

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN, NJ 08009
6:00 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 Jim Bilella, Council President Jim Pearce, Council Members Miller, Badolato, Rocco, Buchanan, & MacDonnell.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor Howard Long, Acting Municipal Clerk Lois J. Sahina and CMFO w/ Administrative Duties Michael T. Kwasizur, Dan DiGangi Borough Auditor.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION -2017 Budget Discussion

- CMFO Michael Kwasizur gave a detailed line by line excel presentation of the proposed budget for 2017. Line item detail was heavily by the CMFO, Mayor, & Council as they went through every line in the Current, Water, Sewer, & Open Space Funds.
 - The 2017 Capital Ordinances were discussed in conjunction with the 2017 capital budget. Mayor, Council, & the CMFO discussed all proposed projects to be included in the ordinances and capital budgets for 2017.
 - The Simone Farm acquisition thru Open Space funding was discussed. Mayor, Council, CMFO, & Auditor made sure proper down payment was budgeted in the Open Space budget. Other funding methods such as Green Acres & County Open Space were discussed as well.
 - The details and purchase of a k-9 service dog was discussed. A Go Fund Me page has been established to help fund the purchase. This is thought to be good for the community and help with future investigations.
- **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:** No one spoke

Motion to adjourn; Council President Pearce
Sec. Councilman McDonnell
Voice Vote- All present in favor

Lois J. Sahina,
Registered Municipal Clerk
March 29, 2017