

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 17, 2017**

**AGENDA:**

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday JULY 17, 2017 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Presiding at this meeting was Vice President of Council Scott Bower, Council Members Jay Jarrett, Andrew Shecktor, Travis Petty, Joanne Huntington, Larry Surkin and Mayor Tim Burke.

Also present were Borough Manager Debra Force, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner, Police Chief Ken Strish, Fire Chief Randy Remphrey, and Press Enterprise reporter Susan Swartz.

Absent from the meeting was Council President Alvin Hill, and the engineer.

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

**REVIEW &**  
**APPROVAL**  
**OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Surkin, seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes, motion passes.

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

**Berwick resident Peggy Bafile on 719 Sycamore Street.** Still having problems with Mrs. Tuzzi feeding the birds scraps from the bakery. Now saying it not just bread but Danish, pizza and pie fillings. Councilman Bower said for Codes to send Mrs. Tuzzi to stop feeding the birds or be cited.

**Mrs. Long from Briar Creek Borough** here to invite Council and residents to their Centennial on Saturday.

**Cynthia Hollingshead-Stewart property owner of 121 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.** Requesting the un-named alley behind her property be opened. The un-named alley is over grown with trees and has not been

opened for years. Jack will take a look and report back. The Solicitor, Attorney Kepner said that the Borough may have lost its right to the alley due to it being obstructed for more than 21 years. Codes Officer said the alley does not appear on county mapping.

**Danielle Busch of 201 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.** Here to speak about the Chicken Ordinance. She is not in favor of an ordinance to deny chickens in the borough.

**Don Smith 1738 Spring Garden Ave.** Here to speak about cats. Having a problem with a neighbor letting his cats run loose. His cat keeps coming and pooping in his mulch. Would like to see an Ordinance to put some restrictions on cat owners. Council vice President asked who would enforce it as there are no state laws with regard to cats. Councilman Petty said he knows that this is a problem in the borough. Just putting an Ordinance in effect with no one to enforce it will not work. We would like to get some residents together to brain storm the situation.

**Patrick Brennan 610 Assunta Ave.** Cats all over his neighborhood. Would like to be in on the brain storming. Councilman Jarrett said there are Trap, Neuter and Release Programs out there.

**Ralph Shumaker of 222 Iron Street.** Here again to speak about his reservation with this Ordinance on chickens. He is against any restrictions.

**Tom Cashman** here to donate a new bicycle he recently won to the Go Joe event in memory of his son.

Andrew Shektor speaking as a citizen about the chicken ordinance. He is tired of seeing this ordinance coming up again and prays Council will let this thing die on the vine. It is one of the most poorly worded, useless, incongruent, unenforceable and **erreverable** ordinances.

**Ron Ire of 111 Arbor Street.** Tree in Arbor Park need trimming. Jack will take a look and report back.

**PRESENTATIONS** : NONE

**PREVIOUS**  
**MONTHS**  
**MINUTES**  
**APPROVED:**

**MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 19, 2017 MINUTES. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Shektor and seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.**

**PAYMENT**  
**OF BILLS**

**MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS was made by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Surkin. All ayes. Motion passes.**

AARON ZANOLINE	100.00	KENNETH STRISH	36.70
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	905.67	KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,667.42
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	205.67	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	68.45
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	367.79	KNORR HAULING, INC.	6,187.50
AVAYA, INC	27.83	LACAL EQUIPMENT, INC	234.22
BACKYARD BOUNCIN'	210.00	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	3,465.00
BARRY'S SERVICE INC.	65.00	LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	329.79
BASSLER EQUIPMENT CO.	178.22	MAGLOCLEN	400.00
BASSLER EQUIPMENT CO.	398.26	MARK TRAPANE	150.00
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL LLC	380.00	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	69.00
BERWICK AREA UNITED WAY	65.00	METRO TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	5,603.00
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	127.60	METROCAST	2.17
BERWICK FIRE POLICE	399.80	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUN	797.72
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	65.00	MICHAEL MONICO	1,151.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	895.28	MICHAEL MONICO	1,151.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	750.15	MICHAEL MONICO	1,151.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	MICHAEL MONICO	1,151.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	38,113.21	MID-ATLANTIC FIRE AND AIRE	41.93
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	1,151.20	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	406.22
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	36,508.70	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	302.75
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	33,924.97	MOBILE TRUCK REPAIR SERVICES	166.42
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	34,223.96	NANCY SBORZ	6.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	86.23	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	73.37
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	13.80
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	86.23	OSBURN ASSOCIATES, INC	276.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	740.00	P A W C	77.61
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	692.89	P A W C	21.41
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	29,650.00	P A W C	74.43
BOYER'S FOOD MARKET	122.57	P A W C	16.11
C.H. RINEHIMER	26.75	P A W C	2,778.30
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	274.30	PA UC FUND	303.90
CARL SIMCHA	550.00	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	16.25
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	40,696.88	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	1,818.75

CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,067.12	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	806.50
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	125.31	PPL	136.42
CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT	60.00	PPL	198.34
COLE'S HARDWARE	97.43	PPL	11,427.25
COLE'S HARDWARE	40.42	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	225.53
COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEMS, INC.	809.00	PROJECT BALD EAGLE	85.60
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	372.21	PSAB MUNI RETIREMENT TRUST	5,295.80
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY INC.	1,381.50	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
DOUG KNECHT REFRIGERATION SERV.	600.00	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	ROGERS UNIFORMS	147.00
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	108.80	SEDA-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	11,330.00
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	58.29	SQUARE ONE CONSTRUCTION	29,135.00
FIRE SPECIALTIES		SQUARE ONE CONSTRUCTION	17,650.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,955.70	ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER	2,500.00
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	535.56
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS.	871.34	STEPHEN LEVAN	352.96
FRANK FEDELLE	550.00	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	37.45
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	48.33	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	20.95
GALETON	80.53	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	656.62
GENERAL SALES, INC.	56.95	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	47.52
GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CO, INC	1,341.06	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	649.30
HAB-DLT/BERKHEIMER	92.80	TEAMSTERS	1,220.00
HARTMAN & LALLY INSURERS, INC.	2,825.45	TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG	65.25
HELENA CHEMICAL CO	105.00	TRAFFIC PARTS	63.69
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,786.02	TREASURER OF COLUMBIA COUNTY	125.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	27.96
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,987.29	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	94.09
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	34.21
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,818.17	TUZZI'S BAKERY	75.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	34.69
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,790.24	VERIZON WIRELESS	376.72
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	150.00	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	326.20
JACK KYTTLE	30.00	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
JARBOE MOTORS	166.50	WEX BANK	1,112.99
JC ADLER LLC	165.00	YIS/COWDEN GROUP INC.	62.75
JNK HYDROTEST & EXTINGUISHER	516.00		

## **REPORTS**

### **OF**

### **COMMITTEES:**

MAYOR: Tim Burke.

- Presented checks to SMILE single Moms, Stuiie Tank, Toys for TOTS, Christmas Boulevard, along with the previous donation to Beyond Violence this brings donations to \$2,000.00 from the Mayor's Ball.
- Go Joe coming July 26<sup>th</sup>.

- The Police Dept has again been faced with an active shooter. Statics continue to climb all the while the department is short staffed. We need to support our force. And give them the necessary equipment and man power to do their job and keep them safe. We have gun rack that need to be installed and that needs to be expedited.
- Grievance has been settled. Everyone has a copy. No one won here it has taken up precious time. Attorney Kepner stated he had not had a chance to give anyone a copy because it only came in on Firday. The hearing officer said we have to follow our Civil Service rules.

ENGINEER: Not in attendance.

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner.

- See statements under Mayor's report with regard to the Grievance settlement.

PERSONNEL: Travis Petty-Joanne Huntington- Debra Force.

- Nothing

LEGAL AND FINANCE: Travis Petty-Andrew Shecktor-Debra Force.

- Councilman Petty stated that the Legal Committee is opposed to the Ordinance regarding the chickens. Councilman Shecktor agreed.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Jay Jarrett - Alvin Hill.

- Concerts are going well.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Andrew Shecktor - Jay Jarrett - Greg Harkins.

- Greg Harkins stated there will be a work shop in early fall.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: Joanne Huntington-Larry Surkin -Jack Kyttle.

- SEE DPW REPORT. Paving on Grant Street and High School Ave has been completed.

FIRE AND WATER: Andrew Shecktor, Larry Surkin,  
Fire Chief Randy Remphrey.

- SEE FIRE REPORT.
- The Fire Dept will participate in the "No Warrior Left Behind" ride this Saturday.
- Councilman Jarrett said Berwick Fire Dept lost a very valuable member. Tom O'Connell passed away on Saturday and the viewing is tomorrow night 6-8PM at Heller's in Nescopeck.

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: Scott Bower - Larry Surkin - Greg Harkins.

- SEE CODES REPORT.

SAFETY: Joanne Huntington-Scott Bower.

- Nothing

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

- SEE REPORT.
- Chief Strish took the time to thank all the responders to the active shoot incident.
- National Night Out will be held August 1<sup>st</sup>, times to be announced.

BAJSA REPORT: Scott Bower.

- SEE REPORT.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**: NONE

**ORDINANCES &  
RESOLUTIONS**: NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**:

1. Consider and take action on the following SEDA-COG requests:

**A: Consider Approval of FFY 2017 Annual Action Plan.**

Discussion: NONE

**A motion was made by Councilman Shecktor, seconded by Councilman Surkin. All ayes, motion passes.**

**B. Consider Approval of FFY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment #1.**

Discussion: NONE

**A motion was made by Councilman Shecktor, seconded by Councilman Surkin. All ayes, motion passes.**

**C. Consider Approval of FFY 2016 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2.**

Discussion: NONE

**A motion was made by Councilman Shecktor, seconded by Councilman Surkin. All ayes, motion passes.**

**D. Consider Approval to Solicit Contracting Firms for the Homeowner Sidewalk Rehabilitation Program.**

Discussion: NONE

**A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett, seconded by Councilman Surkin. All ayes, motion passes.**

**E. Consider approval to pay engineering invoice to Peters Consulting; one for \$123.75. To be paid from CDBG funds under the Grant Street Project.**

Discussion: NONE

**A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett, seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes, motion passes.**

**F. Consider approval of Change Order #2 for Perter Consultants, Inc for a net decrease of \$1,720.80 on the Grant Street Project.**

Discussion: NONE

**A motion was made by Councilman Petty, seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes, motion passes.**

2. Consider and take action on Change Order #1 for the un-named alley paving project being done by Don E. Bower. An additional cost of \$5,656.00 is being added to the project due to the need for additional milling after a layer of asphalt was found under the roadway.

Discussion: NONE

**Motion to approve was made by Councilman Shecktor,  
Seconded by Councilman Surkin. All ayes, motion passes.**

3. Consider and take action on working with Briar Creek Borough with regard to CDBG funds for improvements to Ber-Vaughn Park.

Discussion:

**Motion to approve was made by Councilman Surkin, Seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes, motion passes.**

4. Consider and take action to install 2 street lights and poles across from the wooden pavilion at Test Track Park.

DISCUSSION:

**Motion to approve Councilman Shecktor and seconded by Councilman Surkin. All ayes, motion passes.**

5. Consider and take action to direct the Civil Service Commission to begin advertising for Police Officer hiring once the Commission is fully prepared and ready to proceed with the hiring process.

DISCUSSION:

**Motion to approve Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Petty. All ayes, motion passes.**

6. Consider and take action to Advertise the Prohibited Animal Ordinance that was tabled in 2016.

DISCUSSION:

**Died on the floor for lack of a motion.**

7. Consider and take action to advertise for bids on 2 not in service Crown Victoria Police vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

**Motion to approve Councilman Petty and seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes, motion passes.**

8. Consider and take action on non-attendance of scheduled County training session by West Berwick Fire Company, Eagles Hose Company and the Berwick Fire Chief.



DISCUSSION: Council discussed and agreed to let the Fire Chief handle this issue and wanted this removed from the agenda.

**Motion to remove this from the agenda was made by Councilman Surkin and seconded by Councilman Shecktor. All ayes, motion to remove passes.**

**ADDED ITEMS:**

**A. NONE ADDED**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Petty, seconded by Councilman Surkin.**