

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2015

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

Regular Meeting of Borough Council, Borough of Berwick, Pennsylvania was held Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. with Council members Hill, Bower, Jarrett, Huntington, Petty, Oliver, and Meighan present. Also present were Borough Manager Debra Force, Chief of Police Ken Strish, Code Enforcement Officer Greg Harkins, Fire Chief Bill Coolbaugh, DPW Supervisor Jack Kyttle and Press Enterprise Reporter Susan Swartz

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

PRESENTATION: NONE

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA:

Motion by Councilman Oliver seconded by Councilwoman Huntington carried unanimously to approve the Council agenda with the addition of Susquehanna Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE/ATTENDANCE:

NO Correspondence

A list of residents in attendance is attached

APPROVAL OF

MINUTES:

Motion by Councilman Jarrett seconded by Councilman Meighan. Motion carried unanimously to approve the Regular Council Minutes of March 2015 Councilman Petty abstained.

PAYMENT OF
BILLS:

Approved the following bills to be paid.
Motion by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by
Councilman Meighan. Motion carried unanimously

A & A AUTO PARTS STORES	24.98	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,358.29
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	668.07	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	100.00
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY INC	111.95	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,235.16
AVAYA, INC	23.00	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	100.00
BATTERYZONE	159.95	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,312.15
BERWICK AREA UNITED WAY	110.00	ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	100.00
BERWICK AUTOMOTIVE	635.10	INDUSTRIAL AIR SOLUTIONS INC	2,495.00
BERWICK AUTOMOTIVE	722.28	INDUSTRIAL CHEM LABS	201.21
BERWICK AUTOMOTIVE	128.06	JACK KYTTLE	140.00
BERWICK ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC.	49.00	JACK KYTTLE	14.95
BERWICK HOSPITAL CENTER	70.00	JAMES DALBERTO	30.00
BLOOMSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,350.00	KEVIN LAUBACH	83.50
BOROUGH OF BERWICK	9,389.75	KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS	123.00
BORO OF BWK MUNI EMPLOYEE PENS FD	716.53	KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT	66.97
BORO OF BWK MUNI EMPLOYEE PENS FD	1,084.19	LACAL EQUIPMENT, INC	491.86
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	2,015.36	LANCASTER MARRIOTT	701.52
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	33,596.82	LARRY C. FRACE INSPECTIONS, LLC	2,400.00
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	34,691.63	LENDENMANN'S REMODELING	5,800.00
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	34,037.36	MATTHEW BENDER & CO.	422.46
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	35,143.48	MATTHEWS FUEL SERVICE, INC.	1,568.61
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	31,120.47	MATTHEWS SPRING WATER	80.00
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	155.41	METROCAST	127.12
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	271.12	METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	698.67
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	300.00	MICHAEL MONICO	1,069.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	111.01	MICHAEL MONICO	1,069.20
BORO OF BWK PAYROLL ACCT	193.66	MICHAEL MONICO	1,069.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	639.03	MICHAEL MONICO	1,069.20
BOROUGH OF BERWICK POLICE PENSION	890.34	MICHAEL MONICO	1,069.20
BORO OF BWK POLICE PENSION TRUST FD	1,529.37	NATIONAL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOC	150.00
BOROUGH OF BERWICK RECYCLING FUND	15,000.00	NMS	217.00
BOYER'S FOOD MARKET	62.22	P A W C	26.88
CAMPBELL PRINTING CO.	1,263.37	P A W C	35.90
CASSANDRA MOWERY	258.40	P A W C	2,739.70
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	33,188.70	PA UC FUND	568.00
CENTRAL PA TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELF.	2,348.60	PA UC FUND	286.34
CNA SURETY	743.75	PENNSY SUPPLY INC	2,299.70
CNA SURETY	200.00	PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM	71.12
COLE'S HARDWARE	43.41	PHILIP KEIFER	95.87
CUSTOM ADVERTISING	305.50	PPL	624.08
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES	197.70	PPL	39.66

DCED	224.00	PPL	724.56
DEBRA FORCE	135.70	PPL	13,320.79
DEBRA FORCE	102.85	PRESS-ENTERPRISE, INC.	67.50
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	78.75	PSAB MUNI RETIREMENT TRUST	4,753.24
DEFEBO GRAPHICS	330.00	RANGER HOSE CO	383.33
DEFENDER FIRE CO.	383.33	RELIANCE FIRE CO	383.33
DICK STITZER	270.00	RIVERVIEW BLOCK	1,133.52
EAGLES FIRE COMPANY	652.13	RR DONNELLEY	195.75
EASTERN PENN SUPPLY CO.	41.63	SQUARE ONE CONSTRUCTION	6,400.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	3,032.39	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	1,144.01
FHC SOLUTIONS INC	100.00	STATIONERS INC	133.98
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,955.70	STEVE SHANNON TIRE CO	32.94
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,412.58	SUNTRUST EQUIPMENT FINANCE	2,998.05
FIRST COLUMBIA BANK & TRUST CO.	1,810.23	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	941.52
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	197.49	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	94.96
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	17.95	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	182.29
FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	152.50	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	43.36
GALETON	83.94	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	515.48
GENERAL CODE	1,082.00	SUPERIOR PLUS ENERGY SERVICES	382.48
GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CO, INC	1,028.29	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	29.25
GOLDEN EQUIPMENT CO, INC	62.18	TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFERUS, WAREHOUSEMEN	1,166.60
GOWER'S AUTO REPAIR	34.80	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO	75.96
HARTMAN & LALLY INSURERS, INC.	2,467.30	TRI-COUNTY HARDWARE	110.45
HILLER'S HEATING & AC	7,354.00	TRI-COUNTY-LUMBER DIVISION	67.14
HOME DEPOT	7,030.98	UGI PENN NATURAL GAS	421.91
ICC, INC.	135.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	303.43
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,370.22	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INS CO	60.90
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	100.00	WEST BERWICK FIRE CO	383.33
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	1,542.49	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, INC	144.00
ICMA RETIREMENT TRUST	100.00	XEROX CORPORATION	374.63

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS

BOROUGH MANAGER

CODE OFFICER: **REPORT ATTACHED**

CHIEF OF POLICE: **REPORT ATTACHED**

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN: **REPORT ATTACHED**

FIRE CHIEF: **REPORT ATTACHED**

ENGINEER: **NOT PRESENT**

SOLICITOR:

- **ATTORNEY KEPNER HEARD FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TRAPANE SUIT. MR. TRAPANE FEELS HE WAS MIS-INFORMED REGARDING TAKING A LUMP SUM OF HIS RETIREMENT; AND HE NOW WANTS BACK IN THE PLAN.**
 - **THE BABB MATTER WILL HAVE A DATE SET BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING.**
 - **Councilman Bower asked for update on Cristella property 728 LaSalle Street. Attorney Kepner advised he will contact Attorney Giner to find out what is going on with the property.**
 - **APPROXIMATELY 8-10 BUILDINGS ARE BOROUGH CONDEMED MAKING THE BOROUGH PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ANYONE IN THE BUILDINGS. COUNCIL NEEDS TO MOVE ON THIS ISSUE.**
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MAYOR: **NOT PRESENT**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

PERSONNEL: **NONE**

LEGAL AND FINANCE: **NONE**

PARKS AND RECREATION: **NONE**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

- COUNCILMAN MEIGHAN SAID THAT ALL IS QUITE. NO DRILL BEING PERFORMED. HE DID NOTICE THAT STUFF IS ACCUMILATING IN EMS AREA THAT SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAR AND IN READY CONDITION. COUNCIL PRESIDENT HILL SAID HE WILL FIND OUT WHO IS PUTTING STUFF UP THERE AND HAVE THEM CLEAR IT OUT.
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STREETS, PARKS, & BUILDINGS:

- COUNCILMAN OLIVER SAID THAT YEARLY INSPECTIONS OF BOROUGH BUILDINGS AND STREETS ARE IN THE PROCESS. BUILDINGS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE BUT STREETS ARE IN BAD CONDITION. THE DPW SUPERVISOR (Jack Kyttle) WAS ASKED WHEN THE HOT PATCH MACHINE WOULD BE OURS TO USE. HE SAID THAT SALEM TOWNSHIP GETS IT FIRST BECAUSE THEY STORE IT.
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FIRE AND WATER: **NONE**

CODES, RECYCLING, & ORDINANCES: **REPORT ATTACHED**

SAFETY:

- REGARDING THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PARKS IS TAKING PLACE AND THE TRASH CANS AT BER-VAUGHN PARK ARE IN BAD CONDITION. DPW IS TRYING TO FIX THEM AND JACK WILL GET AN ESTIMATE ON REPLACEMENTS.
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BAJSA REPORT:

- COUNCILMAN BOWER (THE BOROUGH REPRESENTITIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR BAJSA) HAD THIS TO REPORT...
 - THE NEW TRUCK IS IN SERVICE.
 - \$266,325.30 IN BILL WENT OUT.
 - THEY ARE LOOKING INTO OBTAINING PENN VEST DOLLARS.
 - THEY HAD 100 WATER SHUT OFFS.
 - COMPLETE REPORT IS ATTACHED.
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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

- COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER ADMIN ALLEY WITH THANKS FOR HIS SERVICE.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reconsider the Berwick Historical Societies request to have signage on the Market Street Plots for the period of June, July and August. This is the height of their season and gives them the best chance of getting more tours through the mansion.

Discussion:

- COUNCILMAN BOWER BROUGHT UP THE SIGN ORDINANCE. STATING THAT IF POLITICIANS HAVE TO PAY TO POST SIGNS IN THE BOROUGH SO SHOULD EVERYONE. THAT IS WHAT THE ORDINANCE IS FOR.
- COUNCILMAN OLIVER SAID THAT WE SHOULD MAKE EXCEPTIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HOLDING EVENTS THAT BRING PEOPLE INTO BERWICK. AND WE SHOULD THEREFORE GRANT PERMISSION TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO POST THEIR SIGNAGE FOR THE REQUESTED 3 MONTHS.
- COUNCILMAN BOWER ASKED WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THE NEXT REQUEST COMES IN? ARE WE GOING TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR SIGN POSTING AGAIN FOR LONG PERIODS? AND GO AGAINST THE ORDINANCE AGAIN. THE ORDINANCE HAD SIZE RESTRICTIONS (NO BIGGER THAT 6' SQUARE)AND TIME RESTRICTIONS OF NO MORE THEN 45 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT AND MUST BE TAKEN DOWN WITHIN 30 AFTER THE EVENT.
- COUNCILMAN OLIVER MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST TO POST SIGNAGE ON THE BOULDVARD FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2015.

Motion: MR. OLIVER Second: MR. JARRETT Approved Denied

INDIVIDUAL VOTE CALL: MR. BOWER=NO, MR. OLIVER=YES, MR. JARRETT=YES, MR. MEIGHAN=NO, MRS. HUNTINGTON=NO, MR. PETTY=YES, MR. HILL=YES
MOTION PASSED 4/3.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Ordinance

Discussion: **ORDINANCE WAS NOT ADVERTISED. COUNCILMAN BOWER MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE UNTIL ADVERTISING IT TAKES PLACE.**

Motion: **MR. BOWER** Second: **MR. PETTY** Approved, Denied, Tabled

- Outdoor Fuel Burning Ordinance

Discussion: **ORDINANCE WAS NOT ADVERTISED. COUNCILMAN BOWER MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ORDINANCE UNTIL ADVERTISING IT TAKES PLACE.**

Motion: **MR. BOWER** Second: **MR. MEIGHAN** Approved Denied Tabled

- Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance 2015-04

Discussion: **NONE**

Motion: **MR. BOWER** Second: **MR> JARRETT** Approved, Denied,

- Resolution of Censure and no Confidence 2015-02

Discussion: **COUNCILMAN OLIVER SAID THAT THE MAYOR ACTED INAPPROPRIATE IN A FEW WAYS AND COUNCIL SHOULD JUST DO WHAT THEY DECIDED TO DO AND PUT IT BEHIND US.**

COUNCILMAN PETTY SAID WE DIDN'T DECIDE ANYTHING YET.

ATTORNEY KEPNER READ THE RESOLUTION OUT LOUD.

Motion: **MR. BOWER** Second: **MR. MEIGHAN**

INDIVIDUAL VOTE CALL: **MR. BOWER=YES, MR. OLIVER=YES, MR. JARRETT=YES, MR. MEIGHAN=YES, MRS. HUNTINGTON=YES, MR. PETTY=YES, MR. HILL=YES**
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sealed bid opening for Fireworks at Riverfest October 10, 2015.

Discussion: COUNCILMAN PETTY ASKED IF THE BIDS WERE COMPARTIABLE. COUNCIL PRESIDENT REVIEWED THE BIDS AND THAT IT LOOKED THAT WAY AND SUGGESTED GOING WITH THE COMPANY WE HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH. COUNCIL AGREED WITH THE ACCESSMENT.

Motion: MR. OLIVER Second: MRS. HUNTINGTON Approved Denied

2. Consider and take action to accept the resignation of Admin Alley from the Police Civil Service Committee and to advertise for one (1) new committee member and two (2) alternates.

Discussion: COUNCILMAN PETTY EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR DR. ALLEY'S SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH. COUNCILMAN PETTY THEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION AND TO ADVERTISE FOR A REPLACEMENT AND 2 ALTERNATES.

Motion: MR. PETTY Second: MR. MEIGHAN Approved Denied

3. Consider and take action to accept the final draft of the Police Civil Service Rules & Regulations; that has been recently approved by the commission.

Discussion: NONE

Motion: MR. OLIVER Second: MR. JARRETT Approved Denied

4. Consider and take action on the rate increase for Police Clerk Mark Grasley.

Discussion: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAID THAT MARK WAS OVERLOOKED WHEN RAISES WERE AWARDED. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT A 2.5% INCREASE WAS FOR MARK. TREASURER CASSANDRA MOWERY WAS IN THE AUDIENCE AND WENT TO CHECK AND SAID IT CAME TO A 33 CENT RAISE. BACK DATED TO JANUARY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN MEIGHAN TO ACCEPT THE RAISE.

Motion: MR. MEIGHAN Second: MR. OLIVER Approved Denied

5. Consider and take action on the Police Chief Strish's Contract.

Discussion: COUNCILMAN JARRETT ASKED IF EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER AND OK. CHIEF STRISH AND BOROUGH MANAGER FORCE AGREED THAT EVERYTHING WORKED OUT AND ACCEPTABLE.

MR. JARRETT THEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE.

Motion: MR. JARRETT Second: MR. MEIGHAN Approved Denied

6. Consider and take action on the Police Department Contract.

Discussion: COUNCILMAN JARRETT AGAIN ASKED IF EVERYTHING WAS IN ORDER AND OK. BOROUGH MANAGER FORCE SAID IT WAS IN ORDER AND SHE HAD MET WITH OFFICER RAFFERTY BEFORE THE MEETING.

COUNCILMAN MEIGHAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT.

Motion: MR. MEIGHAN Second: MR. OLIVER Approved Denied

7. Consider and take action regarding the Animal Control Officer.

Discussion: COUNCILWOMAN HUNTINGTON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE POSITION BE CONTRACTED AND NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH.

COUNCILMAN PETTY AGREED AND FELT WE SHOULD ADVERTISE THE POSITION WITH RATE PREPOSALS AND CONDITIONS. AS WE NEED SOMEONE WHO KNOW THE ANIMAL LAWS.

CHIEF STRISH STATED THAT HE HAD ASKED THE RECENT APPLICANT FOR HER FEDERAL ID # BUT SHE HAS NOT RESPONDED AS OF YET.

COUNCILWOMAN HUNTINGTON HOPED SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT JOB WAS A CONTRACTED POSITION AND SHE NEEDS TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION.

COUNCILMAN PETTY SAID THAT IS WHY WE NEED TO ADVERTISE THE POSITION AND HE ALSO HOPED SHE KNOWS THE LAWS.

COUNCILWOMAN HUNTINGTON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ACTION UNTIL THEY CAN DISCUSS IN A WORKSHOP THE PROPOSAL.

Motion: MRS. HUNTINGTON Second: MR. PETTY
 Approved Denied Tabled

8. Consider and take action regarding a request by Kathleen Terdiman for the USA Luge Slider Search to be held again this **June 27th & 28th, 2015** on Mulberry Street.

Discussion: COUNCILMAN OLIVER SAID IT WAS A GOOD PROMOTION FOR BERWICK, AND HE WAS IN FAVOR OF IT COMING TO TOWN AGAIN.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAID HIS NEIGHBOR BOY WAS INVITED TO TRY OUT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM.

A REPRESENTATIVE FOR MRS. TERDIMAN SAID THAT 11 WERE INVITED TO TRY OUT, 3 WERE FROM BERWICK. THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED AT THIS TIME.

COUNCILMAN PETTY HE APPROVED WITH THE SAME PROVISIONS AS LAST YEAR. THAT MRS. TERDIMAN WORK WITH BUSINESS OWNER MATT RISKOSKI. HER REP SAID SHE WOULD BE OK WITH THAT.

COUNCILMAN MEIGHAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EVENT.

Motion: **MR. MEIGHAN** Second: **MR. OLIVER** Approved Denied

9. Council will hear from The Stuart Tank Committee.

Discussion: **ROGER NUNKESTER JR. AND TOM ADAMS APPEARED BEFORE COUNCIL TO ADVISE THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS FOUND A TANK TO PURCHASE IN KENT, ENGLAND OWNED BY MIKE STALLWOOD. THIS IS HIS LAST TANK AND he said IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE IT RETURN TO BERWICK WHERE IT WAS MADE. ROGER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS SPLIT AS TO WHO WOULD SIGN THE ATF APPLICATION AND THE SALES AGREEMENT.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASKED WHAT THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO DO.

ROGER STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS SPLIT AND DECIDED TO ASK THE BOROUGH WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MADE A PROPOSAL TO HAVE THE BOROUGH SIGN THE ATF APPLICATION AND THE SALES AGREEMENT AND THEN THE COMMITTEE CAN DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO BECOME THEIR OWN 501 (C) 3. THE BOROUGH WILL HAVE A CONTRACT DRAFTED ADVISING WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT AND TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP. HE SAID THE BOROUGH WOULD CARRY THE LIABILITY INSURANCE AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UP-KEEP OF THE MONUMENT.

ROGER AGREED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HILL ASKED THAT THE COMMITTEE MOVE ON THIS SOON.

COUNCILMAN PETTY MADE THE MOTION TO AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL.

Motion: **MR. PETTY** Second: **MR. JARRETT** Approved Denied

10. Consider and take action regarding a request to post "Deaf Child" sign on Scanlon Street.

Discussion: COUNCILMAN JARRETT SAID HE WAS CONTACT BY A FAMILY ON SCANLON STREET ABOUT POSTING 'DEAF CHILD' SIGNS ON EACH END OF THEIR BLOCK.

COUNCILMAN BOWER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.

Motion: MR. BOWER Second: MR. MEIGHAN Approved Denied

11. Proposed discussion by Councilman Bower regarding the posting of Signs Ordinance.

Discussion: COUNCIL AGAIN DISCUSSED THE SIGN ORDINANCE BUT DECIDED IT WAS BETTER TO DISCUSS IN A WORK SHOP AS TO WETHER TO ADHERE TO THE ORDINANCE OR AMEND IT. THE MATTER WAS TABLED TO DISCUSS IN THE NEXT WORK SHOP.

Table for further discussion Leave Ordinance as is

12. Consider and take action regarding a request by the Chamber of Commerce to hang banners and signs for Celebrate Berwick. They would like to place a banner on the Nescopeck side of the bridge. A banner on the Market Street Boulevard and a sign at the opposite end. Signage in Heimbach Park.

Discussion: SEE ACTION ITEM 9 & 11 AS THE SIGN ORDINANCE WAS TABLED FOR FUTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ORDINANCE.

COUNCILMAN PETTY SUGGESTED HAVING THE CHAMBER FILL OUT THE PERMIT AND THE BOROUGH WILL WAIVE THE FEE FOR THIS EVENT.

Motion: MR. JARRETT Second: MR. OLIVER Approved Denied
INDIVIDUAL VOTE CALL: MR. BOWER=NO, MR. OLIVER=YES, MR. JARRETT=YES, MR. MEIGHAN=NO, MRS. HUNTINGTON=NO, MR. PETTY=YES, MR. HILL=YES
MOTION PASSED 4/3.

13. Consider and take action to approve the run for Beyond Violence.

Discussion: COUNCILMAN JARRETT SAID THE RUN IS ON MAY 2, 2015 @ 1PM ON SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE AND SHOULD LAST ABOUT AN HOUR.

Motion: MR. PETTY Second: MR. OLIVER Approved Denied

14. Consider and take action to approved the Bower Memorial Church's use of the Fire Police to help with traffic control and parking on **April 21, 2015** starting at 6PM for the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, Africa (performance starts at 7PM). First Keystone Bank, PNC Bank and First Columbia Bank have all agreed to let the church use their parking lots and the Fire Police will help direct parking there.

Discussion: **COUNCIL PRESIDENT HILL SAID THAT COUNCIL CAN APPROVE FOR THE FIRE POLICE TO GO BUT IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE VOLUNTEERS THEN COUNCIL CAN NOT MAKE THEM GO.**

Motion: **MR. MEIGHAN** Second: **MRS. HUNTINGTON** Approved Denied

15. Consider and take action to approve Heidi Albertson hosting her wedding on the Jackson Mansion Lawn **May 2, 2015** from 1-5PM. She has received approval from the Historical Society. 20 chairs (provided by the bride) will be placed on the lawn for seating. Heidi will be responsible for clean up after the wedding. No alcohol will be served.

Discussion: **NONE**

Motion: **MR. JARRETT** Second: **MR. BOWER** Approved Denied

16. Consider and take action to approve request of Andrew Barbeau (local DJ and event promoter) to host a Teen Basketball Tournament on **May 23rd or 24th, 2015** at Monroe street park. There will be snacks (popcorn, sno-cones) and entertainment (bounce house) for the children.

Discussion: **COUNCILMAN JARRETT SAID HE APPROVED OF THE EVENT AS LONG AS THEY CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS.**

Motion: **MR. JARRETT** Second: **Mr. Bower** Approved Denied

17. Consider and take action to approve Americorps VISTA holding a Farmers Market downtown between Front and 2nd Streets on Monday & Thursday 3pm - 7pm starting **Monday May 25, 2015 - Thursday October 29, 2015**. The produce vendor is originally from Berwick and their farm is in Benton. Downtown businesses have been contacted and are excited about the extra foot traffic.

Discussion: **COUNCIL PRESIDENT HILL ADVISED THIS WILL BE ON MARKET STREET BETWEEN FRONT & 2nd STREETS. HE ASKED HOW MANY VENDORS AND WAS ADVISED JUST 1. COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAID THAT AMERICOPRS CAN NOT LIMIT IT TO JUST ONE VENDOR.**

COUNCILMAN JARRETT SAID THAT AT THIS TIME ONLY 1 WAS INTERESTED AND THE FARMERS AT THE MARKET HELD DOWN AT CRISPIN FIELD WERE NOT INTERESTED.

Motion: **MR. OLIVER** Second: **MR. BOWER** Approved Denied

18. Consider and take action to approve the Berwick YMCA's request to use Ber-Vaughn Park's upper level athletic court for an extended floor hockey program (sneakers, not skates). The YMCA will carry insurance and the series will be under the direct supervision of YMCA professionals. The programs will run Tuesday's 5-8pm, Wednesday's 7-8:30pm, Thursday's 5-8pm and Saturday's 10am-2pm from **June 2, 2015 - July 25, 2015**

Discussion: **COUNCIL PRESIDENT HILL SAID IT WAS A GOOD USE OF THE PARK.**

Motion: **MR. BOWER** Second: **MR. JARRETT** Approved Denied

19. Consider and take action to approve the Berwick Area Regatta (Boat Races) a fund raising event for the Berwick United Way; to be held at Test Track Park the weekend of **June 26-28, 2015**. There will be limited vendors (will need (10)20AMP receptacles) this year as focus will be on the races. There will be a charge for parking and/or admission. Proceeds will go to the Swimming Pool Association.

Discussion: **COUNCIL HAD QUESTION REGARDING PARKING AND WISHED SOMEONE WAS AVAILABLE TO ASKE QUESTIONS OF.**

COUNCILMAN JARRETT MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ISSUE AND ASK TO HAVE SOMEONE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER SOME QUSTIONS.

Motion: **MR. JARRETT** Second: **MR. OLIVER** Approved Denied Tabled

20. Consider and take action to approve the request of the Kayak Anglers of Eastern PA to use the Test Track Park Boat Launch area to put in only for a Smallmouth Bass fishing tournament to be held Saturday **October 3, 2015.**

Discussion:

Motion: **MR. PETTY** Second: **MR. MEIGHAN** Approved Denied

21. Consider and take action to approve the ELKS request to hold their Pet & Toy Parade on **June 9, 2015** starting at 6:30PM. Starting at the ELKS parking lot on 3rd Street and proceeding up Market and back. Requesting the necessary Fire Police and Borough Police.

Discussion: **NONE**

Motion: **MR. JARRETT** Second: **MRS. HUNTINGTON** Approved Denied

ADDED ITEMS

A. Item: **COUNCILMAN OLIVER BROUGHT ABOUT THE BANK ON SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE AND TRACTOR TRAILORS THAT TURN THERE AND THEN USE THE BERWICK BREWING PARKING LOT AND RESIDENT PROPERTY TO TURN AROUND ON TO GET BACK OUT. HE STATE THAT EVENTUALLY THE BOROUGH IS GOING HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE BANK GIVING WAY TO THE WEIGHT. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BARRICADES PUT UP WITH SIGNS THAT SHOW A WEIGHT LIMIT TO KEEP THEM OUT.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT HILL SAID GPS IS TAKING THEM INTO THAT TURN AND THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER SAID THAT SIGNAGE AND THE BARRICADES WOULD HELP ALONG WITH FINES.

COUNCILMAN BOWER SAID YOU CAN'T PUT THE SIGN UP WITHOUT ADVERTISING THE ORDINANCE.

ATTORNEY KEPNER SAID YOU COULD PUT THE SIGNAGE UP BUT COULD NOT ENFORCE THE FINES UNTIL THE ORDINANCE IS PASSED.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER SAID HE WOULD BE OK WITH PUTTING THE SIGNS UP NOW AS OPPOSED TO WAITING.

COUNCILMAN PETTY STATED THAT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF AN OIL, GAS OR GARBAGE TRUCK HAD TO DELIVER TO AREA RESIDENT AND WERE RESTRICTED FROM THE AREA.

ATTORNEY KEPNER SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO HAVE THE SIGNS SAY NO TRACTOR TRAILERS RATHER THAN A WEIGHT LIMIT FOR JUST THAT ISSUE.

A MOTION TO TABLE THE ISSUE FOR FUTHER DISCUSSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN MEIGHAN.

Motion: **MR. MEIGHAN** Second: MR. PETTY Approved Denied Tabled

B. Item: _____

Motion: _____

Second: _____

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Councilman Jarrett and seconded by Councilman Meighan. The motion was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Debra Force
Borough Manager