



**Town of Berwick**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**June 8, 2010**

**Date of Notice: June 1, 2010**

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

**Date: June 8, 2010**  
**Time: 7:15 P.M.**  
**Place: Council Meeting Room**  
**3225 Third Street**  
**Berwick, LA 70342**

**AGENDA:**

**Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.**  
**Prayer**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Roll Call: Duval Arthur, Penny Crappell, Troy Lombardo, Damon Robison, Edgar Thomas**  
**Minutes from last meeting: May 11, 2010**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Guests:**  
**Police Report**  
**Fire Report**  
**Public Works Report**  
**Consulting Engineers Report**  
**Committee Reports**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 612 - Digging of lakes, pits, barrow pits and other acts where dirt is removed.**
- 2. Adopt Ordinance No. 612 – Digging of lakes, pits, barrow pits and other acts where dirt is removed**
- 3. Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire**
- 4. Introduce Ordinance No. 613 – Set Drainage Fee for 2010**
- 5. Introduce Ordinance No. 614 – Set Millage Rates for 2010**
- 6. Name The Daily-Review as official journal**
- 7. Resolution No. 11-10 – Opposing HB 1404**
- 8. Renwick Phase IV**
- 9. Resolution No. 12-10 – Support of lifting moratorium on deep water drilling**

**Adjournment**

**Newell W. 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**

**June 8, 2010**

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 8, 2010 at seven (7:00) o'clock p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Councilman Edgar Thomas led the prayer.

Councilman Duval Arthur 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 Duval Arthur and seconded by Troy Lombardo.

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

Recognized guests were five representatives of British Petroleum. They were John Stoney, Jack Berry, Tom Mire, Denise Giordano and Jerry Kaiser. They wanted to publicize their claims and community support center that is located in the old ABC Rentals building in Bayou Vista asked citizens to visit the center to find out if they may be eligible to file a claim.

Police Chief James Richard presented the police report for the month of May, 2010. Chief Richard stated that the speeding tickets issued for May, 2010 were less than May, 2009. Chief Richard also stated that arrests for May, 2010 were less than May, 2009. Mayor Ratcliff cautioned Chief Richard that the ball season was in full swing and to pay extra attention to the parks where the games will be held. Councilwoman Crappell thanked Chief Richard and Asst. Chief Leonard for attending the St. Mary Parish Safe School Summit. After no further comments from the council or audience, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Fire Department report.

Fire Chief Wayne LaCoste presented his report. There were six calls, two car fires, one grass fire, a shrimp boat and two house fires. One of the house fires was an arson fire. The arsonist has been arrested. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, the Public Works report.

Town Superintendent Allen Benoit presented the Public Works report. The new 12" raw water intake line is 100% complete. Forty three crepe myrtle trees have been planted on Renwick Boulevard. Asphalt maintenance is currently being done on several streets in the town. It should be completed this week. After no comments, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, committee reports.

Gary Beadle, Planning and Zoning Director, was out of town attending a training class. The Economic Development Committee did not meet, but Councilman Damon Robison stated that Phase IV of Renwick Subdivision was in the planning stages and he would have a comment regarding the expansion on agenda item no. 8. He also reported the Development District had transferred the responsibility for enforcing the Renwick covenants to the newly formed Renwick Homeowners Association. Penny Crappell presented the Recreation Committee report and stated that the committee has several exciting new projects planned for the future, including new fitness equipment for the Civic Center and a couple of new benches for the walking trail. Softball and baseball seasons are going strong

and closing ceremonies for the baseball league will be held June 10. The batting cage cover has been completed and fencing is being installed. The co-ed volleyball league is underway and registration is ongoing. The Anti-Litter Committee is excited about the new re-cycling trailer that was purchased with the new grant. The committee also partnered with Young Memorial to obtain another trailer. The committee will supply the materials and Louisiana Technical College will construct the trailer. With the help of some corporate sponsors, a parish wide liter cleanup is taking place each Saturday. After no further comments, the mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda, new business.

Item #1 on the agenda – Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 612 – Digging of lakes, pits, barrow pits and other acts where dirt is removed. Town Attorney Allen McElroy stated he and Leesa Foreman had reviewed the original ordinance and had made some technical changes. Mr. McElroy stated that he had met with the developer of Riverbend Estates, Mr. David Webster and his attorney. Mr. Webster stated that since there were some changes to the original ordinance, he would like for the adoption of the ordinance to be deferred to the July 13, council meeting. Mr. McElroy then stated that the council should amend the ordinance that was introduced at the last meeting to read as it now is presented to the council. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Damon Robison, the council unanimously approved the changing of the ordinance by a roll call vote.

Item #2 on the agenda – Adopt Ordinance No. 612 – Digging of lakes, pits, barrow pits and other acts where dirt is removed. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Damon Robison, the adoption of the ordinance was deferred to the July 13, 2010 council meeting by a unanimous roll call vote. A public hearing on the ordinance was called for July 13,

Upon the advice of Town Attorney Allen McElroy, Damon Robison made a motion to extend the moratorium on the digging of lakes and pits to August 1, 2010. The motion was seconded by Duval Arthur and was approved unanimously.

Item #3 on the agenda – Approve Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Duval Arthur, the questionnaire was approved unanimously.

Item #4 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 613 – Set Drainage Fee for 2010. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Edgar Thomas, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #5 on the agenda – Introduce Ordinance No. 614 – Set Millage Rates for 2010. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, the ordinance was introduced unanimously.

Item #6 on the agenda – Name The Daily-Review as official journal. Upon motion by Duval Arthur and seconded by Penny Crappell, The Daily-Review was named as official journal unanimously.

Item #7 on the agenda – Resolution No. 11-10 – Opposing HB 1404. Upon motion by Penny Crappell and seconded by Troy Lombardo, Resolution No. 11-10 which limited the parishes ability to collect certain taxes was approved unanimously.

Item #8 on the agenda – Renwick Phase IV. Councilman Damon Robison stated that Berwick Development District (BDD) was considering constructing Phase IV on Renwick Subdivision. Miller Engineers is completing the plans and the BDD would like to put the project out for bid. The cost to complete the plans and put the project out for bid would be approximately \$10,000. The time frame from completion of plans, putting the project out for bid and completion of the project would be approximately one year. The development is estimated to produce an additional 16 lots. Upon motion by Damon Robison and seconded by Duval Arthur, the council voted to support the development unanimously.

Item #9 on the agenda – Resolution No. 12-10 - Support for lifting the moratorium on deep water drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Upon motion by Troy Lombardo and seconded by Duval Arthur, the resolution was approved by unanimously.

Mayor Ratcliff informed the council that the St. Mary Ham Radio Operators would be holding an emergency training exercise at the Civic Center on the weekend of June 26, 2010. The girls' softball league would also be holding a tournament that same weekend, but there should be adequate parking for both events. Town Superintendent Allen Benoit reminded the Mayor and Council that the annual safety meeting would be held on June 16, 2010 at the Civic Center. The morning session will be for police and

fire and other first responders. The afternoon session will be for all other town personnel. New to the program this year will be a K-9 unit that will explain safety procedures used when working with a canine. All are invited to attend and stay for lunch.

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

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Louis Ratcliff - Mayor

ATTEST:

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Newell W. Slaughter - CAO/Town Clerk