

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013
7:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SO. WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN, NJ 08009

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 Philadelphia Inquirer showing the date, place and time of said meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mayor John J. Armano, Council President James Bilella (arrived at 7:05pm), Council members Maccaroni, Scelso, Kupchik, Pearce and Knight.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor George Botcheos and Police Chief Michael DeLorenzo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Closed session minutes from 7/30/2013

Motion to approve made by Councilman Scelso, seconded by Kupchik. All members present were in favor with the exception of Councilman Pearce who abstained.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR JULY, 2013:

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| Municipal Clerk's report | \$14,259.00 |
| Construction permit fees | 11,938.00 |
| Zoning fees | 185.00 |
| Community rental fees | 4,625.00 |
| Tax Collector's report | 2,213,126.01 |
| Utility report | 213,075.00 |
| Municipal Court | 19,709.87 |

Motion to approve made by Councilman Maccaroni, seconded by Knight. All members present were in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

William Dodd – 65 Smokey Run Drive – Approached council about the flooding issue on his street and would like a speed bump to be out in to stop the flow from 561. Mayor Armano spoke with the county engineer and the DEP and is waiting for recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR, John Armano reported Berlin Soccer Club's opening day is Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 9:00 am; Fall Festival is being held October 12, 2013 from 9am to 4pm; Berlin Community School received a National Character Award which is a very prestigious award from the Federal Government.

STREETS & ROADS, Chairman James Bilella followed up from his report last week. Contract has been signed with AE Stone and a kick off meeting will be held September 10, 2013 on site.

WATER & SEWER, Chairman Lynn Kupchik reported that there have not been any turn offs or turn on's. / Has not heard anything since August 21st in regard to the well; should be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks. / Has not received list of bills paid from Treasurer.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Chairman Gary Knight reported that Aqua Tex did an evaluation in July on the remediation at 16 Haines Avenue. Contamination did not spread and the next step is to prepare a proposal. / Library door is being replaced. / Painting is being done at the municipal building downstairs in the kitchen area.

HEALTH & RECREATION, Chairman Jim Pearce reported that the Community Center sponsor board is up and it looks nice.

PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Scott Scelso reported the Berlin Fire Prevention revenue was \$2,785.00; there were 97 inspections; Fire Department had 45 calls in July with a total of 374 to date; provided statistical report for the Police Department for the month of July (see attached); did not have a report for the ambulance.

FINANCE, Chairman Nick Maccaroni reported he had CFO compile the total of COAH legal costs up to the end of June and the total is \$110,000.00; \$95,000.00 in escrow was used; wants to put together a binder consisting of 8 years of legal litigation information so that planning board has a copy as well as the library and borough hall.

SOLICITOR, George Botcheos did not have anything to report.

ADMINISTRATOR, Charleen Santora informed council that Motiva Enterprises, LLC is investigating environmental conditions at Route 30 and Cross Keys Road. Information about the environmental investigation will be made available to the municipality upon request. / Atlantic City Electric will hold public hearings on September 17, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the Mays Landing Branch of the Atlantic County Library System in regard to Basic Generation Service charges procured by ACE Company on behalf of its basic generation

service customers and notice of proposed recovery through its basic generation service charges of costs resulting from statewide auction for basic generation services and the system control charges. / Meeting tomorrow with CFO, Treasurer and Tax Collector about billing out for grass clippings and cleanups.

ORDINANCES:

2nd Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 193, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO COMPORT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.A.C. 5:96-1 ET SEQ. AND N.J.A.C. 5:97-1 ET. SEQ.

Meeting open to the public.
Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-09 made by Councilman Maccaroni, seconded by Bilella. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01, A SALARY ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS SALARY ORDINANCE 2012-01 SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "SALARIES"

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-01 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Pearce. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 129 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED, "CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM"

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-02 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Pearce. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 226 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED, "NUISANCES".

Motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-11 made by Councilman Pearce, seconded by Knight. All members present were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

Meeting open to the public on Resolutions R9-1 through R9-10; 2013.

R9-1;2013, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN BLOCK 1102, LOT 1, 7 JEFFERSON AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$720.00 FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE WORK DONE BY THE DPW ON 8/16/2013 AND 8/17/2013 CONTINGENT UPON PAYMENT NOT BEING RECEIVED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM BILLING.

R9-2;2013, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN BLOCK 1400, LOT 7, 14 E. TAUNTON AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$720.00 FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE WORK DONE BY THE DPW ON 8/16/2013 AND 8/17/2013 CONTINGENT UPON PAYMENT NOT BEING RECEIVED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM BILLING.

R9-3;2013, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN BLOCK 2100, LOT 10.02, 184 TANSBORO ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$720.00 FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE WORK DONE BY THE DPW ON 8/16/2013 AND 8/17/2013 CONTINGENT UPON PAYMENT NOT BEING RECEIVED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM BILLING.

R9-4;2013, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN BLOCK 1003, LOT 13, 31 HARKER AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$995.00 FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE WORK DONE BY THE DPW ON 8/16/2013 AND 8/17/2013 CONTINGENT UPON PAYMENT NOT BEING RECEIVED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM BILLING.

R9-5;2013, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN BLOCK 1401, LOT 4, 12 WASHINGTON AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$995.00 FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE WORK DONE BY THE DPW ON 8/16/2013 AND 8/17/2013 CONTINGENT UPON PAYMENT NOT BEING RECEIVED WITH 30 DAYS FROM BILLING.

R9-6;2013, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX REFUND OF \$563.82 FOR BLOCK 2106 LOT 10 DUE TO TITLE CO OVERPAYMENT.

R9-7;2013, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4653.52 FOR BLOCK & LOTS LISTED DUE TO CORE LOGIC OVERPAYMENT;

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| Block 1302, lot 6 | 10 W. Broad Ave. | \$1378.20 |
| Block 2208/ Lot 10 | 10 Winding Way | 1881.15 |
| Block 2201.01/40 | 3 Glacier Drive | 1394.17 |

RESOLUTION R9-8;2013, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX REFUND OF \$2527.06 FOR BLOCK 2306 LOT 1 DUE TO MTG. CO OVERPAYMENT.

RESOLUTION R9-9;2013, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MATT JENKINS AND JANET FINNEGAN WORKED FOR CAMP LONG A COMING AS BOTH CAMP TEACHER AND CAMP COUNSELOR FOR 2013 CAMP AND WERE APPROVED BY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

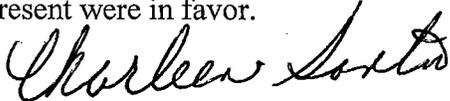
RESOLUTION R9-10;2013, A RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND THAT TERMINATES 12/31/2013 FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

Motion to adopt Resolutions R9-1 through R9-10; 2013 made by Councilman Pearce, seconded by Bilella. All members present were in favor.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,461,980.17

Motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of August 2013 made by Councilman Maccaroni, seconded by Bilella. All members present were in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Pearce. All members present were in favor.



Charleen Santora
RMC