

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015
BOROUGH OF BERLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SO. WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN NJ
7:00 PM

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 bulletin board in the municipal clerk's office located at 41 So. White Horse Pike showing the date, place and time of said meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mayor John Armano, Council President Lynn Kupchik, Council members Bilella, Pearce, Knight, Miller and Badolato. Councilman Miller arrived to the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor Howard Long, Administrator Charleen Santora, Construction/Zoning Official Michael DePalma, Police Chief Michael DeLorenzo and DPW Superintendent Mark Mauger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council meeting of May 14, 2015
 Caucus meeting of June 2, 2015
 Closed session minutes of June 2, 2015

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR MAY 2015

Tax collectors report	\$2,894,321.31
Utility report	93,713.78
Municipal clerks report	5,577.50
Animal report	1,206.20
Construction permit fees	2,410.00
Community Center fees	1,325.00
Resale inspections	600.00
Rental inspections	50.00

Motion to approve made by Councilman Badolato, seconded by Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS:

Jennifer Adair LaFontane – 265 S. White Horse Pike – Ms. Adair-LaFontane asked Councilman Pearce, Chairman of Public Safety where the estimated number of 60,000 people came from in regard to the fourth of July fireworks. Councilman Pearce informed her that the Emergency Management Coordinator Richard Crain reported that number and he obtained the information from the Camden County OEM. Ms. Adair LaFontane said she contacted the county offices and was told by the emergency management official that there was never a population count taken at the 2014 fireworks. She had a letter from the county and handed it to Councilman Pearce.

Michelle Sulecki – 155 Sequoia Drive – First, Michelle asked the Mayor when he was first notified that the park was an unsafe venue for the fireworks; she wanted to know why an alternative location wasn't found immediately rather than cancelling a beloved tradition. Also, she wanted to know why the public did not have an opportunity to make suggestions about this due to the fact that the Fourth of July festivities are so important to this town. She stated that on June 2nd Jennifer Adair LaFontane came up with a proposal to have the fireworks moved to Franklin Avenue field in the front of the Community Center; She also said that the Mayor would have a committee set up that would report back at tonight's meeting in regard to Ms. Adair LaFontane's proposal. Since the meeting on June 2nd Michelle, Jennifer, Charlene and a few others worked diligently to come up with every solution to problems that they thought would prevent the fireworks proposal from being rejecting tonight. Michelle sent an email to the governing body and only received a response from Councilman Badolato; she thanked him for taking the time to respond. She thanked Councilman Pearce for meeting with her personally to discuss the fireworks and stated that she checked his name on the ballot. She said she was extremely disappointed with the rest of the governing body for not taking the time to respond to her email; she stated how she was disappointed in the Mayor as well. She thanked Chief DeLorenzo for meeting with Jennifer and hopes that everyone can work together finding a new home for the beloved tradition for next year.

Tammy Porter - 140 S. Franklin Ave – Tammy said that she does not want the fireworks near her property. She understands it is a tradition for the people who have lived here all their lives, but times have changed. She doesn't think that the borough should be responsible for the liability for all the other towns that have cancelled their fireworks and come to see Berlin's. It is not feasible to have the fireworks; she does not want the trash, the filth and her street to be closed off. She thinks another location in the woods, somewhere flat with more parking would be a better choice. She already has parking issues just from people attending school; they block her driveway. The last thing she wants is more traffic on Franklin Avenue; she has to go to work and doesn't want to deal with the traffic and the street being closed off. It is not necessary to tear up the soccer fields; she is against the fireworks and she thinks it is time that we no longer have them.

Dina Sedlack - 59 Tansboro Road – Ms. Sedlack wanted to address the woman who just spoke in favor of cancelling the fireworks; she said that in the proposal for the fireworks next year Franklin Avenue was going to be blocked off. The people in this town have dealt with the traffic on the Fourth of July for years. No matter where we put the fireworks there are going to be some people who do not like it. People will learn to like it and this woman has the best seat in the house and Franklin Avenue would be blocked off.

Jessica Milner - 201 Rich Ave – The streets belong to the borough and people can park on them at any time. Also, if you don't like school traffic why would you buy a house next to the elementary school. Her grandparents built the house she lives in and it's been there since 1965 and there's never been any trash or trampling anywhere on their property; the house is a block from the park. There has never been an issue and the kids go and play on the fields the next day and they are not all trampled up. Also, if you are going to work on the Fourth of July that's a whole other issue because 4th of July is our country's birthday. We absolutely have to stand up and shout from the roof tops that we are proud to be American citizens.

Michael Porter - 140 S. Franklin Ave – Mr. Portman is not trying to be un-American, but the traffic and the trash on Franklin Avenue is something that has to be fixed. He said he would event take video and bring it to the next meeting; he is there 24/7 and is constantly cleaning up trash due to the meetings that are held at the community center as well as softball and other activities.

Susan Sinelnik - 70 Gardens Ave – Ms. Sinelnik said that for the Fourth of July the parking wouldn't really be a problem; people are able to get in and out of their driveways. The borough does an excellent job of cleaning up the park every year. There's never been a problem with extra trash and people have parked in front of my house every year for the fireworks and there has never been a problem. The fields would be cleaned up and we also worked out a proposal that would allow for the fields to be repaired which is part of having the fireworks. Money would be set aside to repair any damage to the fields and they would be in better shape than before the fireworks. She doesn't think that the people of Berlin shouldn't be upset; they enjoy the holiday and they enjoy sharing it with their families. She also asked if Lucien's or Steve Giberson at the auction would be willing to help out with the parking for the Fourth of July for next year which could be included in the proposal for having the fireworks at Franklin Avenue.

Cheryl Norkus – 13 B. West Broad Ave – Ms. Norkus said that the fireworks have been in her backyard for the past 50 years and there has never been an issue. If you move the location then she will have to drive to see the fireworks and find parking, but oh well. This is something that happens only once a year and we've kept the tradition going for years. It is silly that we are arguing about where to have the fireworks and it's a shame that now we are not having them at all; it is very sad.

Linda Straub – 59 Gardens Ave – Ms. Straub wrote a letter and read it to the governing body in regard to the fireworks. Full letter is attached to these minutes.

Charlene Galiano - 265 S. White Horse Pike – Charlene said she fell in love with her country on the Fourth of July. She has learned so much about her country because of the Fourth of July. She said she stands before everyone right now and she can stomp her feet, she could cry her eyes out and beg the governing body to please save her tradition, our tradition, our community's tradition, our town's tradition. She thanked Chief DeLorenzo for standing up and speaking up because she can't believe that she's been taking her kids to an unsafe area all these years to watch the fireworks. She asked the Mayor to order the Fire Marshall to do the required assessments for the community center for the proposal for Independence Day 2016. She also asked the Mayor to order the appropriate agencies to the emergency management assessments. If the committee that you (Mayor) formed to save this event has this information it would expedite the process and give everyone the opportunity to make 2016 the most amazing Independence Day ever. She asked to give the community center proposal a chance to work.

Mayor Armano stated that Councilman Badolato has a meeting next week with the proper officials.

Jennifer Adair LaFontane – 265 S. White Horse Pike – Ms. Adair thanked Police Chief Michael DeLorenzo for working diligently with her to come up with ideas and solutions for the fireworks for 2016 over the past few weeks. She expressed that she was upset/displeased about the Mayor and governing body ignoring the letters written over the past few years from the police chief's about the location not being safe for the fireworks.

Mayor Armano stated that the governing body did not ignore the letters from Berlin Borough and Berlin Twp Police Chief's. The governing body tried to make improvements on what they had and it just got too overwhelming to be allowed to move forward safely. The letters were not ignored.

Susan Sinelnik - 70 Gardens Ave – Ms. Sinelnik addressed Mrs. Struab's letter suggesting that residents celebrate the fireworks somewhere else other than Berlin Borough. On the Fourth of July to travel to the shore or to travel to Camden with young families is dangerous. She said that some other towns may not have the fireworks on the 4th, but they have them at another time.

COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

CONSTRUCTION/ZONING OFFICIAL Michael DePalma provided and construction and zoning report for the month of May. For construction 23 permits were issued, 64 inspections were completed and the total fee collected was \$2,410.00. (Full report attached to these minutes). Also, there were 3 complaints about various signs in need of repair per new ordinance. A second letter was sent to 11 Winding Way and the site was visited. The water problem there was corrected (pool draining on the sidewalk). There were 4 properties sent to the board including bulk variances for an addition, 2 use variances, a sign variance and one site review (Full report attached to these minutes).

Michael also explained the procedure relative to mercantile applications; if a use variance is needed on the proposed property the applicant must go before the planning board for approval before the mercantile license can be issued.

POLICE CHIEF Michael DeLorenzo reported that for the month of May the department handled 1,646 calls for service. 428 summonses were issued along with 33 arrests, 11 DWI arrests, 18 warrant arrests and 14 drug arrests. 42 motor vehicle accidents were reported with 10 resulting in injuries. Also, the click it or ticket campaign was completed on May 31st, officers wrote 124 tickets, 2 warrant arrests, 2 drug arrests and one fugitive arrest. The Junior Police Academy will start on June 29th until July 3rd. Officer TJ Varano is here to give a brief rundown on the program he has put together.

Officer TJ Varano gave a description and schedule breakdown of the Junior Police Academy. Attached to these minutes is the full packet that Officer Varano distributed to the governing body.

Also, on June 29th the Junior Police Academy will be using the senior bus to take a tour of the police facility and central communications from 10 am until 3 pm.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Chairman Len Badolato reported on the chronological events relative to the fireworks. First, the fireworks were voted down by Berlin Borough and Berlin Twp; next, at the last meeting the Mayor asked for volunteers to form a committee to see if something can be worked out, he did not assign anyone (Councilman Badolato and Councilman Bilella volunteered); then, we reached out to the pertinent safety officials and there was no way to formulate a plan in this short amount of time. We asked if it was possible to put together a plan for 2016 so we got in touch with people who can analyze the situation like Chief DeLorenzo, Fire Chief Bill Behnke, Berlin Twp Police Chief Len Check, Berlin Twp Mayor Phyllis Magazzu, EMC Richard Crain, Councilman Bilella and Councilman Pearce. Also, Councilman Badolato reached out to ICCA members Vic Cosantino, Kathy Pampano and Bill Adair. A meeting is set up with all those individuals for Monday, June 15, 2015. It is going to take some time to go over all the problems and solutions; we have about 10 months to figure out the fireworks for 2016. Also, even though Councilman Bilella did volunteer to be a part of this committee, Councilman Badolato wanted him on this committee because of this time and experience as a council person; his knowledge and advice would be beneficial. Last night the ICCA had their meeting and because of previous obligations both himself and Councilman Bilella were unable to attend, so Councilman Pearce attended. Everyone is trying to see if we can work out a plan for the fireworks for 2016; we are waiting to hear back from the people who we met with and who were mentioned as they are the experts. In regard to buildings and grounds, Charleen will explain what is going on with the elevator at the municipal building as far the bid process. Councilman Badolato met with Drew Straub (Economic Re-Development) and other members of the community to try and come up with different ways we can enhance the White Horse Pike; he spoke with Randy Vondertann, Tina Hoffman, Jim Medoni (works for Pennoni Associates) and Keith Heohing. They will voluntarily meet every two weeks and will let the council know what they come up with.

