



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**January 12, 2010**

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.**

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas**

**Minutes from last meeting: December 8, 2009**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Guests:**

**Police Report**

**Fire Report**

**Public Works Report**

**Consulting Engineers Report**

**Committee Reports**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chitimacha District Cub Scouts parade – February 6, 2010 – Jason Watson

**Adjournment**

**Newell W. Slaughter, Town Clerk**

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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 12, 2010**

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 12, 2010 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, and Edgar Thomas.

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of The Daily Review, and KWBJ.

Councilman Edgar Thomas led the prayer.

Councilman Damon Robison 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.

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 Edgar Thomas.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of December, 2009. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for December, 2009 were less than December, 2008. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for December 2009 were slightly higher than December 2008. Chief Richard stressed that residents should keep their vehicles locked when parked at their homes because there have been a few vehicle burglaries in the past month. Also, residents are cautioned to proceed with care in light of the recent cold and rainy weather. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

The fire report was presented by Chief Wayne LaCoste. There were six calls for December. There were four structure fires, with one resulting in a fatality. Chief LaCoste stated that fire calls for 2009 were less than the fire calls for 2008. The mayor cautioned residents that with the onset of winter and the use of space heaters and other temporary heating devices, that they should make sure that their smoke detectors were in good working order. Chief LaCoste also said that residents with gas water heaters should have functioning carbon monoxide detector. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Allen Benoit presented the Public Works report. Mr. Benoit stated that the 12" water pipe for the new water intake line for the water plant has been delivered and that his crews will begin installation within the next week. The project should take between 3-5 weeks, depending on weather conditions. The rehabilitation of the wharf between Crappell's Seafood and the Old Basin Marine building has begun. The areas for the piles have been marked and the contractor will begin driving the piles next week. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning Board did not meet. The Economic Development, Litter and Blighted Property Committees did not meet. Recreation advisory committee chairman Penny Crappell and gave a brief report on the basketball and pickleball league. Basketball league play has begun and there will be fourteen teams participating this year. Pickleball is still going well and the new roof for the water fountain and mister on the walking trail is being installed. The "Relay for Life" fund raiser for cancer has been moved from Morgan City to

Berwick and will be held at Berwick High School football stadium on May 1, 2010. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Chitimacha District Cub Scouts Parade Permit – Jason Watson. Mr. Watson, Cub Master for the Berwick pack, addressed the mayor and council and gave details concerning the February 6 parade and pushmobile race that will comprised of scouts from Morgan City to Franklin. He stated that the parade will begin at 10:00.M. at Pharr Park and proceed down Francis Street, Fifth Street, Texas Street, Second Street, Canton Street, and end at Town Hall. The pushmobile races will be held under the bridge. Also, a fun jump will be available for the scouts. He asked that the town provide a fire truck and a police escort for the parade. Mayor Ratcliff stated that the town would provide assistance as requested. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the parade permit was approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the meeting adjourned.

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Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk