



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

December 8, 2015

Date of Notice: December 1, 2015

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: December 8, 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: November 10, 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. **Public hearing for construction of pond on Highway 182 as per Ordinance No. 612**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1. **Take action on request to construct pond on Highway 182**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Resolution No. 6-16 – Southern Equestrian Stables, LLC donation of property (Expand agenda)**
2. **Resolution No. 7-16 – Acceptance of servitude from Berwick, LLC (Expand agenda)**

New Business:

1. **Approve Liquor Licenses for 2016:**
 - a. **St. Mary Golf & Country Club**
 - b. **Ganaway's #4**
 - c. **Country Club Express**
 - d. **Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge**
 - e. **Hollywood Truck Plaza (Cash Magic)**
 - f. **Hollywood Plaza Casino (Cash Magic)**
 - g. **Stazione's Deli Market**
 - h. **Bayou Lagniappe Restaurant**
2. **Re-Appoint James Richard to Berwick Housing Authority – Term will expire December 31, 2020**
3. **Consider expanding agenda to take action on acceptance of donation of property from Southern Equestrian Stables, LLC**
4. **Consider expanding agenda to take action on acceptance of servitude of property from Berwick, LLC**

Adjournment

Newell 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**

December 8, 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, December 8, 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel led the prayer.

Councilman Duval Arthur 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 Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

The guest for December, 2015 was Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging. She delivered a copy of their FYE audit report. She stated that there were no findings in the audit or a reduction in services. She also stated that there was a need for 15 small electrical heaters in Berwick.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of November, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for November, 2015, were about three times the amount written in November, 2014. Mayor Ratcliff asked Chief Richard about his wedding that is scheduled for December 30 and wished him well. After no further comments, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Captain Hugo Taylor presented the fire report and stated that they had approximately 30 calls for November, 2015. The 911 office was unable to furnish the department with a report for November activity. 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 November, 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. The final section of the walking trail on Fairview is approximately 10% complete. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller with Miller Engineers presented his report and stated that the final revisions of the sewer project on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182 are complete and will be forwarded to Baton Rouge for review. 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. The plans for the new subdivision on Fairview Drive are complete. The land owner, Privat Construction, is concerned about the economy and is

waiting to start construction. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Public Safety, Planning and Zoning and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Recreation Committee Chairman Troy Lombardo stated that a citizen had approached the committee wishing to play baseball on the Pony Field at the Berwick Civic Center. The home plate, foul poles and bases would have to be moved to accommodate the league. Anti-Litter Chairperson Jacki Ackel stated a Litter Index meeting will be held somewhere in St. Mary Parish on December 9, 2015. 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 construction of a pond on Highway 182 as per Ordinance No. 612. After no comments from the audience or the council, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.

Item #1 under Ordinances - Approve/Adopt – Take action on request to construct pond on Highway 182. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Damon Robison, the request to build a pond on Highway 182 was approved by unanimous voice vote with the requirement that the pond will be located at least 25 feet from the property line.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 6-16 – Southern Equestrian Stables, LLC donation of property for sewer lift station on Old Spanish Trail. After the agenda was expanded to consider this resolution, a motion was made by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 7-16 – Acceptance of servitude from Berwick, LLC for installation of sewer system on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182. After the agenda was expanded to consider this resolution, a motion was made by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur. The resolution was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Item #1 under new business – Approve Liquor Licenses for 2016:

- a. St. Mary Golf & Country Club
- b. Ganaway's #4
- c. Country Club Express
- d. Woodie's Lighthouse Lounge
- e. Hollywood Truck Plaza (Cash Magic)
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Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the licenses were approved by a vote of four votes for approval and one abstention. Councilman Roussel abstained because he is a member of the board of St. Mary Country Club.

Item #2 under new business – Re-appoint James Richard to the Berwick Housing Authority Board of Directors. Upon motion by Jacki Ackel and seconded by Damon Robison, the appointment was approved unanimously.

Item #3 under new business – Consider expanding agenda to take action on acceptance of donation of property from Southern Equestrian Stables, LLC. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the agenda was expanded by unanimous voice vote to consider adoption of Resolution No. 6-16.

Item #4 under new business – Consider expanding agenda to take action on acceptance of servitude from Berwick, LLC. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the agenda was expanded by unanimous voice vote to consider adoption of Resolution No. 7-16.

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

Louis Ratcliff – Mayor

Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk