

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 20, 2019**  
**7:00PM Council Meeting**

**AGENDA:**

Regular meeting of the Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00PM; in City Hall. Presiding at this meeting was President of Council Jeri Alley, Council Members present, Jay Jarrett, Nelson Learn, Bob Lewis, Andrew Shecktor, Pete Talanca, Teresa Troiani, Mayor Tim Burke, and Borough Manager Damien Scoblink.

Also present were Chief of Police Ken Strish, Borough Solicitor Attorney Frank Kepner, DPW Foreman Jack Kyttle, Administration Assistant Nancy Sborz and a Press Enterprise Reporter Susan Swartz.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING  
CITIZENS**

**Bobby Myers of 247 Iron Street.** Neighbors High grass, garbage in house and garage. House is a mess.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**PERSONAL APPEALS:**

**Vinnie Hippensteel 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 they are working on it.

**Fred Gause of 333 S. Mercer Street:** Stated that he is still having issue with Wise Chips. Agrees Vinnie's place is a problem.

**Saint Paul's Church:** In to submit paper work to vacate a grass alley. Council will discuss at next work shop.

**Mrs. Clemens:** Regarding her complaint Council made on her neighbors. Attorney Kepner said the arguments are set to be heard in July in court.

**Mayor Tim Burke:** Said he received a thank you note from Coz Curry thanking Council for its support for the ALS Walk that had 400 walkers.

**Mayor Tim Burke:** Also received a thank you note from Mrs. Mick Hunsinger and family thanking council for the flower arrangement they sent and for closing City Hall for staff to attend Mick's funeral

**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 April 15, 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 Lewis and seconded by Councilman Learn to pay the bill listing.  
All ayes. Motion passes.

A CERTIFIED ARBORIST, LLC	850.00	LECCE ELECTRIC, INC.	576.62
AARON ZANOLINE	131.00	MARINOS, MCDONALD & KNECHT, LLP	84.00
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	857.21	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	1,092.61
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	338.60	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	34.50
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	154.70	MBC SOLUTIONS	2,700.00
ANNETTE BRENNAN	50.00	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	858.28
ANNUZIATO DEGEORGE	50.00	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	862.79
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	130.37	MICHAEL LONG	555.62
ATLANTIC BROADBAND	2.17	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	574.68
AUTOZONE	11.37	MIDLAND ASPHALT MATERIALS INC.	572.93
AUTOZONE	54.98	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	421.40
AVAYA, INC	33.68	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	462.11
BEAVER VALLEY ENVIRENMENTAL LLC	250.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	556.81
BENCHMARK INSURANCE COMPANY	1,931.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	375.33
BERWICK AREA UNITED WAY	65.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	420.27
BERWICK POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOC	273.00	NAPA AUTOPARTS BERWICK	524.83
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	257.84	NAT ALEXANDER COMPANY	227.50
BODNAR SALES & SERVICE	144.29	NESCOPECK BOROUGH	690.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK GENERAL FUND	13,463.37	NMS	1,230.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	766.67	NMS	484.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK MUNICIPAL PENSION	774.69	P A W C	38.23
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	42,276.86	P A W C	23.40
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	42,031.13	P A W C	15.42
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	2,232.12	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	41,158.04	P A W C	2,601.58
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	40,440.30	PA TURNPIKE TOLL BY PLATE	7.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	40,054.53	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	35.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	111.76	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	52.36
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	111.76	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	2,212.87
BOROUGH OF BERWICK PAYROLL ACCOUNT	166.67	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	373.75
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	1,002.20	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	633.83
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	957.78	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	802.90
BORO OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	1,814.05	PETERS CONSULTANTS, INC.	565.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	17,250.00	PITNEY BOWES PURCHASE POWER	400.00
BRADLEY LORD	188.00	PPL	249.83

CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	38.00	PPL	1,184.14
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	115.02	PPL	175.56
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO., LLC	6,131.32	PPL	12,118.22
CASSANDRA MOWERY	262.95	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	483.86
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	53,467.74	PSAB	275.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,186.65	PSAB MUNI RETIREMENT TRUST	5,081.21
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,248.16	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	4,455.00
CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA COMM FOUNDATION	200.00	QUAD THREE GROUP, INC.	460.00
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	84.94	QUILL CORPORATION	25.56
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	99.98	RANDY GAUGLER	115.65
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	110.56	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
CH WALTZ SONS, INC	30.99	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
CHRISTOPHER KELCHNER	359.21	REAGAN RAFFERTY	414.48
CIMMIE M MERTZ	285.00	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CNA SURETY	100.00	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
CNA SURETY	175.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	63.98
COLE'S HARDWARE	142.19	ROBERT MAIER	50.00
COLE'S HARDWARE	334.52	ROCK-N-RESCUE	1,440.96
COLE'S HARDWARE	59.23	ROGERS UNIFORMS	880.00
COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEMS, INC.	130.00	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	54.83
COMPUTER SOFTWARE, INC.	8,595.54	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	1,265.47
CUSTOM PRODUCTS CORP	4,977.73	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	220.37
DCED	387.00	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	301.61
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	1,237.52	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	95.99
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	27.50	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	1,175.07
DOUGLAS CARRATHERS	152.07	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	74.94
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	773.33	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	266.00
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	383.33	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	1,150.39
EUGENE GOLLA	50.00	STEVEN TORRES	130.50
FASTENAL COMPANY	72.07	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	411.82
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	90.99
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	68.50
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	3,575.99	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	995.36
FIVE STAR INTERNATIONAL LLC	142.43	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	212.90
FSSOLUTIONS	97.26	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	1,096.84
GENERAL CODE	1,082.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	242.46
GENERAL SALES, INC.	374.06	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	34.54
GREGORY MARTIN	30.41	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	25.93
HAB-DLT/BERKHEIMER	89.50	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	460.94
HANSON AGGREGATES INC	424.50	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	382.99
HILLER'S HEATING & AC	196.13	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	6,525.00
ICC, INC.	135.00	SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY FIREARMS LLC	619.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,306.13	TEAM GREEN RECYCLING & CONTAINER	17,250.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	245.00	TEAMSTERS	1,519.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,379.40	TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG	61.75
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	245.00	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	106.32
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,215.03	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	23.45
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	245.00	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	347.22

ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,185.41	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	144.69
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	380.00	ULINE	68.51
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	2,094.86	VERIZON WIRELESS	370.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST 457-304347	380.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	370.90
KENNETH STRISH	505.05	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	243.60
KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	1,857.15	WEDDLE TOOL COMPANY	219.76
KEPNER, KEPNER & CORBA, P.C.	3,444.35	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,630.00	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	35.99	WEX BANK	2,225.73
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	945.47	WEX BANK	2,826.17
LAUBACH'S AUTO REPAIR	44.49		

## REPORTS

### OF COMMITTEES:

MAYOR: Mayor Tim Burke: 04/24/19 Attended a luncheon at the Senior Citizen's Center.  
04/25/19 Met with Columbia-Sullivan Head Start and Luzerne County Community college.  
04/30/19 Talked to Scouts.  
05/15/19 Kick the Sweets with Betty Grey ended and next up will be Kick the salt.

Pennsylvania State Mayors Association

06/03/19 Amici will do a Community meal @ 5 PM on this date for 100.  
05/19/19 Mayor & wife helped serve community meal at Grace Lutheran Church.

This year The Mayor's Ball made \$10,000. to be given to Berwick Area Non-Profits. The Mayor will also be raising money with 3 soft-ball games. Date/Times to be announced.

SOLICITOR: Attorney Frank Kepner: Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL: Councilman Jarrett: Nothing to report.

LEGAL & FINANCE: Council President Alley: Nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Councilman Jarrett: Concert start May 30<sup>th</sup>. Schedules are on the back table.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Councilman Shektor: Filed a complaint with Congressman Meuser's office with regard to MS4 costs.

STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS: **Jack Kytte**: SEE REPORT.

FIRE & WATER: **Councilman Shektor**: Nothing to report.

CODES, RECYCLING & ORDINANCES: **Councilman Learn & Talanca**: will be meeting with Codes next week.

SAFETY: **Councilman Lewis**: Nothing to report.

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

BAJSA REPORT: SEE REPORT.

**BUSINESS**

**NOT READY**

**FOR ACTION: NONE**

**OLD**

**BUSINESS: NONE**

**APPROVAL OF  
ORDINANCES**

**AND RESOLUTIONS: RESOLUTION 2019-03** Authorizing the filing of funds with the Department of community & Economic Development (DCED). Motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to approve the above resolution, this was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approved Peters Consulting Payments** A motion was made by Councilman Shektor to approve the payment to Peters Consulting for \$633.83 and \$565.00 from CDBG funding for the ADA Curbing. This was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Accepted Resignation Of Damien Scoblink From Civil Service Commission** Councilwoman Troiani made a motion to accept the resignation of Damien Scoblink from the Civil Service Commission. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved advertisement for Civil Service Commission Members** Councilman Jarrett made a motion to advertise for Civil Service Commission members. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved to  
Advertise for  
Parking  
Enforcement  
Officer**

Councilman Talanca made a motion to advertise for a Parking Enforcement Officer after the Personnel Committee meets to set days/hours/salary/job description. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved  
Raising the  
Parking Ticket  
Fee**

Councilman Learn made a motion to raise the parking ticket fee to \$25.00 with a stipulation that if the ticket is paid within 48 hours the fee is \$10.00. this was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved Pool  
Triathlon for  
Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to approve the Pool Triathlon for Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> on borough streets. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved the  
Waiver of a second  
Zoning fee for  
First Baptist  
Church**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to waive a seconded Zoning Fee of \$325.00 for First Baptist Church due to changes they made to plans that call for a second hearing. The \$200.00 advertising fee will still have to be paid by the Church. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All Ayes. Motion passes. Councilman Learn abstained as he belongs to the Church.

**Approved  
Solicitor  
To Write an  
Ordinance  
banning  
Tractor/Trailer  
Parking Ban on  
N. Mulberry**

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca to have the Solicitor write and advertise an Ordinance to ban tractor and/or trailers from parking on N. Mulberry Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Columbia Avenue. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved a  
60-day extension  
On sidewalk  
Repairs for  
Councilman  
Shecktor**

A motion was made by Councilman Learn to grant Councilman Shecktor a 60-day extension ending July 19, 2019 to find a solution to fixing his sidewalk. This was seconded by Councilman Lewis. All ayes. Motion passes. Councilman Shecktor abstained from the vote.

**Accepted  
Resignation of  
Officer Bradley  
Lord**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiani to accept the resignation of Officer Bradley Lord. this was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved to  
Hire a new  
Full time  
Police Officer**

A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to hire Joseph Loyacono as a full time officer. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved  
Donation of  
Non-working  
Mower to Pool  
Association**

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca to donate a non-working mower (value \$500.00) to the Swimming Pool Assoc. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved DPW  
Purchase of an  
Easy Screen 600**

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca for DPW to purchase an Easy Screen 600 from Easy Screen Argus Industrial Company not to exceed \$16,000.00 to paid for from Liquid Fuels. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved  
Borough Manager  
To attend area  
Conferences**

A motion was made by Councilman Learn for the Borough Manager Damien Scoblink to attend 3 area conferences in May, June and August. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved  
BIDA to use  
Municipal  
Parking Lot  
Each Friday  
in June**

A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to approve BIDA to use 8-12 NON-PERMIT parking spaces every Friday in June for classes they are holding. This was seconded by Councilman Talanca. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Approved  
DEMO List**

A motion was made by Councilman Talanca to approve the Borough's DEMO list as follows: 315 R Mulberry Street, 1210 Susquehanna Avenue, 1654 Brittain Street, 1125 Good Avenue, 548/550 West Front Street **AND remove** 1720 Brittain Street from the DEMO list. This was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Added Items:**

**Approved  
Donation to  
Joint Veterans  
Council of  
\$300.00  
for Memorial Day 2019**

Councilman Jarrett added a request from the JVC Joint Veterans Council for a donation of \$300.00 for the Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony and made a motion to pay the donation. This was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

**Adjournment**

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

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Damien Scoblink, Borough Manager**