STREETS & ROADS, Chairman Gary Knight said that as you can see based upon Councilman Badolato's report that all lot is being done in regard to the fireworks and it looks like it's going in a positive direction for next year. The 561 bridge has been repaired and reopened today connecting Berlin Twp and Berlin Borough; the route for the Fourth of July parade will not be affected. Councilman Knight reported on some of the NJDOT grant funded projects; Malan Avenue has been completed: NJDOT Grant \$200,000 has been closed out; Taunton Ave Phase I NJDOT grant award was for \$195,000 (Route 30 to the Railroad) Low Bid: \$151,127.01 (to be awarded); Taunton Ave Phase II - \$30,000 can be included as Change Order to Phase I; Laurel Avenue was not funded (Low Bid - \$38,777.90 to be awarded); NJDOT Grant application for FY 2016 was not successful; Safe Routes to Transit Grant application (Dover) was not successful; Safe Routes to School Grant Application (Clementon Road) was not successful. In regard to borough funded projects, the bonding company and the solicitor have been notified in regard to the Haines Avenue sidewalk punch list. Some other projects are as follows; County will fund Park Drive Culvert; Day Avenue to be paved by the Diocese of Camden in conjunction with the Cemetery; a letter was sent to NJDOT in regard to the line striping on Route 30 at Tansboro and a letter was sent to NJDOT in regard to left turn movement at Route 30 and Franklin Avenue.

A motion was made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Councilman Bilella to formally and officially file a complaint against the bonding company in regard to getting the improvements on Haines Avenue corrected. All members present were in favor.

WATER & SEWER, Chairman Lynn Kupchik took a moment to applaud the involvement, hard work and passion of the all the people that were at the meeting. She thinks it's wonderful to see this level of involvement and council appreciates it. She hopes that everyone continues to stay involved and that as opportunities come up on different committees, people volunteer their time. Everything is quiet on the water and sewer front; no complaints and all is well. We are going to go out to bid for technical services on the wells. These are electronic experts that will help us save some money in the long run on our pumps.

HEALTH & RECREATION, Chairman Rick Miller

PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Jim Pearce said that the police chief already gave his report and everyone should have all of the statistics for the month. Councilman Pearce contacted Councilman Bilella as soon as the chief notified him about the problem with the floors and he also has pictures. If anyone else on council wants to see photos of the floor let him know, and rest assured that's going to be looked into immediately. He also briefly mentioned possibly with the chief that once the finishing touches are done on the borough hall (and there are still a little bit of odds and ends with the elevator railings) that we can have a joint open house for the residents depending on security issues. He thinks that everybody is excited that we were able to save some of our history. He also spoke to the chief about a new message board; the one we have now is a little out dated and it may not be in the budget for this year, but for next year. He thanked the chief for taking the

time to meet with ICCA in regard to the fireworks. He also thanked Officer Varano because what is happening right now with police in the United States he thinks the most important thing we can do is educate our children in town about having respect for the police. Also, he received an email from Councilman Miller who is also on Public Safety about a resident whose child was attending the 8th grade dance at the Berlin Community School who has Turner Syndrome and Officer Eric Wolf was there and did a lot of things with her. She wrote a very nice email thanking the entire force and wanted us to know how much she appreciates everything the department does for the town. Councilman Pearce also had a chance to speak with Fire Chief Bill Behnke; he wanted him to report back to council that he did authorize a shared service agreement with Cherry Hill very recently and we also did have to use it very recently. He (Fire Chief) has had nothing but positive things to say about the agreement. Also, everyone on council will have a chance to come a see the new ladder truck once Bill Behnke informs him. Councilman Pearce attended the meeting last night because he does care and he understands everybody's concerns on both sides. He was concerned because he heard that the people think that the parade was being cancelled (just because the fireworks are cancelled doesn't mean the parade is cancelled too) and he couldn't just stand by and just let the parade be cancelled. He thinks it was a very long and productive meeting and he can honestly say that the people on both sides are all willing to work. He thinks that everyone can be heard and that we can move forward. He talked to the chairman of finance and also Lynn Kupchik about the ICCA's concerns about the money for the Fourth of July; they want to make sure that money is not going to be cut from their original budget. They want to use that money to get some balloons, a rocket ship, more string bands, etc. He wanted to know if council had any objections, He also spoke to the Police Chief and Fire Chief about the message board letting people know that the parade is still on. Councilman Pearce said he would also reach out to the school board if there is any possibility that they can get the word out.

FINANCE, Chairman Jim Bilella personally apologized to Michelle for not responding to her email; he coordinated with Councilman Badolato as being head of that committee so that they could speak with one voice as to a response to her concerns. As far as the committee goes, Councilman Bilella is full heartily involved and his hesitation last week was based upon the expectation that this would take a short amount of time to resolve all the issues when it comes to hosting a major event like the fireworks. Everyone will be working together to strive to evaluate all the options and come up with a solution that fits the needs of the community. Councilman Bilella got in touch with a friend who is a part of the Polish American String Band and he confirmed that they are attending the parade and he will also provide contacts for other string bands as well to the ICCA. Councilman Bilella welcomed everyone back to the newly renovated Borough Hall; there is still some work to be done and we are not fully in here yet. Administrative offices will be moving in the week of June 23rd. The staff is working diligently to minimize down time and we are doing this in the most cost effective way possible. The planning board meeting was held this past Monday night; they did an excellent job assisting one of the borough's commercial property owners with bringing in two new businesses which required use variances. He also mentioned that the Nexus Property application is scheduled for June 15th planning board meeting and that is posted on the website; this may be the last public

meeting for the Nexus Property. On the finance end, the audit has been completed and Bowman and Company (auditors) will be conducting an exit report and the proper procedures following will take place. He will bring a copy of the report to the caucus meeting for all of council to review. Councilman Bilella mentioned agenda items such as the capital budget ordinance.

MAYOR ARMANO discussed an Ordinance for parking on grass in the Borough of Berlin for possible introduction; he has had residents complain about neighbors who are parking on the grass. He would council to take a look at a copy of the drafted ordinance so that they can move forward on it. Also, the Mayor would like Mark to move forward on the purchasing of trash cans for the center of town. There is some money in a bond ordinance that can be used to purchase the new trash cans. He asked if council had any objections. Councilman Bilella said that although there is money in a bond ordinance, the governing body did not budget for this for this year. Councilman Bilella said the trash cans have to be worthy of capital money and the governing body has to be sure that capital money is available. Mayor Armano said he talked with the CFO in reference to those concerns and she talked to the auditors and the purchase of the trash cans would be suitable to purchase; the trash cans would last at least ten years. Councilman Pearce suggested using less trash cans on the White Horse Pike; he talked to some residents who live on the White Horse Pike and they said there is a fair amount of trash cans and would like there to be a little less. Mark Mauger said that most of the trash cans are covering old pedestals; they are alleviating a tripping hazard. Councilman Bilella said he did not talk to the CFO himself about this and he doesn't have a problem with Mark moving forward getting quotes. Charleen said that she and the CFO looked into the ordinance several times and she is satisfied that the money available can be used to purchase the trash cans. Mayor Armano talked about the chairs for the council room. He had a copy of the minutes from October 28th when he first mentioned the need for the chairs to council as well as the letter from the AOC.

