



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**May 10, 2016**

**Date of Notice: May 3, 2016**

**A Public Hearing will be held as follows:**

**Date: May 10, 2016**  
**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: April 12, 2016**

**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 Ordinance No. 672 – Millage Rates Rolled Forward Reassessment for 2016**
- 2. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 673 – Adjusted Millage Reassessment for 2016**
- 3. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 674 – Set Drainage Fee for 2016**
- 4. Public Hearing for Animal Keeping Permit – Joey Dohmann property**

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT**

- 1. Adopt Ordinance No. 672 – Millage Rates Rolled Forward Reassessment for 2016**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 673 – Adjusted Millage Reassessment for 2016**
- 3. Adopt Ordinance No. 674 – Set Drainage Fee for 2016**
- 4. Take action on animal keeping permit – Joey Dohmann property**

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- 1. (No Resolutions/Proclamations)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Gerald Thibodeaux – Kolder, Champagne, Slaven – Present 2014-15 Audit Report**
- 2. Take action on Planning & Zoning approval of construction of pond**

**Adjournment**

**Newell Slaughter, Town Clerk**

**Town of Berwick**

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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**

**May 10, 2016**

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, May 10, 2016, 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 representatives of The Daily Review and KWBJ.

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Councilman Troy Lombardo 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 Jacki Ackel and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

The Beacon did not shine on anyone for May 2016.

The guest for May, 2016 was Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Council on Aging. She stated that May is Senior Month and there are now 1 million senior citizens in the state (10,692 just in St. Mary Parish).

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of April, 2016. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for April, 2016, were about two times the amount written in April, 2015. Softball and baseball have started so security has been increased at the ball fields. There will also be increased security Thursday night for Berwick High School's Graduation. 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 28 calls for April, 2016. There were 10 medical calls, 3 auto wrecks, 13 false alarms, 8 fires (1 of which was major) and 4 good intent 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 April, 2016. Town crews are working on many projects at this time. Crews are repairing streets and sidewalks, repairing water leaks, and cutting grass on the highways. The final repairs on Gus Street drainage is 100% complete. The construction of the new gazebo on the riverfront is underway and is 60% complete. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller was not present. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Planning and Zoning Director Gary Beadle stated that the board met to discuss a permit application for a pond at Mike and Jennifer Wise's residence. They are requesting a variance from the existing ordinance, and the board recommended that the mayor call for a public hearing. See agenda Item #2 under New Business for details.

Economic Development, Recreation, Public Safety, Anti-Litter Committees had nothing to report. 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. 672 – Millage rates rolled forward reassessment for 2016. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.**

**Item #2 under Public Hearings – Public hearing for Ordinance No. 673 – Adjusted millage reassessment for 2016. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.**

**Item #3 under Public Hearings – Public hearing for Ordinance No. 674 – Set drainage fee for 2016. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.**

**Item #4 under Public Hearings – Public hearing for animal keeping permit – Mr. Joey Dohmann property. After no comments from the council or audience, Mayor Ratcliff closed the public hearing.**

**Item #1 under Ordinances – Adopt Ordinance No. 672 – Millage Rates Rolled Forward Reassessment for 2016. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #2 under Ordinances – Adopt Ordinance No. 673 – Adjusted Millage Reassessment for 2016. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #3 under Ordinances – Adopt Ordinance No. 674 - Set Drainage Fee for 2016. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #4 under Ordinances – Take action on animal keeping permit from Mr. Joey Dohmann property. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, the permit was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**Item #1 under new business – Gerald Thibodeaux – Present 2014-2015 Audit Report. Mr. Thibodeaux presented the report to the mayor and council stating that the financial statements were presented fairly. Even though there were a few minor issues addressed, the town received a clean opinion.**

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

**Item #3 under new business – Town Attorney Allen McElroy would like to alert the public about the presence of Formosan termites in Berwick. Residents should be observant of their property. Also, Cleco is checking poles around town for signs of termite damage.**

**There being no further business to come before the Council, upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the motion was approved unanimously.**

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**Louis Ratcliff – Mayor**

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**Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk**