

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 22, 2014
7:00 PM
BERLIN COMMUNITY CENTER
250 S. FRANKLIN AVENUE
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, Council members Maccaroni, Scelso, Kupchik, Pearce and Knight. Council members Maccaroni, Scelso and Pearce were absent. Councilman Knight was not physically present, but was on speaker phone for the entire duration of the meeting.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor George Botcheos, Councilman Elect Badolato and Councilman Elect Miller

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 25, 2014 caucus meeting
December 1, 2014 council

Motion to approve made by Council President Bilella, seconded by Councilwoman Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2014

Bureau of Fire Prevention	6360.90
Tax Collectors report	3,885,122.00
Utility report	122,978.90
Municipal Clerk's report	1,691.00
Permit fees	5,830.00
Zoning fees	110.00
Rental inspections	450.00

Community center fees 1,250.00

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Kupchik, seconded by Council President Bilella. All members present were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

Meeting open to the public on Resolutions R12-20; 2014 to R12-29; 2014

There was no public comment or question.

Meeting closed to the public.

R12-20; 2014, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TAX REFUND FOR BLOCK 2402, LOT 26 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,606.60 DUE TO MTG. CO OVERPAYMENT

R12-21; 2014, APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A HIKVISION EXTERIOR BULLET CAMERA FROM EVESHAM LOCK AND SAFE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$574.10 (Funding already encumbered and certified))

R12-22; 2014, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF REMINGTON & VERNICK LITIGATION

R12-23; 2014 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE A BUDGET INSERTION (CHAPTER 159) INTO THE GENERAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 FOR NJ DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT

R12-24; 2014, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATE TRANSFERS TOTALING \$78,320 FOR GENERAL BUDGET, \$12,000 FOR WATER UTILITY BUDGET, \$17,600 FOR SEWER BUDGET AND \$3,067.00 FROM OPEN SPACE

R12-25; 2014, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000

R12-26; 2014, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REFUND OF DEVELOPER ESCROW BALANCE FOR BLOCK 100, LOT 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465.18

R12-27;2014, APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR SAQIB GURESHI, T/A NEW BERLIN DINER AT 117 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE, BERLIN FOR A DINER ESTABLISHMENT

R12-28; 2014, AUTHORIZATION FOR 4TH QUARTER UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENTS FOR;

124 PIEDMONT BLVD. NEW ACT.	-40.00
110 PIEDMONT BLVD. NEW METER	+892.50

4 DELWOOD REPROGRAM METER MISREAD -676.90

R12-29; 2014, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE GRANTING OF A DEED OF PERMANENT EASEMENT TO SUSAN F. KIRSHNER FOR BLOCK 1306, LOT 3.02 AT 1 GLENVIEW COURT

Councilwoman Kupchik stated that Resolution R12-25;2014 was relative to the water budget.

Motion to approve Resolutions R12-20 through R12-29; 2014 made by Council President Bilella with the clarification on Resolution R12-25;2014, seconded by Councilwoman Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$464,615.53

Motion to approve made by Council President Bilella, seconded by Councilwoman Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS:

Motion to go into closed session made by Councilwoman Kupchik, seconded by Council President Bilella. All members present were in favor.

Motion to go back into open session made by Council President Bilella, seconded by Councilwoman Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

Meeting will not be adjourned, but will continue on January 3, 2015 at 1:00 pm.



Charleen Santora, RMC
Borough Admin