SOLICITOR, Howard Long stated that there is a sewer ordinance on the agenda for a first reading tonight; he provided an explanation for the purpose of the ordinance. He also spoke about the proposed ordinance for parking on the grass and said that he will have the planning board take a look at the ordinance as well in case it has any zoning implications; it is more of a property maintenance issue and aesthetics issue. Howard also tweaked the ordinance for the appointment of the property maintenance official as requested by Councilman Pearce at the last meeting. Everyone on council has a copy of the ordinance if they want to give it consideration tonight. Howard deferred the rest of his time to Planning Board Attorney Mark Rinaldi. Mr. Rinaldi spoke to the governing body in reference to an email that was sent on June 9th and feels that the email needs a very quick and measured response. There were implications made that either the board as a whole or individual members of the board made a racially derogatory comment. Mr. Rinaldi said that as long as he has been on the board, which has been about 6 six years, no one has ever made a comment like that on record. Also, the email takes unfair aim at the planning and zoning board implying that the members of the board are unfriendly to businesses and make it difficult for applicants who are trying to open a business in Berlin. Mr. Rinaldi does not know where this is coming from and he is subjectively protective of

his board. He presented the governing body with objective numbers relative to the planning and zoning board; from 2010 to 2014 the board has heard 78 land use applications. Of the 78 land use applications 74 have been granted. Four applications in five years have been denied. Out of the 78 applications 41 of them were for new businesses or a change in a current business use. Of the 41 business applications 38 of them were granted. The person who authored the June 9th email was an applicant four times and 3 out of the 4 applications were granted; the fourth time the application was withdrawn (4th application not denied or granted). Mr. Rinaldi would like permission from council to respond to the email. The Mayor asked council if there were any objections to Mr. Rinaldi replying to the email and Councilman Pearce asked if he would be replying on behalf of the planning board or the governing body. Mr. Rinaldi said on behalf of the governing body; Solicitor Howard Long said it would be appropriate for him (Howard) to put a cover letter together for the response. Councilman Bilella asked if it was possible for Mr. Rinaldi to address the response to council as opposed to the applicant. Howard said that was a good idea. Mr. Rinaldi will address the letter to council and Howard will review it and then transmit it to the individual.

There was discussion about the code of appropriate conduct brought up by Councilman Pearce and after discussion back and forth it was decided that the Solicitor will look into the guidelines for the various boards and report back to the governing body.

ADMINISTRATOR, Charleen Santora reported on some agenda items including resolutions and change orders that have been added. She provided an explanation as to how the bond ordinance on the agenda is going to work as far as spending money. The Road Program will be on the July agenda and can be awarded then. She also provided an explanation for the liquor licenses renewals this year; the State has given the establishments until September to renew and so far all have renewed except one. The specifications for the elevator are going to be going out and the money is already in place for Phases 2 through 5. There is no grant money from the DCA for the elevator. The offices will be moving out of the hotel and in to the municipal building on June 22nd. The internet company will be here as well as DPW to help move the desks over. Phones will still be operating at the hotel and will be shut off once they are set up at the new municipal building. Notice is on the website and posted on the windows; this should be a smooth transition. Since the elevator is broke, we have rented a lift machine for \$199.00 per day to move 8 fire king cabinets from the hotel to the municipal building. We are getting quotes for blinds and nothing will be purchased without council's approval.

ORDINANCES

2ND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND ; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,075,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE SAID PURPOSES AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance 2015-10.

There was no public comment.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-10 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ESTABLISHING A FINE AND COURT FEES VIOLATION SCHEDULE FOR FAILURE TO LICENSE DOGS AND CATS

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance 2015-11.

There was no public comment.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-11 made by Councilwoman Kupchik, seconded by Bilella. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN MODIFYING THE FEES OF HE BERLIN COMMUNITY CENTER

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance 2015-12.

Jennifer Adair asked what the modifications were.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-12 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Miller. All members present were in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13, NON-CONTRACTUAL SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04 SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "SALARIES"

Motion to introduce Salary Ordinance No. 2015-13 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 284 –
STORM SEWERS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN**

Motion to introduce Ordinance no. 2015-14 made by Councilwoman Kupchik, seconded by Badolato. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15,

Motion to introduce Ordinance no. 2015-15 made by Councilman Pearce, seconded by Bilella. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-16,

Motion to introduce Ordinance no. 2015-16 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Pearce. All members present were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

R6-1;2015, APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR LUCIEN EYEN AND JAIME POE T/A JLS GOURMET, LLC FOR A BAKERY SPECIALIZING IN BELGIUM WAFFLES LOCATED AT 105 S. WHITE HORSE PIKE

R6-2;2015, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSITS TOTALING \$594.60 FOR HYDRANT METER RENTAL BY ARCADIS

R6-3;2015, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REFUND OF DEVELOPER ESCROW BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37.50 TO JENNIFER ROACH, BLOCK 2303, LOT 25

R6-4;2015, AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REFUND OF DEVELOPER ESCROW BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$353.61 FOR VIRTUA WEST JERSEY HEALTH, BLOCK 1805, LOT 24

R6-5;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE BUDGET INSERTION PER NJSA 40A:4-87 FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,335.45

R6-6;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE BUDGET INSERTION PER NJSA 40A:4-87 FROM THE NJ DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY'S CLICK-IT-OR-TICK-IT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000

R6-7;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016 FOR THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS AS THEY HAVE MET ALL REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO RENEW; VFW, RENAISSANCE

BEVERAGES II LLC, TREAHC INC, EVINO'S CORP INC, LUCCH LLC, PARIS CATERER'S AND WOODBRIAR CORP

R6-8;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION R11-4;2015 FOR CHANGE ORDER #1 A FOR DRISCOLL MECHANICAL OF MT EPHRAIM FOR THE DIFFERENCE OF \$1,549.82 WHICH INCLUDES THE 10% OVERHEAD AND 5% PROFIT BRINGING THE TOTAL COST OF THE CHANGE ORDER TO \$11,881.94 (CFO TO CERTIFY THE FUNDS) (BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS: DUCT SUBCONTRACTOR COST = \$10,332.12; 10% OVERHEAD COST = \$1,033.21; AND 5% PROFIT = \$516.61; TOTAL COST FOR CHANGE ORDER #1 = \$11,881.94)

R6-9;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR DRISCOLL MECHANICAL OF MT EPHRAIM, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,355.53 FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF 1 EXHAUST FAN WITH 2 WIRE MESH SCREENS ABOVE THE HOLDING CELLS AND DUCT UP THROUGH THE ROOF FOR THE POLICE STATION (CFO TO CERTIFY THE FUNDS)

R6-10;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR DRISCOLL MECHANICAL OF MT. EPHRAIM, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,463.09 FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF NEW HOT WATER MAINS FROM THE BASEMENT TO THE FIRST FLOOR CEILING SPACE OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING (CFO TO CERTIFY THE FUNDS)

R6-11;2015, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BOB MONAHAN FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME DETECTIVE FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2015

R6-12;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CAMP COUNSELORS FOR CAMP LONG-A-COMING FOR THE YEAR 2015

Sara Browne (new hire)	\$20.00/hr
Beth Snyder (new hire)	\$20.00/hr
Marie Majuri (new hire)	\$20.00/hr
Jessica McGowan	\$20.00/hr
Kit Rose	\$9.50/hr
Rylee Jacobs	\$8.50/hr
Jake Caruso	\$8.00/hr
Sarah Chiumento	\$8.00/hr
Kevin Henley	\$8.00/hr
Haley Reese	\$8.00/hr
Armen Mardikian	\$7.50/hr
Sean Collins	\$7.50/hr
Brett Cooper	\$7.50/hr
Sophia Baldino (new hire)	\$6.00/hr
Kylie Easterday (new hire)	\$6.00/hr
Trevor Shannon (new hire)	\$6.00/hr
Kyle Henley (new hire)	\$7.00/hr
David Robinson (new hire)	\$6.00/hr
Julie Heaton (new hire)	\$8.00/hr
Megan Kalberer (new hire)	\$8.00/hr

Michelle Squillace

\$6.00/hr.

Sub List:

Jamie Brown
 Matt Jenkins
 Debbie Mansis
 Lillian Chen
 Taylor Pilla

RESOLUTION R6-13;2015, APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR DRISCOLL MECHANICAL LLC OF MT EPHRAIM NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,061.53 FOR BASEBOARD HEAT IN ROOM # 41 CONNECTING TO EXISTING PIPING AND CONTROL VALVE LOCATED IN BASEMENT.

RESOLUTION R6-14;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER # 5 FOR DRISCOLL MECHANICAL LLC OF MT EPHRAIM NJ FOR A DEDUCTION OF \$122.85 FOR MATERIAL COST FOR SUPPLYING ROOF JACK.

RESOLUTION R6-15;2015, APPROVAL FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AWARD THE ONE BID, AFTER COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR A 2016 MODEL REAR LOADER REFUSE TRUCK TO MCNEILUS TRUCK AND MANUFACTURING OF DODGE CENTER, MN. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,996.00. (CFO HAS CERTIFIED THE FUNDS)

RESOLUTION R6-16 ;2015 APPROVAL FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO HIRE BRETT VETTERLY AS CLASS II OFFICER FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2015.

RESOLUTION R6-17;2015, CHANGE ORDER FROM FASOLINO CONTRACTING OF SEWELL, NJ FOR THE NEEDED ADDITIONAL CUSTOMER WINDOW WITH GLASS ENCLOSURE AT THE COST OF \$10,704.00. (CFO HAS CERTIFIED FUNDS)

RESOLUTION R6-18;2015, APPROVAL FROM THE GOVERNING BODY AFFIRMING THAT \$0.015 WAS ADOPTED FOR THE 2015 OPEN SPACE BUDGET LINE

RESOLUTION R6-19;2015, AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2ND. QUARTER, 2015 UTILITY BILL FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES;

229 RT 73	BROKEN CURB STOP BORO SIDE	\$-1387.50
58 S. ROSE	ESTIMATED BILL DUE TO BROKEN WIRE	\$ -113.25
41 MONMOUTH	CANCEL DUE TO CANCELLING OF FIRE SURPRESSION SYSTEM C/O DATE	\$ -540.00
207 THACKARA	HYDRANT METER RENTAL	\$ + 249.50

Motion to adopt Resolutions R6-1;2015 through R6-19;2015 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Miller. All members present were in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Charlene Galiano – 265 S. White Horse Pike – Charleen wanted to know if she could join the ICCA to make sure the committee keeps the residents updated and the tradition carries on.

Michelle Sulecki – 155 Sequoia Drive – Michelle asked the governing body to reconsider her being on the ICCA committee. Councilman Pearce mentioned there being a celebration committee and Councilman Badoloto is going to speak with the members of the ICCA. Also, she asked that the flags be put up on the White Horse Pike.

Nick Guerere – 12 Glenview Avenue – Mr. Guerere asked if there was anything that can be done to fix the 40 yards of potholes along 561 and New Freedom Road. Mayor Armano said that the county is scheduled to repave Tansboro Road all the way to Winslow. Councilman Badoloto said he wrote a letter to the County Engineer, Kevin Becica and he can give him a copy if he'd like. Ms. Becica responded and it is on the schedule. Mayor Armano suggested writing more letters to the county.

Jessica Milner – 201 Rich Avenue – Jessica said she appreciates all the work the governing body is doing to try to work things out for next year's Fourth of July festivities. She also mentioned the community yard sale that took place on May 30th and suggested having another one in the fall. Councilwoman Kupchik said the yard sale was very well received and was successful; she will discuss it at the next caucus meeting and figure out a date for fall.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR MAY 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,019,999.46

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues and to discuss any possible police negotiations made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Badoloto. All members present were in favor.

Motion to go back into open session made by Councilman Badoloto, seconded by Bilella. All members present were in favor.

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

Charleen Santora
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