



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

November 10, 2015

Date of Notice: November 3, 2015

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: November 10, 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: October 13, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:15

1. **Re-division of property by Mike Smith – Creating three lots, 2 R-1 and 1 B-1**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1. **Take action on re-division of property**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Resolution No. 03-16 – Support for Capital Outlay 15-16 – Asphaltic Concrete Overlay of Various Streets**
2. **Resolution No. 04-16 – Support for Capital Outlay 15-16 - Sewer Rehabilitation in Fourth, Fifth, Texas, Francis, and Utah Streets**
3. **Resolution No. 05-16 – LCDBG Street Overlay Grant**
4. **Resolution No. 06-16 – Certify Election Results**

New Business:

1. **Approve Holiday Schedule for 2015-16 Fiscal Year**
2. **Call for public hearing for construction of pond on Highway 182 as per Ordinance No. 612**

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**

November 10, 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, November 10, 2015, at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: Duval Arthur

Also present was a representatives 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.

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

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

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

The guest for November, 2015 was Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging. She invited everyone to Prize Bingo on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the American Legion Post 242 in Patterson.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of October, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for October, 2015, were about three times the amount written in October, 2014. After no further comments, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Chief Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 30 calls for October, 2015. There were 25 medical assist calls, 1 vehicle accident, 2 good intention calls, and 2 fire calls. Chief Rink reminded everyone to check the batteries in their smoke alarms and to check their fire extinguishers. Fire extinguishers may be brought to the fire department for testing to insure that that they are in working order. 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 October, 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. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller with Miller Engineers was not present but provided a report. The updated plats for the Old Spanish Trail and Highway 182 sewer project were submitted for new lift station locations, one being on Southern Equestrian Stables property and the other on Berwick, LLC property. The permit drawings were revised and resubmitted to the Army Corp of Engineers to reduce the impacts for the force main construction from Highway 182 to Highway 90. A letter was received from the Corps and the mitigation requirements were reduced from 9.5 acres to 3.9 acres. Revisions were made as per DOTD comments & "plan-in-hand" meeting for the sidewalk project in old Berwick. Plans were submitted to DOTD for final review. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Public Safety, Recreation, and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that the board met on November 3, 2015

and recommended that the mayor call for a public hearing for a pond to be constructed on Highway 182. See agenda Item #2 under New Business for details. Anti-Litter Chairperson Jacki Ackel stated that two Keep Berwick Beautiful signs will soon be erected in Berwick. 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 re-division of property owned by Southern Equestrian Stables, LLC. After no comments from the audience or the council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinances - Approve/Adopt – Revision of property. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the re-division of property owned Southern Equestrian Stables, LLC was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 03-16 – Support of Capital Outlay for 15-16 – Asphaltic Concrete Overlay of Various Street. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Greg Roussel, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 04-16 – Support of Capital Outlay 15-16 – Sewer Rehabilitation on Fourth, Fifth, Texas, Francis and Utah Streets. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #3 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 05-16 – Support for LCDBG for street overlay in old Berwick. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #4 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 06-16 – Certify Election Results for Drainage Fee. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under new business – 2015-16 Holiday Schedule. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the holiday schedule was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under new business – Call for public hearing for construction of pond on Highway 182. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the call for public hearing was approved unanimously.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk