

**BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SO. WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN N J 08009
7:00 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 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 Armano, Council President Scott Scelso, Council members Maccaroni, Bilella, Kupchik and Pearce were all present. Councilman Chance was absent.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor George Botcheos

Mayor Armano acknowledges Senator Dawn Addiego being in attendance.

PRESENTATION

NEW JERSEY SENATE CITATION TO THE FRIENDS OF THE MARIE FLECHE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOR THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE THEY HAVE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

Former Mayor Millard Wilkinson thanked the Mayor and council for offering this presentation to the "Friends of the Library" He also thanked Senator Addiego for her part in making this presentation possible. He gave a little back ground and history regarding the library and it's past. He thanks all of the volunteers and workers who make the library possible.

SENATOR DAWN ADDIEGO read the Proclamation resolution from the Senate and the General Assembly that focused on the part of the librarian's dedication to the library and to the community extending best wishes and continued success to be signed by Assembly President and Speaker. Millard stated that a total of 496 years of service has been dedicated to the library from the "Friends".

Mayor Armano thanks Millard and Senator Addiego.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caucus meeting minutes of May 1, 2012

Council meeting minutes of May 7, 2012.

Motion to approve was made by Pearce seconded by Bilella. All were in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2012.

Municipal Clerk's report	\$3987.83
Animal report	3858.20
Direct EDRS	260.00
Court	\$15,408.04
Tax collections	\$2,972,390.14
Utility	260,822.85
Construction	3,425.00
Fire Rescue	46 total calls

Motion to approve made by Maccaroni seconded by Kupchik. All were in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Residents regarding Previte Property located on Leroy Avenue will speak to the borough council.

Catherine Rainey, 56 Leroy Avenue, Berlin presented to the council information regarding the flooding experience that the areas on Leroy Avenue and adjacent areas have experienced over many years that involve the Greater Egg Harbor River. Mrs. Rainey spoke on behalf of several residents and neighbors that were present at this meeting. Mrs. Rainey brought photographic handouts showing the tributary that runs through the neighborhood. The pictures are from New Freedom Road where the stream overflows and from homeowners all along the stream going down to Park Avenue where the stream joins the river. The property owners are requesting from the DEP a flood hazard verification asking to exempt that section of land to build one home on this area. The property owners have sent their third petition to the DEP asking that building not be allowed. Flooding is increasing each year according to Rainey. Some suggested solutions are for the council to meet with the DEP to help them understand the ramifications of building on this property. Also, to possibly have the borough purchase this land with the Open Space funds. Cleaning out the sewer system would be helpful due to trapped debris and the trees that are clogging in the Camden County Parks would also be helpful in allowing the stream to flow.

Matthew Merlino, 36 Ridgeview Avenue, Berlin.

Law of 2008, NJAC 713 is a law on the books that addresses building on wetland areas he would like the DEP to look into.

Ronald Schepis, 21 Glenview Ave.

Ronald asks who is responsible to maintain the stream as part of the stream is on private property. Also states that surveyors have most recently only surveyed the stream measuring the depths of the stream. He asks if the property owner can reroute the stream. Mayor Armano feels the pipe going under Park Drive near the Harvey property is not large enough to handle the water. He met with the Camden County Parks to show them this. He states that the county has always cleaned this stream, however, two years ago the borough entered into a inter local agreement where the borough would go through the park 6 months of the year from Park Drive towards New Freedom Road in exchange for equipment. Mayor notes that there is more run off now than years ago because of all the impervious surfaces. Mayor feels that nothing should be built on this property. He is working on getting a meeting with the DEP through Senator Addiego's office to address this situation. He also states the county must be pressured to look at this area. surveyors most recently were hired by Previte. Mr. Schepis states the DPW does a great job cleaning out the ditch and streams near Glenview.

Mayor states that all should send letters to Freeholder Cappelli regarding this situation and again states he is working on getting a meeting with the DEP.

He will continue his efforts on trying to stop any building on this property and area.

Councilman Maccaroni states that the County is aware of these problems but does not seem to be giving the borough any service and it is getting harder and harder to keep everything maintained. He states the Electric Company did the borough a courtesy in trimming trees along the park area. Mayor states the County gets 27% of tax payer's dollars noting the borough gets 22% from residents and supplies more services.

Council President Scelso states he has watched the water backing up on the end of Gardens Avenue.

The Mayor will keep the poster showing the flooding in this area for when he and Councilwoman Kupchik go to Trenton.

Betty Velie, 2 Roosevelt Blvd, Berlin.

Asks who to contact at the County Level. Mayor stated Freeholder Cappelli.

Mary Ellen Aicher, 1 Thomas Avenue, Berlin.

Questions why County prisoners who have in the past cleaned up the park areas are no longer doing this. The park director is questioning this for the Mayor.

Council will go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue regarding Chief Michael Delorenzo. Motion made by Pearce seconded by Kupchik. All were in favor.

Motion to go back into open session was made by Pearce seconded by Scelso. All were in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

MAYOR ARMANO In regards to the library. Solicitor will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting to the County Clerk for a free public library and public referendum.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Chairman Scott Scelso 131 So. White Horse Pike will have final electrical inspection tomorrow and then it can be rented. /Resolution on agenda in regards to 16 Haines Avenue and 59 So. White Horse Pike renovation. /Met with the Community School in regards to the lightning detection system that needs to be replaced on the athletic fields and they have agreed to pay for half of this new system.

STREETS & ROADS, Chairman James Bilella 2011 road program is moving forward finalizing the punch on Haines Avenue and Arlington Avenue. /2012 road program has started on the second part of Haines Avenue.

WATER & SEWER, Chairman Lynn Kupchik Still waiting on construction of re-drilling of well and the bidding for the chlorination system.

HEALTH & RECREATION, Chairman Jim Pearce Resolution on agenda to extend the tennis court hours for more camp time as there is a log of new camps being offered this summer by other organizations./ Battery backup has been replaced at the community center./Hand driers in at center hoping to save electric./Score boards are being addressed to make sure all is working properly./Berlin soccer is scheduling their fields./No response to the vending machine proprietor as of today has not picked up the machine at the community center.

PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Dennis Chance Mayor Armano gave report for the absent Councilman Chance. Report attached to these minutes for both fire department and police department.

FINANCE, Chairman Nick Maccaroni He is suggesting that our Chief contract solicitor for procedure to collect outstanding warrants.

SOLICITOR, George Botcheos He examined the bid supplied for the front end loader and has found them to be in order. A resolution is on agenda for awarding this to Pole Tavern.

ADMINISTRATOR, Charleen Santora A list will be provided to the council with a list of department heads as to when they will be attending the meetings so council can gather their questions. /Spoke with the county in reference to increasing the hours of summer camp from 1 pm to 4 pm. /Door to door animal census was completed today by Kathleen Fleig. /DPW report read and attached to these minutes.

Mayor Armano spoke to the gas company in regards to the dirt left on the roadways and since then it has been cleaned up and he has been assured the when the entire project is complete

the roadways will be left clean./A new banner has already been hit even though we are within the 18" guideline.

Police Chief Michael Delorenzo gave his report. Report attached to these minutes.

ORDINANCES:

2nd. Reading, **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 to public by Pearce seconded by Kupchik. All were in favor.

Motion to close public hearing made by Pearce seconded by Scelso. All were in favor.

Motion to adopt made by Pearce seconded by Scelso. All were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS R6-1 THROUGH R6-9; 2012.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

R6-1;2012, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE BUDGET INSERTION INTO THE 2012 GENERAL BUDGET FOR FY2012 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,156.46.

R6-2; 2012, AUTHORIZATION FROM COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE 2012-2013 LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN FOR;

RENAISSANCE BEVERAGES II, LLC, T/A CANAL'S DISCOUNT LIQUORS, WOODBRIAR CORP, T/A WOODBRIAR INN, EVINOS CORPORATION, INC., T/A LUCIEN'S MANOR, BESSE BERLIN LLC, T/A LUCKIY LOU'S, TREA, INC. T/A OLLIE GATORS PUB, VENICE CATERING OF BERLIN AND VFW POST.

R6-3; 2012, A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE INTER-COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ASSOCIATION FOR THE OPERATION OF FIREWORKS FOR THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION 2012.

R6-4;2012, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN AUTHORIZING THE TAX REFUND FOR BLOCKS & LOTS LISTED TO CORE LOGIC BELOW DUE TO MORTGAGE COMPANY OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1163.43.

R6-5;2012, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT PLAN OF \$9,684.08 PER MONTH FOR 3 MONTHS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 87 TANSBORO ROAD OWNED BY WINDING WAY CONDO ASSOCIATION FOR THE TAX/WATER/SEWER BALANCE OF \$9,684.08.

R6-6; 2012, A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL # 1914 REGARDING CERTAIN "USER FEES FOR TRADITIONAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

R6-7;2012, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR AND CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FROM ALAN BLAIR FOR HIS SERVICES FOR THE DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING LOCATED ON 16 HAINES AVENUE AND 59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE.

R6-8;2012, APPROVAL TO AWARD THE BID FOR A 2012 DEERE 224J 4 WHEEL DRIVER LOADER PLUS SNOW PLOW TO POLE TAVERN EQUIPMENT SALES CORP. OF ELMER, NEW JERSEY, THE ONLY RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,999.00 CONTINGENT UPON THE CFO CERTIFYING THE FUNDS.

R6-9; 2012. APPROVAL TO AMEND RESOLUTION R3-11;2012 DONE IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS PERMIT SU12 084 FOR CAMP USAGE MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM JULY 2 TO JULY 26 ORIGINAL HOURS 9 AM TO 1 PM BUT CHANGING FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM.

R6-10;2012, AUTHORIZATION FROM COUNCIL FOR THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MICHAEL DELORENZO AND THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN EFFECTIVE MAY 18, 2012 RUNNING FOR TWO YEARS.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS R6-1 THROUGH R6-10; 2012 Scelso seconded by Pearce. All were in favor.

PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$876,357.93. Motion made by Maccaroni seconded by Scelso. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn was made by Scelso seconded by Pearce. All were in favor.

Charleen Santora, RMC

Borough Clerk