



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

February 2, 2016

Date of Notice: January 25, 2016

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: February 2, 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: January 12, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines On: Kate Hicks – St. Mary Parish Middle School Student of the Year
Laura Rentrop – St. Mary Parish Middle School Teach of the Year

Guests:

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARING @ 7:15

- 1. Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance**

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

- 1. Adopt Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance**

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Resolution No. 9-16 – Resolution of Respect for Ralph Guidry**
- 2. Resolution No. 10-16 – Resolution of Respect for Annette Bowman**

New Business:

- 1. Allow Mayor Ratcliff to negotiate with mitigation bank for Highway 182/Old Spanish Trail sewer project**

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**

February 2, 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, February 2, 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 representative of 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 Shines on Kate Hicks, St. Mary Parish Middle School Student of the Year and Laura Rentrop, St. Mary Parish Middle School Teacher of the Year. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel presented them with a certificate of appreciation from the Town of Berwick.

There were no guests for February, 2015.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of January, 2016. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for January, 2016, were about two times the amount written in January, 2015. After no further comments, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda, Fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 16 calls for January, 2016. There was 9 medical calls, 4 auto wrecks, 1 small fire and 2 good intent call. 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 January, 2016. 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 opening gates on the seawall as the Atchafalaya River falls. 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 presented his report and stated that the plans for the sewer project on Old Spanish Trail/Highway 182 are complete and have been 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. The developer of the new Fairview Subdivision is still waiting on the economy to improve before starting development. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Economic Development, Anti-Litter, Public Safety, Planning and Zoning, and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Recreation Committee Chairman Troy Lombardo stated that the committee discussed a new gazebo being placed on the riverfront. Mayor Pro-Tem Jacki Ackel said the St. Mary Parish Library Board has acquired the property behind the Berwick Library and

have plans to renovate the library. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Ordinances.

Item #1 under Public Hearings – Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance. Due to the moving of the council meeting from February 9 to February 2, because of the conflict with Mardi Gras, the public hearing was rescheduled for March 8, 2015.

Item #1 under Ordinances – Approve/Adopt – Adopt Ordinance No. 670 – Amend pond construction ordinance. No action was taken because the public hearing was rescheduled for March 8, 2016.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 9-16 – Resolution of Respect for Ralph Guidry. Councilman Damon Robison presented the family of Mr. Guidry with a plaque and expressed the town's appreciation for Mr. Guidry and the contributions that he made to the Town of Berwick.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 10-16 – Resolution of Respect for Mrs. Annette Bowman. Mayor Ratcliff presented the family of Mrs. Bowman with a plaque and expressed the Town's gratitude for her years of service to the community.

Item #1 under new business – Allow Mayor Ratcliff to negotiate with the mitigation bank for Highway 182/Old Spanish Trail sewer project. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Jacki Ackel, the item 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