

**BOROUGH OF BERLIN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012  
7:00 PM  
MUNICIPAL BLDG.  
59 SO. WHITE HORSE PIKE  
BERLIN N J 08009**

**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 Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice has been advertised in the Courier Post and Philadelphia Inquirer showing the date, place and time of said meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor John J. Armano, Council President Scott Scelso, Council members Maccaroni, Chance, Bilella, Kupchik and Pearce were all present.

**PRESENT ALSO:** Solicitor George Botcheos, Police Chief Robert Carrara, Acting Chief of Police Michael Delorenzo and Superintendent Mark Mauger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Caucus meeting of March 27, 2012

Closed session of March 27, 2012

Council meeting of April 2, 2012

Special meeting of council April 17, 2012

Motion; Pearce seconded by Scelso. All were in favor.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2012**

Municipal Clerk's Report      \$15,68.80

Animal Collections      \$1,509.20

Construction report      \$8,115.00

Court Admin. Report      \$13,310.70

Tax Collector's Report      \$234,625.72

Water/Sewer Report      \$545,003.50

Bureau of Fire Prevention      \$2,318.00

Motion; Maccaroni seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

Mayor Armano asked for the report of both the Chief and Superintendent.

Mayor Armano states it will be Bob's last formal meeting for the borough. He has put in 29 years of service for Berlin and six and a half years has been as chief. Bob states the transition process has been going well adding that Acting Chief Delorenzo has a lot of ideas for the future. New officer is completing FTO program sooner than the 8 to 12 weeks it usually takes./Class II officer the borough was going to hire took another job in another town. He will advertise for this position again for 30 days. /He thanks the council and borough for his career here and the opportunity to grow in Berlin noting it was a good experience. He states the department as a whole has been successful. Mayor and council thank Bob for a job well done. All wish Bob the best.

Superintendent Mark Mauger. Spring leaves pick up has been completed. /All hydrants have been flushed. / Mark-outs are being done for South Jersey Gas for sewer and water. /Floor being installed at 131 South White Horse Pike by our men and is almost complete./Flowers should all be in by Mother's Day./There was 253 hours of missed time from his department for the month of April./Alarm for community center on hold./Trash cans are emptied twice a week at the ball fields.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:**

##### **Roy Schmidt, 12 Hamilton Avenue, Berlin.**

He states there are bad pot holes at the end of Jefferson and Taunton Avenue that was done by South Jersey gas he feels should be fixed by them. /Railroad station needs work done. He will get quotes on an estimate for repairs. /Asks the council if there is an ordinance for a boat that is parked on Broadview in the borough named Dalton Way.

Joe Levin, 42 year landlord in Berlin Borough.

Mr. Levin states that his properties located in the plaza area off of Clementon Road have been robbed three times. Police arrest made that turned out to be an adjacent property owner to his stores. He has recently erected a fence behind the property of the arrested person. He is concerned about his businesses. He is asking the borough for any help the borough can give in regards to this matter. Mayor Armano stated the borough is trying to get to a certain standard for zoning and property maintenance that will give us more leverage, especially when we see properties are in dire need of attention.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS:**

MAYOR ARMANO Courier Post had article stating the Governor of New Jersey is looking to confiscate municipality's affordable housing money. / Getting prices for new banners for the town as the old ones are completely shot. Councilwoman Kupchik suggests he ask the Business Association to purchase the banners.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Chairman Scott Scelso Resolution on agenda to mover forward with seeking bidders for the demolition of 16 Haines Avenue. The CFO will certify funding when necessary./Berlin Community School is checking with the Board of Education to see if they have funding to split the cost for the replacement of the lightning detection system.

STREETS & ROADS, Chairman Jim Bilella Explains bid proposal award. /2011 contractor has not finished Haines Avenue. /Capital budget will be needed to amend to include the grant money for Ellis. /Cost estimate will be needed to move forward with design work.

WATER & SEWER, Chairman Lynn Kupchik. Both resolutions on agenda for the re-drilling of well # 15 and for going out to bid for Chlorination system. Notes the borough is paying .03 per gallon for water from New Jersey American Water.

HEALTH & RECREATION, Chairman Jim Pearce. Key fobs are now working. There was a battery issue. /Soccer field issue is being looked into as to who owns fields. Frank Domin will confirm. /Plaque sign for community center gym is not ordered as of yet due to questioning on the wording. /He has reached out to the vending machine company to see if they will cover \$100. per month for the machine that is in the community center.

PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Dennis. Chance Memorial Day services will be on May 28 at 6:30 am breakfast. The bus will be making stops at all grave sites and memorials in the borough./VFW is having a fund raiser on May 12./Ambulance had 219 calls for March and 179 calls for April./Fire company had 147 calls for January, February and March. Police issued 179 summonses in March with 1793 calls.

FINANCE, Chairman Nick Maccaroni Jiffy Lube on White Horse Pike has been painted but does not look any better due to the plywood boards on building being bad. /Wants a letter sent to the old bus garage on Tansboro Road due to maintenance needed.

SOLICITOR, George Botcheos He reviewed the bid specs for the road program and found them to be in order./Ordinance 2012-02 needs to be amended for language purposes./

ADMINISTRATOR, Charleen Santora Still working on the new projection system and microphone system that has been installed in court room. /Mercantile license renewals will be going out next week with new fees. /Animal census is in full swing.

## **ORDINANCES, 2<sup>ND</sup>. READINGS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02, AN ORDINANCE DELETING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH O BERLIN AND CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 256 ENTITLED, "RENTAL PROPERTIES".**

Meeting open to the public.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to delete section 1 completely made by Bilella and seconded by Pearce. All were in favor.

A motion was made to amend the ordinance to read, an ordinance amending and supplementing creating a new chapter entitled "Rental Properties" by Bilella, seconded by Pearce. All were in favor.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2012-02 as amended by Bilella seconded by Chance. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-05, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 162 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED, "FIRE PREVENTION".**

Meeting open to the public.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-05 made by Chance seconded by Pearce. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 98 ENTITLED "BOARDING HOUSES, ROOMING HOUSES AND HOTELS".**

Meeting open to the public.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-07 made by Bilella seconded by Kupchik. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 218 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "MERCANTILE LICENSES"**

Meeting open to the public.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-08 made by Scelso seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09A, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 315 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

Meeting open to the public.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2012-09A was made by Scelso seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-10, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 315 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC".**

Motion to introduce; by Pearce seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Meeting open to the public.**

**Meeting closed to the public.**

R4-2; 2012, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE RE-DRILLING OF WELL NO. 15 FOR OPTION # 2 AT A REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$597,590.00. (CFO HAS CERTIFIED THE ADDITIONAL FUNDING) ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$76,346.00 PLUS ENGINEERING COSTS OF \$44,840.00 THAT COVERS ENGINEERING FEES FOR BOTH DRILLING OF THE WELL AND CHLORINATION SYSTEM INCLUDING INSPECTIONS.

R4-3;2012, AUTHORIZATION FOR PENNONI ASSOCIATES TO GO OUT TO BID FOR CHLORINATION SYSTEM AT WELL # 15 FOR AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000.0 TO \$175,000.00 PLUS ENGINEERING COSTS OF \$15,000.00.

R5-6;2012, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE.

R5-7;2012, AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$896.00 TO SOUTH JERSEY GAS DUE TO ROAD NOT BEING ABLE TO OPEN AND MONEY ALREADY DEPOSITED.

R5-8;2012, APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR ZION GOLA, T/A JOE THE JEWELER CASH FOR GOLD FOR THE SALE OF PRECIOUS METAL LOCATED AT 33 W. WHITE HORSE PIKE, BERLIN.

R5-9;2012, APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH AMC THEATRES OF MARLTON, NJ TO RESERVE 200 SEATS FOR CAMP LONG-A-COMING ON JULY 19, 2012.

R5-10; 2012, AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO APPROVE BOROUGH HANDBOOK REVISED ON 4/24/2012.

R5-11; 2012, APPROVAL TO HIRE ROBERT LAWRENCE KING FROM MARLTON, NJ TO FILL THE POSITION OF FIRE INSPECTOR ANTHONY AMBRICCO WHO RESIGNED ON APRIL 27, 2012 PER RECOMMENDATION FROM FIRE MARSHAL BILL BEHNKE.

R5-12; 2012, APPROVAL FOR MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN RIGHTS OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH SUNESYS, LLC. OF WARRINGTON, PA. FOR ONE 10 YEAR TERM AGREEMENT WITH THE ABILITY TO EXTEND THREE ADDITIONAL TIMES FOR FIVE

YEAR TERMS EACH FOR A FEE OF \$500.00 YEARLY TO THE BOROUGH FOR THE RIGHT OF WAY.

R5-13; 2012, AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC OF MAYS LANDING, NJ CONTINGENT UPON THE CFO CERTIFYING THE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$291,685.00 PLUS ENGINEERING FEES OF \$31,000.FOR THE 2012 ROAD PROGRAM.

R5-14:2012, AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH GOING OUT TO BID FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 16 HAINES AVENUE AUTHORIZING IN HOUSE ARCHITECT ALAN BLAIR TO INSTITUTE BID PROCESS FOR A FEE OF 7.5% OF THE COST OF DEMOLITION CONTINGENT UPON CFO CERTIFYING THE FUNDS.

Motion to adopt Resolutions R4-2, R4-3, R5-6 through R5-14; 2012 made by Chance seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 3,121,310.23. Motion made by Maccaroni seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

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

Charleen Santora, RMC