



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

October 13, 2015

Date of Notice: October 6, 2015

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: October 13, 2015
Time: 7:15 P.M.
Place: Council Meeting Room
3225 Third Street
Berwick, LA 70342

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: September 8, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests: Gary Duhon – Candidate for St. Mary Parish President

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARINGS @ 7:15

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 669 – Amend Garbage Pickup Rates**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

- 1. Adopt Ordinance No. 669 – Amend Garbage Pickup Rates**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Proclamation No. 01-16 - Red Ribbon Committee**
- 2. Resolution No. 01-16 – Support of Drainage Fee Renewal**
- 3. Resolution No. 02-16 - LMGA**

New Business:

- 1. Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**
- 2. Approve Progress Payment No. 4 to Miller Engineers - \$26,164.24**

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**

October 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, October 13, 2015, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Councilman Damon Robison led the prayer.

Councilman Greg Roussel 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 Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

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

The guests for October, 2015 were Gary Duhon, candidate for St. Mary Parish President and Paul Naquin, candidate for the St. Mary Parish Council, District 9. Both candidates addressed the mayor and council, stated their qualifications for their respective offices and asked for their support.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of September, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for September, 2015, were about three times the amount written in September, 2014. Chief Richard stated that Purple Heart Outdoors will be holding a 5K run/walk on October 18, 2015. The route will be from A.J. Dohmann to the Junior High. Food and beverages will be provided by Cannata's and Troy Landry. There will also be a Jeep Car Show. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison the permit for the run was approved unanimously.

Chief Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 22 calls for September, 2015. There were 14 medical assist calls, 4 vehicle accident, 2 good intention calls, and 2 fire calls. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report for September, 2015. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, cutting grass on the highways and other projects. Construction on the final phase of the Berwick Walking Trail is approximately nearing 100% complete. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Jason St. Romain with Miller Engineers was present and stated that the design of the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail is complete. He is also working on Right of Ways for Berwick Land Company and Southern Equestrian Stables, and our permit for Corp of Engineers is nearing approval. He stated that the Corp of Engineers had reported to him that the new sewer project would have 9.2 acres of mitigation. He stated that plans for the subdivision being developed by Privat Construction Company will be complete in the next two weeks. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Public Safety, Anti-Litter, Recreation, and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that the board met on October

7, 2015 and recommended that the mayor call for a public hearing to approve a subdivision of property on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the motion to call the public hearing was approved unanimously. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Public Hearings.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 669 – Amend Garbage pickup rates. After no comments from the audience or the council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinances - Approve/Adopt – Amend Garbage Pickup Rates. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Proclamation No. 01-16 – Red Ribbon Committee. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Duval Arthur, the proclamation was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 01-16 – support of Drainage Fee Renewal on October 24, 2015 election date. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #3 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 02-16 – LMGA. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #1 under new business – Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the questionnaire was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under new business – Approve Progress Payment No. 4 to Miller Engineers for \$26,164.21 was approved unanimously.

Councilman Greg Roussel informed the mayor and council that the Recreation District No. 3 property tax that is levied on some Berwick residents and businesses that Senator Bret Allain will introduce legislation to re-draw the lines of the district to remove Berwick. He also stated that residents will only be subject to the 1.5 mills that has been bonded going forward.

Mayor Ratcliff stated that Halloween would be held on October 31 from 6-8 P.M.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk