



## Town of Berwick

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

July 10, 2007

DATE OF NOTICE: July 3, 2007

A public hearing will be held as follows:

Date: July 10, 2007  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Place of Meeting: Council Meeting Room  
3225 Third Street  
Berwick, LA 70342

**AGENDA:**

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.  
Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call: Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo  
Minutes from last meeting: June 12, 2007  
Treasurer's Report  
Police Report  
Fire Report  
Public Works Report  
Committee Reports  
Consulting Engineers Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Logan Fromenthal – candidate for Parish Council
2. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 565 – Set Forth Milage Rates for 2007
3. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 566 - Set Drainage Fee for 2007
4. 7:15 Public Hearing Ordinance No. 567 – Lease Parcels 13,14,15,16 to R& R Engine Services
5. Adopt Ordinance No. 565 – Set Forth Milage Rates for 2007
6. Adopt Ordinance No. 566 - Set Drainage Fee for 2007
7. Adopt Ordinance No. 567 – Lease Parcels 13,14,15,16 to R & R Engine Services
8. Proclamation – National Night Out 2007
9. John Skelton – drainage ditch erosion problem
10. Ralph Guidry – use of ball fields
11. Appoint Cherie Laiche and Cassie Calais to Recreation Board
12. Appoint Elton Navarre to Berwick Development District Board
13. Set Budget Workshop for July 19, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

**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**

**July 10, 2007**

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, July 10, 2007 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

There were present: Council members, Edgar Thomas, Damon Robison, Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell and Troy Lombardo.

Absent: None

Also present were representatives of KQKI, The Daily Review, and Channel 39.

Councilman Duval Arthur led the prayer.

Damon Robison 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, having been reviewed, were approved without reading upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison.

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

Chief James Richard presented the police report, a copy of which was included in each of the Councilmen's packets, for the month of June 2007. Chief Richard stated that the report for June 2007 was very similar to June 2006. Chief Richard stated that his department had increased surveillance on River Road and that approximately the same amount of citations was issued in 2007 as in 2006. He summarized the citations that were issued in the month. Chief Richard wanted to remind everyone that the annual DARE garage sale would be held on Saturday, July 14, and invited everyone to attend. After no comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on the next item on the agenda, Fire Department report.

Assistant Fire Chief Heath Landry presented the fire report for June. There were 8 calls for the month, with two being false alarms. Assistant Chief Landry praised Berwick Policeman Duval Arthur, III for his efforts in helping save an elderly woman from a fire on Third Street. After no further comments, the mayor moved to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

A copy of the Public Works Report was included in the packet each Councilman received prior to the meeting. Town Superintendent Allen Benoit was available for comment. Mr. Benoit stated that the overlay of selected intersections around town had been completed with good results. Bids received for concrete curbing repair were received, but taken under advisement. The bait stand from the movie filmed in Berwick, The Yellow Handkerchief, was moved to the bridge park, between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets. It will be completed in the near future, weather permitting. The annual safety meeting was held in June and was big success. Picnic table repair at the Civic Center was completed in June. Councilman Arthur asked about the rubber fill material for the playground at the Civic Center. A bid of around \$26,500 was received to place 6" of rubber fill over the existing sand. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

The first committee report was from Planning and Zoning director Gary Beadle. He stated that he did not have a report for the month. Councilwoman Penny Crappell stated that the Anti-Litter committee did not have a report for June, but did say that the Centennial Committee had their Mile of Memories Walk on July 4<sup>th</sup> and ice cream social and that it was well attended. The Committee is preparing for their big event that will be held on October 13, 2007. Next report was from the Economic Development Committee. Damon Robison stated that he did not have a report for the month. Duval Arthur did not have a Recreation Committee report for the month, but he did appoint two new members to the recreation

committee, Cherie Laiche and Cassie Calais. Consulting Engineer Glen Miller presented a copy of the plan for Phase III of Renwick Subdivision. He will await word from the council for approval and then send it to planning and zoning for approval. The applications for Transportation and Development projects were presented to Mayor Ratcliff for signature. No resolutions were needed at this time. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item # 1 on the agenda – Logan Fromenthal – candidate for St. Mary Council. Spoke of his desire to represent the area that is now represented by Keith Leonard. Asked for the mayor's and council's support.

Item # 2 on the agenda – Public hearing for Ordinance No. 565 – Set forth Milage rates for 2007. After no comments by the council or audience, the public hearing was closed.

Item # 3 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 566 – Set Drainage Fee for 2007. After no comments from the council or audience, the public hearing was closed.

Item # 4 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 567 – Lease Parcels 13,14,15,16 to R & R Engine. After no comments from the council or audience, the public hearing was closed.

Item # 5 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 565 – Set forth Milage Rates for 2007. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 6 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 566 – Set Drainage Fee for 2007. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 7 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 567 – Lease Parcels 13,14,15,16 to R & R Engine. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Item # 8 on the agenda – Proclamation – National Night Out. The Town of Berwick joined the Berwick Housing Authority in proclaiming August 7, 2007 as National Night Out against crime.

Item #9 on the agenda – John Skelton – Drainage ditch problems. Mr. Skelton appeared before the council asking for help with the drainage ditch that runs behind the homes on Nicklaus Street. Mr. Skelton stated that he felt it was the town's responsibility to cover the ditch to ensure that future erosion did not occur. Ms. Pat Ohlin and Mr. Scott Babin also spoke to the mayor and council and expressed their concerns about the matter. They also asked the town to address the problem. After much discussion, Mayor Ratcliff asked Councilmen Lombardo and Robison and Town Superintendent Allen Benoit to meet and try and come to a solution to the problem and report back to him.

Item #10 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 567 – Lease Parcels 13, 14, 15, & 16 to R & R Engine Services. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Edgar Thomas the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item # 11 on the agenda – Appoint Cherie Laiche and Cassie Calais to the Recreation Board. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo, the appointments were approved unanimously.

Item # 12 on the agenda – Appoint Elton Navarro to the Berwick Development Board. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the appointment was approved unanimously.

Item # 13 on the agenda – 2007-08 Budget Workshop was set for July 19, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

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

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Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk