they are not running into people exiting Test Track Park. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Meighan and seconded by Councilman Petty. All ayes, motion passes.

CELEBRATE
BERWICK
EVENT ON
MAY 14, 2016:
APPROVED

Approval for Celebrate Berwick to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Council President Hill asked Councilman Jarrett if there were discussions for the event to be kept to the downtown area to benefit the downtown merchants. Mr. Jarrett said he has been out of the loop but yes that had been discussed and it is a good idea. A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes; motion passes.

LETTER OF
INTENT TO
GOVERNOR'S
CENTER FOR
PEER TO PEER
PROGRAM WAS:
TABLED

Council's request to submit a letter to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to request technical assistance in the form of the PEER to PEER Program for the Police management. This service is offered by the State at no cost to the municipality. A motion to table this was made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes with one opposed (Huntington). Motion to table passes.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMAN MEIGHAN TO VOLUNTEER IN POLICE DEPT: APPROVED

Appointment of Councilman Meighan to volunteer in the Police Department to answer phones in the absence of the police clerk. The Mayor asked if there was a need. Council President Hill asked Councilman Meighan how many days he volunteered last year. Mr. Meighan said 28 days. Council President Hill said it will be more than that this year. A motion was made by Councilman Bower. Councilman Petty called for a roll call vote. BOWER: YES, JARRETT: NO, MEIGHAN: ABSTAIN, SHECKTOR: YES, PETTY: NO, HUNTINGTON: YES, HILL: YES. Motion passes 4/2, 1 abstain.

POLICE UNIFORMS: TABLED

Police uniforms. Council President Hill called for a discussion. Councilman Bower said there is not enough information at this time and made a motion to table, this was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes, motion to table passes.

COLUMBIA COUNTY HOUSING CORP LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL PROJECT: APPROVED

Letter of support for the Columbia County Housing Corporation's LaSalle Blueprint Renewal Project and their work in the Berwick Blueprint Community. Councilman Jarrett opened the discussion saying he can now talk on the subject as he no longer works for the Housing Corporation. The CCHC (Columbia County Housing Corporation) is submitting a tax credit application for large scale housing project. Councilman Petty asked what type of housing. Mr. Jarrett said 24 new 15-year rental units with option to buy. CCHC would be the landlord. Applicant tenants would be screened. Mr. Petty asked if they would be separate units. Mr. Jarrett said yes, mostly single housing units but there may be some duplexes, he did not see the plans before he left. Councilwoman Huntington asked if there would an income level they have to meet and what is that income level. Mr. Jarrett said yes, it would depend on the size of the family. Mr. Petty asked for a ballpark estimate on the income level. Mr. Jarrett said family of 4 \$48,150.00. Mr. Jarrett said whatever they build will be far better than what is there now and all they are asking for is a letter of support. They have a letter from the school district, from Chief Strish, from the Health & Wellness Foundation, they have one from the United Way. Mr. Petty asked if this is going to be different from the other operation they have going on down there now behind Orange Street. Mr. Jarrett said that is not the CCHC that is Warrior Run Development, CCHC has nothing to do with that project. Councilmembers had a few more questions regarding screening of tenants. Mr. Jarrett said they will have background checks, criminal checks,

and credit checks done. Councilman Bower made a motion to send a letter of support, this was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion approved.

ADDED ITEMS:

TURKEY HILL
EASEMENT:
APPROVED

Turkey Hill submitted easement documents to the Borough Codes Office. The documents were given to the Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner. Attorney Kepner said we were asked to sign a blanket easement that states they will take care of any problems but the Borough has an easement to come in if there are problems and if they are not taken care of. The issue he had was that it stated that any problem that arise after the borough came in it would be the boroughs responsibility to pay for repairs. Mr. Kepner said we could not agree to that because the only reason the borough would come in would be if there was a problem that Turkey Hill did not take care of. So they agreed to make that change on the first agreement. The second agreement Mr. Kepner had no problem with but when the second agreement came back it had about 15 changes so he not sure what will happen with that. Mr. Kepner said he has no problem with the first 2-page agreement. Councilwoman Huntington said the matter should be tabled. Councilman Bower said they (Turkey Hill) want to close on it this month. Mr. Kepner said he is perfectly comfortable this 2-page agreement. Mrs. Huntington asked him if he was sure. Mr. Kepner said absolutely. Mrs. Huntington said she will hold Mr. Kepner accountable. Mr. Kepner said then you hold me accountable. The only thing he had a problem with was that originally they had the borough responsible and I said no. Councilman Bower made a motion to sign the Turkey Hill easement, this was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. Roll call vote was taken: BOWER: YES, JARRETT: YES, MEIGHAN: NO, SHECKTOR: YES (Councilman Shecktor asked before he voted if there was a conflict of interest because he was on the planning commission and he was advised by Attorney Kepner that there was not), PETTY: NO, HUNTINGTON: NO, Hill: YES. Motion passes 4/3.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilwoman Huntington. All ayes, Motion passes.