

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010
7:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SO. WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN NJ

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ARMANO.

FLAG SALUTE LED BY MAYOR ARMANO.

SUNSHINE NOTICE: Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice has been advertised in the Courier Post and posted on the Hotel Bulletin Board showing the date, place and time of said meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mayor John Armano, Council President Nick Maccaroni, Council members Scelso, Sahina, Casey, Chance and Bilella were all present.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor George Botcheos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Caucus meeting of July 27, 2010. Motion made by Chance seconded by Casey. All were in favor.

Council meeting of August 2, 2010. Motion made by Scelso and seconded by Chance. All were in favor.

Caucus meeting minutes of August 31, 2010. Motion made by Chance and seconded by Casey. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2010.

Municipal Court for July, 2010 in the amount of \$12,706.32 up \$2087.40 from this time last year.

Construction Dept for month of July. \$23,296.00, up \$59,717.00 from this time last year.

Municipal Clerk, \$13,570.22 for July, \$833.00.

Tax Collectors report for July, \$96,293.36, down \$631,396.47 from this time last year.

Utility for July, \$128,158.16, up \$42,595.64.

Motion to approve department reports made by Maccaroni and seconded by Chance. All were in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR No one addressed the council.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

- MAYOR JOHN ARMANO referred to letter sent to the council regarding the Gate of Heaven Cemetery and sewer hook up./Goes over Governor's best practices list and suggests a resolution be adopted regarding attendance for council members for basic courses on their responsibilities and obligations in local government.
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Chairman Scott Scelso up dates the dry wall progress at the police station and quotes that are being obtained to do work at 131 So. White Horse Pike, the old municipal building. /All electrical work has been done outside for lighting.
- STREETS & ROADS, Chairman James Bilella stated that public works patched Haines Avenue; originally thought would be done with on going road project as an ad alternate.
- WATER & SEWER, Chairman Joe Sahina notes that water plant 1 and 2 had a 30 million gallon water increase/Well # 10 re-drilling on agenda for council's approval to award contract.
- PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Dennis Chance gives public safety report for fire, police and ambulance attached to these minutes. Sgt. Robert Raio retired from police department on 9/1/2010 leaving this department four officers short.
- HEALTH & RECREATION, Chairman Bill Casey states that bids will be received on 9/23/2010 for the floor at the community center./Reminds everyone that the ball fields that are owned by the borough are for everyone to use and not just some organizations.
- FINANCE, Chairman Nick Maccaroni states the sign board is being repaired. /Resolution R9-17 on for council's consideration suggesting the insurance blimp ceases advertisement due to the cost of insurance. Suggests that besides the Governor and Insurance Commissioner, the letter be sent to Assemblyman Greenwald, the League of Municipalities and to the Mayor's Association.

At this time Mayor Armano added that after meeting with the County Park's Commission last week, the drainage ditch off of Park Drive has been cleaned per his request. Also, the county is working on getting the speed limit possibly reduced on Clementon Road. He has been working with Freeholder Cream. He will report back to council with any progress.

- SOLICITOR, George Botcheos has reviewed the amendment lease from the State for the leasing of the train station noting two revisions were added that he asked the clerk to check on regarding insurance and the working on a historical building.
- ADMINISTRATOR, Charleen Santora notes that if there aren't any objections, Halloween will be on the 31st from 3 pm to 8 pm. Chief Carrara has already been informed. Atlantic Electric is having a hearing in Hammonton on 9/23 at 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm on possible rate increases.

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTIONS:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-10, BOND 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 THE FOREGOING.

Motion to introduce made by Maccaroni and seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2010; 11; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "TAXATION".

Motion to introduce made by Chance and seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-12; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO IMPLEMENT DESIGN STANDARDS FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Motion to introduce made by Bilella and seconded by Maccaroni. Councilman Scelso and Sahina question this ordinance in regards to some restrictions. Councilman Bilella states this ordinance will only pertain to major renovations or new businesses coming into the borough that may have in mind doing a retro building that would not match the facade. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-13, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXPAND THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Motion to introduce made by Chance and seconded by Bilella. Mayor Armano notes that both these ordinances were sent to planning board. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

Meeting open to the public on Resolutions R8-14; 2010, R9-1; 2010 through R9-17; 2010.

Motion to close public hearing on Resolutions made by Scelso and seconded by Sahina. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION R8-14;2010 ORIGINALLY TABLED AUTHORIZING ERI TO OBTAIN QUOTES FOR THE UPGRADING TO A WATER LINE ON BLAINE AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN FOR ALTERNATE # 1, TWO (2) INCH POLY WATER MAIN AND ALTERNATE # 2, A 4 INCH DIP WATER MAIN LOOP FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4500.00. Motion to deny this resolution not accepting proposal made by Maccaroni and seconded by Sahina. All were in favor of the denial.

RESOLUTION R9-1;2010, APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE THROUGH THE COUNTY WITH ADHERING TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COMMENCING JANUARY, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER, 2011.

RESOLUTION R9-2;2010, APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 TO APPLY FOR THE CENTERS TO PLACE GRANT WITH THE NJDOT.

RESOLUTION R9-3;2010, APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HISTORIC BERLIN "LONG-A-COMING" TRAIN STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

RESOLUTION R9-4;2010, APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WASHINGTON AVENUE PROJECT.

RESOLUTION R9-5;2010, APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH ARLINGTON AVENUE PROJECT.

RESOLUTION R9-6;2010, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX REFUND FOR BLOCK 1400, LOT 9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,722.65 DUE TO MORTGAGE COMPANY OVERPAYMENT.

RESOLUTION R9-7;2010, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF WATER PAYMENTS FOR BLOCK 612, LOT 5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225.09 DUE TO ERRONEOUS PAYMENT BY RESIDENT TO AN INCORRECT ACCOUNT.

RESOLUTION R9-8;2010, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,678.47 FOR BLOCK 1900, LOT 3 DUE TO TAX EMEMPTION FOR FAMILY SERVICE OF BURLINGTON CO., NJ.

RESOLUTION R9-9;2010, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,937.80 FOR BLOCK 1401, LOT 15 DUE TO THE APPROVAL OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN.

RESOLUTION R9-10;2010, APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER # 1 FOR THE 2010 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR DRAINAGE IMPORVEMENT ADJUSTMENTS IN PINE AVENUE FOR THE COST NOT TO EXCEDD \$15,731.10.

RESOLUTION R9-11;2010, APPROVAL TO AWARD WELL # 10 RE-DRILLING CONTRACT TO UNI TECH DRILLING OF FRANKLINVILLE, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$521,344.00.
(Certification of funding approved by CFO)

RESOLUTION R9-12;2010, APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR BEAV CHABOT, T/A SPIRIT HALLOWEEN LOCATED AT BLOOM CHOPPING CENTER FORMALLY KEPPLER

CARPET FOR THE SALE OF HALLOWEEN MERCHANDISE CONTINGENT UPON FINGER PRINTING BEING APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2010.

RESOLUTION R9-13; 2010, AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR PUBLIC STORAGE FACILITY PER RECOMMENDATION FROM BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP DUE TO SITE IMPROVEMENT'S BEING COMPLETE. THIS RELEASE IS CONTINGENT UPON A REMAINING BALANCE OF \$750.00 IN ESCROW UNTIL FINAL AUGUST INSPECTION INVOICE CAN BE PAID.

RESOLUTION R9-14; 2010, APPROVAL FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR VENICE CATERING OF BERLIN NJ EFFECTIVE AUGUST 26, 2010 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2011 DUE TO STATE LIQUOR SALES TAX BEING SATISFIED.

RESOLUTION R9-15; 2010, APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL TO ACCEPT BIRDSALL GROUP'S PROPOSAL OF \$4000. FOR ENGINEERING FEES FOR ROAD PROGRAM ALTERNATE # 2 THAT INVOLVES WORK ON PARK AVENUE FROM ELM TO TERMINUS BASE MAPPING, DRAINAGE DESIGN, AND ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION DESIGN. (CAF FROM BOND ORDINANCE)

RESOLUTION R9-16;2010, APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR LY FINI, T/A L & N MARKET & NEWS, 39 WEST WHITE HORSE PIKE, BERLIN FOR THE SALE OF NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

RESOLUTION R9-17;2010, A RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR CHRISTIE AND THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CEASE THE FLYING OF THE BLIMP FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE STATE'S INSURANCE HORIZON BLUE CROSS DUE TO THE HIGH RISE OF HEALTH CARE AND THE ASTRONOMICAL EXPENSE BEING INCURED FOR NEW JERSEY TAX PAYERS BY FLYING THIS APPARATUS.

Motion to adopt Resolutions, R9-1 through R9-17; 2010 made by Maccaroni and seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2010 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,561,688.37. Motion made by Maccaroni seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Casey seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

Charleen Santora, RMC