

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN, NJ 08009
7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

FLAG SALUTE:

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 Borough Hall Bulletin Board showing the date, place and time of said meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Bilella, Council President Miller, Council Members Pearce, Badolato, Rocco, Buchanan, & MacDonnell.

ABSENT: Mayor Bilella & Council President Miller

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor Howard Long and Municipal Clerk Lois Sahina

***There was a quorum and Councilman Pearce conducted the meeting ***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10-02-18 Work Shop Minutes
10-02-18 Work Shop Session Closed Minutes
10-11-18 Council Meeting Minutes
10-11-18 Council Meeting Closed Minutes

Motion to approve adoption of the minutes: Councilman MacDonnell

Sec.: Councilman Badolato

All present were in favor

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018

Permit fees	\$ 5,809.00
Zoning fees	\$ 450.00
Re-sale inspection fees	\$ 1,500.00
Rental Inspections	\$ 2,800.00
Community Center fees	\$ 1350.00
Tax collector's report	\$ 4,053,736.59
Utility report	\$ 262,923.84
Clerks report	\$ 2,853.00
Animal report	\$ 20.00
Court Administrator	\$ 21,236.74

Motion to approve department head reports; Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Councilman MacDonnell

All present were in favor

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,938,929.29

Motion to approve payment of the bills; Councilman MacDonnell

Sec.; Councilman Badolato

All present were in favor

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- **BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION, Chairman Len Badolato**
 - **Borough Hall Signs** - The new signs for the Borough Hall Complex are completed. They will be delivered and installed within the next few weeks.
 - **Historic Building Marker** - Tina Hoffman has submitted the application to the State to have the hotel section of the library considered for a historic marker sign.
 - **Stone Wall Old Borough Hall** - We have received two quotes to fix the stone wall at the Old Borough Hall. A motorist accidentally struck it while turning into the driveway beside the building. The work on the wall should begin this weekend.

- **PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS, Chairman Dan MacDonnell**
 - **Re-Election of Council Seats** - I would like to Congratulate both Councilman Rocco and Buchanan on being re-elected to their council seats for the next 3-year term on Council.
 - **Speed Humps** - Two new speed humps will be installed on Orchard & Jones Avenues right near the playground. Also, between Taunton Ave & the White Horse Pike and Rt 73.
 - **Resolutions** - I have three resolutions on the agenda tonight: R11-08; 2018, R11-12; 2018 and R11-13; 2018. I would like to ask Council for their support on these resolutions.
 - **No Parking Sign** – Ordinance No. 2018-21, was introduced at our last Council Meeting on 10/11/18. This ordinance refers to the “No Parking Sign” on South Brill Avenue. There will not be a second reading on this ordinance tonight. Council decided to have a traffic study done prior to considering an adoption. This will help us determine and include other Borough side streets that are experiencing the same increased traffic and also need to be included and provided with “No Parking” signs or other signage.

- **WATER & SEWER, Chairman Ron Rocco**
 - **Water & Sewer Reports** -The Water and Sewer Reports were read for the Month of October 2018. The Sewer & Water Income, Connections and an update of maintenance on all of the pump stations was also reported.
 - **SCADA System** - The SCADA system identified a few minor issues that were repaired.
 - **Hydrant Flushing** - DPW started flushing the hydrants on October 1, 2018. We only had a few water complaints of dirty water. The next flushing will be on April 19, 2018.

- **Veteran's Day** - I would like to remind everyone that Veterans Day is coming up and to remember our Vets. I would like to extend my thanks to all the Vets that have served our country.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Jim Pearce**
 - **Congratulations** - I would like to extend my congratulations to both Councilman Rocco and Buchanan for being re-elected for the next 3-year term on Council. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.
 - **Police Statistics** - Police Statistics for the month of October 2018 were reported, including the number of total calls handled, investigation reports taken, drug, warrants and DWI arrests, accident and motor vehicle citations issued.
 - **No Need to Speed** - The "No Need to Speed" campaign for the months of October and November will focus on Washington Ave and South Arlington Avenue.
 - **K-9 Officer Radko** - Radko was one of 50 K-9's from across the country to be awarded free medical insurance for the upcoming year of 2019. This plan was issued from the National Police Dog Foundation and will cover most injuries and normal routine vet checkups for the next year. This will be a great savings to the Borough.
 - **Fire Department** - Deputy Chief Behnke is in the process of purchasing the long-awaited generator for the Fire Department.

