



Town of Berwick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

June 9, 2015

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: May 12, 2015

Treasurer's Report

The Beacon Shines on...

Guests: Nick LaRocca – Candidate for 16th Judicial Judge – Division D

Police Report

Fire Report

Public Works Report

Consulting Engineers Report

Committee Reports

PUBLIC HEARINGS @ 7:15

1.

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCE/ADOPT

1.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- 1. Resolution No. 12-15 – Authorize Mayor Ratcliff to enter in agreement with LaMATS relative Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes**
- 2. Resolution No. 13-15 – Drainage Fee election call**

New Business:

- 1. Name The Daily Review as Official Journal for 2015-16**
- 2. Set budget workshop for July 16, 2015 and July 23, 2015 (if needed) at 6:00 PM**
- 3. Rodney Grow/Lou Tamporello – July 5th and Shrimp Festival**

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**

June 9, 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, June 9, 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 KWBK 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 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 Greg Roussel.

The Beacon Shined on the St. John Baptist Church for celebration of their 150th year anniversary. Councilman Damon Robison presented the church with a certificate and thanked them for their many contributions to the town and its citizens. Several members of the church were present to accept recognition by the town.

The guests for June 9, 2015 were Nick LaRocca and Beverly Domengeaux. Mr. LaRocca, a candidate for 16th Judicial Judge, Division D, addressed the mayor and council and stated his qualifications for the office and asked for their support. Mrs. Domengeaux thanked the Mayor and Council for their help and contributions to the St. Mary Council on Aging. She stated that this will be the 47th year for the St. Mary Council on Aging and that she was looking forward to many more years. She also thanked the town for nominating Jesse Griffin for the St. Mary Council on Aging longevity award.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of May, 2015. Chief Richard stated that the tickets issued for May, 2015, were about half the amount written in May, 2014. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the fire report.

Chief Allen Rink presented the fire report and stated that they had 33 calls for May, 2015. There were 24 medical assist calls, 2 vehicle accidents, 4 good intention calls, and 3 fire alarms. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Public Works Director Rafael Lopez presented the Public Works report for May. 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 has begun on the final phase of the Berwick Walking Trail. This section will begin at the point on Fairview Drive where the trail descends the levee and intersects with Fairview Drive and ends at Renwick Boulevard. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Town Engineer Reid Miller was present and stated that the design of the proposed sewer project on Highway 182 and Old Spanish Trail is completed. The plans have been forwarded to Facility Planning and Control in Baton Rouge. He is also working on Right of Ways, and our permit is in the Corp of Engineers hands awaiting approval. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, Public Safety, Recreation, Anti-Litter and Wharf Committees had nothing to report. Troy Lombardo, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, stated that he had received some positive comments regarding the new gazebo on the river and a meeting is scheduled for June 10 to discuss playground equipment for Willie Steward Park. After no further committee reports, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, Public Hearings.

Item #1 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Resolution No. 12-15 – Authorize Mayor Ratcliff to enter in agreement with LaMATS relative Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #2 under Resolutions/Proclamations – Drainage Fee election call. Upon motion by Greg Roussel and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the resolution was approved unanimously.

Item #1 under new business – Name the Daily Review as Official Journal for 2015-16. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the Daily Review was approved unanimously as the Official Journal for the 2015-16 Fiscal Year.

Item #2 under new business – Set budget workshop for July 16, 2015 and July 23, 2015, if needed.

Item #3 under new business – Rodney Grow/Lou Tamporello – July 5th and Shrimp Festival. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Greg Roussel, permission was granted for the Shrimp and Petroleum Festival to conduct activities related to the blessing of the fleet on the Berwick side of the Atchafalaya River. Permission was also granted for the fireworks display for “Rock the 5th” to be held on the Berwick side of the river.

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