



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 13, 2015

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Greg Roussel

Minutes from last meeting: December 9, 2014

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARINGS @ 7:15

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ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

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RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

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New Business:

1. Mayoral appointments

2. Approve Progress Payment No. 1 – Miller Engineers - \$18,518.11 (Sewer Collection System)

Adjournment

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF BERWICK, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY**

January 13, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana, met in regular session at their regular meeting place, the Town Hall, Berwick, Louisiana, Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

Prior to the meeting Town Attorney Allen McElroy swore in Mayor Louis Ratcliff; the Town Council – Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison and Greg Roussel; Constable of Ward 8 J.P. Henry and Justice of the Peace of Ward 8 Herb Mashburn. Due to the death of his mother, Councilman Damon Robison left the meeting after being sworn in.

There were present: Council members Jacki Ackel, Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, and Greg Roussel.

Absent: Damon Robison

Also present was a representative of KWBJ and The Daily Review.

Councilman Greg Roussel led the prayer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Berwick, State of Louisiana were duly convened as the governing authority of said Town, by the Honorable Louis Ratcliff, Mayor, who then stated that the Mayor and Council were ready for the transaction of business.

Mayor Ratcliff then stated that as customary, the top vote recipient of the Councilmembers in the past election would be named as Mayor Pro-Tem. Therefore, the Mayor recommended that Councilwoman Ackel be afforded that title. Upon motion by Councilman Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, Jacki Ackel was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem by unanimous voice vote for the next four years.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

The Treasurer's report, having been reviewed, was approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Greg Roussel.

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for January, 2015.

Guests: Beverly Domengeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging Director, thanked the mayor and council for their support.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of December, 2014. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for December, 2014, were about half the amount written in December, 2013. Chief Richard stated that the town experienced its first fatality of 2015 when a person was struck and killed at the Highway 90/Thurguson Drive intersection. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 39 calls for December, 2014. There were 31 medical assist calls, 6 vehicle accidents, 4 good intention calls, 1 mutual aid and 3 fire alarms. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Public Works Director Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report for December. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, cutting grass on the highways and other projects. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle stated that Planning and Zoning had nothing to report. Troy Lombardo stated that the recreation committee will meet on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 to discuss the construction of the gazebo on the Atchafalaya River. The new playground equipment under the Highway 90

Bridge has been installed. Town Engineer Reid Miller was present and stated that his firm had started the design phase on the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail. The permit for the sewer line has been submitted and survey work for Highway 182 and the pipeline has been completed. Survey work for Old Spanish Trail has been completed. No report for Anti-Litter Committee or Economic Development. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 under New Business – Mayor Appointments. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Greg Roussel, the following appointments were approved unanimously: Town Clerk - Newell Slaughter; CAO - Newell Slaughter; Police Chief - James Richard; Fire Chief - Allen Rink; Town Attorney - Allen McElroy; City Court Magistrate - J.P. Morella; Planning & Zoning Director - Gary Beadle; Berwick Recreation Advisory Board - Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Roslyn Conrad, Cabrini Angeron, Randall Monceaux; Berwick Water Works Joint Board - John Tholen, new member replacing Oway Rogers who resigned, Herb Mashburn is an existing member of the board; Economic Development – Jacki Ackel, Greg Roussel; St. Mary Parish Anti-Litter – Jacki Ackel; Wharf Lease – Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Newell Slaughter; Finance Committee – Greg Roussel, Jacki Ackel, Newell Slaughter; Public Safety Committee – Duval Arthur, Troy Lombardo, James Richard, Allen Rink, Rafael Lopez; Town Engineering Firm – Miller Engineering; Fiscal Agent – Whitney Bank. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, Jacki Ackel was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem by unanimous voice vote for the next four years. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, Vanessa Romero, as replacement of Jacki Ackel was appointed unanimously to the Berwick Housing Authority Board.

Item #2 under New Business – Approve Progress Payment No. 1 – Miller Engineers. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the payment was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the meeting adjourned.

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk