

**BOROUGH OF BERLIN  
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2010  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
59 SO. WHITE HORSE PIKE  
BERLIN, NJ  
6:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ARMANO.**

**FLAG SALUTE LED BY THE MAYOR.**

**SUNSHINE NOTICE:** Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Pursuant to Public 1975, Chapter 231. Said meeting has been advertised in the Courier Post and posted on the Berlin Hotel Bulletin Board in the Clerk's office stating the date, time and place of meeting. The change of time for this meeting was sent to the Courier Post for public information.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor John Armano, Council President Nick Maccaroni, Council members Casey, Chance and Bilella.

**PRESENT ALSO:** Solicitor George Botcheos, Special COAH Council Stuart Platt and Planner Brian Slaugh.

Stuart Platt and Brian Slaugh will report on recent proposed settlement agreements regarding Nexus.

Motion made to go into closed session made by Bilella and seconded by Casey. All were in favor.

Motion to go back into open session made by Chance and seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

When the council returned the consensus was that all were in favor of having Attorney Platt move forward with the nexus and Armstrong proposals.

**2<sup>ND</sup>. READING, ORDINANCE ADOPTION:** (This is a re-adoption from last meeting due to the DCA stamping the Supplement Debt. Statement after the adoption)

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-10, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$510,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$484,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SAID ORDINANCE.**

Motion to open to public Ordinance 2010-10 made by Chance and seconded by Maccaroni. All were in favor.

Motion to close public hearing made by Chance and seconded by Maccaroni. All were in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2010-10 made by Chance and seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

REPORT FROM FUND COMMISSIONER/SAFETY COORDINATOR Millard Wilkinson.

Millard gave an update to the council on the safety committee meeting and stating that the safety meetings are going well. He commends the Mayor for his participation.

At this time the Mayor took a five (5) minutes recess.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COUNCIL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS;**

- **MAYOR JOHN ARMANO.** He explains the vehicle traffic ordinance on agenda stating that once adopted he will go back to the county for a blinking traffic light during school hours that will lower the speed. Also there are signs being made for no right hand turns during school hours. /Letter from the State Police sent with 2009 snow storm FEMA money to the borough. /Had meeting with Caren Fishman with the County in relationship with the cleaning of the ditch in the County Park in exchange for Camden County Public Works Equipment for equal time. Councilman Casey asks the Mayor if he could possibly get the county to clean the lake at the park. /In regards to the interviews for the hiring of police. He states that the report he has from the Chief is that the final stages of the interviews for candidates has been complete and he would like to meet now with the safety committee to review the candidates that have been narrowed down to three./He thanks Debbie's Florist and Stella Farms for the donations of corn stalks and ribbons for the decorations along the White Horse Pike in Berlin./He is suggesting the council decide if they want to move forward with putting heat and air in the community center gym side. Councilman Casey will review the engineer's proposal and meet with the Mayor.
- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS,** Chairman Scott Scelso absent.
- **STREETS & ROADS,** Chairman James Bilella. In regards to the 2010 road project. Curbing is needed on the West side of Gardens in some areas due to the poor condition. Negotiations are underway for Park Avenue drainage.
- **WATER & SEWER,** Chairman Joe Sahina was absent.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY,** Chairman Dennis Chance. In regards to the matter involving the disabled veteran and refunding his taxes for not only 2010 that has been done, he is suggesting a refund for 2009. After speaking to Veteran Affairs, he is suggesting the borough pay the local taxes, and deduct the school and county taxes from the county bill and school bill that the borough pays that the veteran paid. Council explains that this cannot be done and suggests the veteran make an application direct to the County and

the Board of Education. It was discussed that a possible resolution be entertained for the refunding of the local purposes taxes only from 2009 he paid the borough.

- **HEALTH & RECREATION**, Chairman Bill Casey states that the seniors would like a bingo wide screen at the community center. He would like to solicit for donations from businesses.
- **FINANCE**, Chairman Nick Maccaroni explains salary ordinance on agenda for contract increases. Councilman Chance questions how the budget is at this point. An ordinance will be done for the dedication of the streets in Carriage Stop to the borough.
- **SOLICITOR**, George Botcheos states that the Busby Landfill case is continuing.
- **ADMINISTRATOR**, Charleen Santora. In reference to mandatory finger printing for mercantile applicants. She asks council to consider removing this mandate from the ordinance due to the fact that mostly all mercantile applications have numerous employees and finger printing one (1) individual does not clear the entire business. An ordinance will be amended by the solicitor for council to entertain at the next meeting. Reminds council that the council meeting will be on Nov. 8 and not Nov. 1. Community Center flooring will be re-bid for Nov. 30.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 67 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "WATER DEPARTMENT".

ORDINANCE NO.2010-15, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 315 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC"

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16, SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-03 AND 2009-22, SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "SALARIES"

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-17; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED, "COMMUNITY CENTER, USE OF".

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

R11-1; 2010, APPROVAL OF TRANSFER RESOLUTION INSIDE CAP TO INSIDE CAP \$167,510. AND FROM INSIDE CAP TO OUTSIDE CAP, \$1500.

R11-2;2010, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF WATER USAGE FEES IMPOSED UPON FIRE HYDRANTS WITHIN BERLIN BOROUGH, BERLIN TOWNSHIP, VOORHEES TOWNSHIP AND WINSLOW TOWNSHIP.

R11-3; 2010, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE TWO BUDGET INSERTIONS (CHAPTER 159) AS FOLLOWS;

VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7336.00 AND 2010 BODY ARMOR GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1919.25.

R11-4;2010, AUTHORIZATION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2011 FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS; MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY, AUDITOR, BOND COUNSEL, ENGINEER, WATER & SEWER ENGINEER, PROSECUTOR, PUBLIC DEFENDER, PLANNER, PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEUY, PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER, ARCHITECT OF RECORD, SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR WELL # 12, SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR COAH, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR POLICE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

R11-5;2010, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE NOT IN ANY BARGAINING UNIT TO SELL BACK UNUSED VACATION AND SICK TIME FOR THE YEAR 2010.

R11-6;2010, AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND \$50.00 TO ROBERTO BURREUZO DUE TO WITHDRAWING MERCANTILE APPLICATION FOR AT 144 W. WHITE HORSE PIKE.

R11-7; 2010, APPROVAL FOR REFUNDING ESCROW CLOSED ACCOUNTS TO:

Block 1203, lot 49 \$1500. Block 2105, Lot 7, \$500.00 and Block 1314, Lot 3..01 for \$500.00.

R11-8; 2010, APPROVAL FOR CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS THAT ARE OVER ONE YEAR OUTSTANDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FROM JULY, 2009 WRITTEN FROM THE CURRENT FUND.

R11-9;2010, APPROVAL FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL BASED UPON A FIELD INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADD BUSS STOPS AND DELETE CERTAIN BUS STOPS ON ROUTE 30 KNOWN AS THE WHITE HORSE PIKE IN THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN.

A motion was made to go into closed session to discuss the police contract by Chance and seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bilella seconded by Chance. All were in favor. RCV\_\_\_\_\_.

Charleen Santora, RMC