COMMUNICATIONS, Chairman Rick Miller - No report given

- **FINANCE, Chairman Mike Buchanan**
 - **AFSCME Labor Contract** – I have been reviewing the FSCME Labor Contract which will be expiring at the end of this year.
 - **PNC Bank** – The PNC Bank located on Taunton Avenue and the White Horse Pike has closed this location. There is still ATM services located at the drive through location.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REAL ESTATE, Mayor Jim Bilella** - No report was given
- **SOLICITOR, Howard Long**
 - **Congratulations** - I would like to extend my Congratulations to both Councilman Rocco and Buchanan for being re-elected for the next three-year term on Council.
 - **Veterans Day** – I would like to remind everyone that Veterans Day is coming up. Please remember our Vets. I extend my thanks to all the Vets that have served our country.
 - **Royal Farms** - They were experiencing issues with NJDOT concerning the wetlands near this property. We helped them through this process and it is now resolved. They are currently working on obtaining their Performance Bonds and then they will begin breaking ground.

2ND READING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-22

AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO VERMONT STREET AVENUE BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN

HEARING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON ORDINANCE 2018-22 - No one spoke

HEARING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion to Adopt: Councilmen MacDonnell

Sec.: Councilmen Badolato

All present were in favor

READING RESOLUTIONS R11-01; 2018 THROUGH R11-14; 2018

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS R11-01; 2018 THROUGH R11-14; 2018 - No one spoke

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION R11-01; 2018

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF WATER OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377.60 DUE FOR BLOCK 2203 LOT 5 DUE TO LANDLORD OVERPAYMENT.

RESOLUTION R11-02; 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF ESCROW TO STEPHAN CLYDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$988.75

RESOLUTION R11-03; 2018

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF WATER USAGE FEES IMPOSED UPON FIRE HYDRANTS WITHIN BERLIN BOROUGH, BERLIN TOWNSHIP, VOORHEES TOWNSHIP AND WINSLOW TOWNSHIP.

RESOLUTION R11-04; 2018

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$585.00 TO RYAN MCCLAIN

RESOLUTION R11-05; 2018

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE TO THE MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

RESOLUTION R11-06; 2018

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR ANDES JUNCTION ON JEFFERSON AVE. & MARSHALL COURT

RESOLUTION R11-07; 2018

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND THE CASH PORTION OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2744.78 FOR THE GOLDEN CORRAL

RESOLUTION R11-08; 2018 A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PREPARE THE NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION R11-09; 2018 A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A PILOT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND BOROUGH OF BERLIN FOR PROJECT SAVE REFERRAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION R11-10; 2018 A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER PENNONI ASSOCIATES INC. TO UPDATE THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, ZONING AND TAX MAPS

RESOLUTION R11-11; 2018 A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE FISCAL GRANT YEAR OF JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020

RESOLUTION R11-12; 2018 A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 BY A DECREASE OF \$3,754.40 FOR THE 2017 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION R11-13; 2018 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, MEMBER # 98185, TO PURCHASE A 2020 MACK AUTOMATED TRASH TRUCK UNDER SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FORMERLY KNOWN AS NJPA UNDER CONTRACT # 112014-MCN

RESOLUTION R11-14; 2018 AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO APPROVE STATE CONTRACT AND CO-OP VENDORS FOR VARIOUS SERVICES AND GOODS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR OF 2018

- Councilmen Rocco questioned Resolution R11-03; 2018. He asked what the waiver of water usage fees is in relationship too? And why these fees are being waived?
- Mr. Long responded that this is a standard procedure, which allows for these towns to have fees waived on hydrant water that is for emergency fire usage only.

Motion to approve Resolutions R11-01; 2018 through R11-14; 2018 - Councilmen MacDonnell

Sec.: Councilmen Buchanan

All present were in favor

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - No one spoke

GOOD OF THE ORDER - Councilmen Badolato - I would also like to extend my
Congratulations to both Councilmen Rocco and Buchanan on their re-election for the next three-
year term as Councilmen. I also look forward to continuing to work with you both in the future.

Motion to adjourn: Councilmen MacDonnell

Sec., Councilmen Buchanan

All present were in favor

Lois J. Sahina

Registered Municipal Clerk

November 8, 2018