

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015
BERLIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
FRANKLIN AVENUE
BERLIN NJ
7 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.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor Howard Long, CFO Adriane McKendry, Auditor, CPA Dan DiGangi from Bowman Associates, Chief Michael DeLorenzo and DPW Superintendent Mark Mauger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES;

Council meeting minutes of April 16, 2015
Caucus meeting of May 5, 2015

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

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2015

Tax Collectors report	\$1,686,832.91
Utility report	160,492.46
Construction permit fees	25,253.00
Zoning fees	445.00
Resale inspection fees	500.00
Community center fees	1,650.00
Municipal Clerk's fees	994.00
Animal license fees	3,481.60
Municipal court fees	13,679.07
Ambulance report	77 calls for Berlin

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

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR INCLUDING RESOLUTIONS:

Alan Nickerson – 5 Greenleigh Court – Mr. Nickerson is a member of the ICCA and was present to share his thoughts on the discussion about the Fourth of July fireworks. He is aware of Chief of Police Michael DeLorenzo's safety concerns about having the fireworks display on the 4th of July and he understands that the majority of the governing body agree with him that it is not safe to have them due to the amount of people who attend. The ICCA disagrees with the opinion of the Chief of the Police; he wanted to know if there was a strategic plan in place because he does not think it's enough for the Chief to just say that it is unsafe and Mr. Nickerson wanted to know if the fireworks are in fact unmanageable. The fireworks display have always been managed because the borough has an excellent, professional, competent police, fire and ambulance staff and their presence at the fireworks display is part of our ability to have good crowd control. The ICCA will be taking a vote either tomorrow or Saturday and they do not wish to be defiant if the fireworks are not approved by the governing body. He would like the governing body to reconsider their thinking so that the 65 year old tradition can continue. The ICCA is ready, highly motivated, and organizationally and financially capable of doing the fireworks; The ICCA is ready to move forward and will do so if they have the governing body's approval.

Nick Maccaroni – 67 Gardens Avenue – Mr. Maccaroni asked if anyone has looked into applying for a grant with the ADA in regard to the elevator that is in the municipal building; years ago the borough received a grant for \$60,000.00 for the elevator and there may be some funding out there that is available. Also, the budget is being adopted tonight and he sees that the operating budget for emergency management has been cut to \$500.00; we have a railroad going through Berlin, two major state highways and Mr. Nickerson eluded to the fireworks tonight. That's about \$40.00 a month to run the office of emergency management.

Richard Crain – 113 Estaugh Avenue – Richard Crain, Emergency management Coordinator stated he will not discuss specific plans in regard to the fireworks, but there are strategic plans in place. However, you can plan for a lot of things and last year the county reported that there were 60,000 people watching the fireworks. It's only going to get bigger this year. The problem is that the borough cannot plan for that kind of crowd with the resources that re available.

Chief of Police Michael DeLorenzo stated that at no time did he say that he was opposed to the fireworks. His concern has always been safety; he wrote a letter last year as well and for some reason the letter held more weight this year. The risk assessment is that the venue is unsafe for the amount of people in attendance.

Council President Kupchik spoke about a proposed letter that would go out to the residents of both Berlin Borough and Berlin Township to explain what is happening this year in regard to the Fourth of July festivities; she would like council to make a motion to send the letter out.

Council President Kupchik made a motion to send the letter out from both Governing Bodies of Berlin Borough and Berlin Twp to the residents, seconded by Councilman Pearce. Under a roll call vote all members voted aye with the exception of Councilman Badolato who voted no. Each member on council gave an explanation on their vote. Motion was carried and the letter will be sent out.

COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

CHIEF OF POLICE Michael DeLorenzo reported that during the month of April 2015, the department handled 1,330 calls for service. 287 summonses were issued along with 35 arrests, 4 DWI arrests, 15 warrant arrests and 14 drug arrests. 35 motor vehicle accidents were reported with 5 resulting in injuries. A full report is attached to these minutes.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, Chairman Len Badolato reported in regard to the oil tank removal in the front of the municipal building; no oil leaked out and the job is completed. Mark has taken care of the broken fence at the soccer fields and there is one dead tree that will be replaced as well. Councilman Badolato also spoke about the letter received from ZIPF Associates relative to the elevator at the municipal building; he would like there to be two separate bids; one for the maintenance of the elevator (phase 5) and another for the repairs to the elevator (phases one through four).

STREETS & ROADS, Chairman Gary Knight reported that the NJDOT Road Project has been completed. Taunton Avenue Phase II will begin shortly and Laurel Avenue project is under review.

WATER & SEWER, Chairman Lynn Kupchik reported that spring flushing of all the water lines has been completed and also that Well # 15 is up and running. Also, we are going out to bid on prices for plant one pumps.

HEALTH & RECREATION, Chairman Rick Miller reported on Camp-Long-A-Coming; the camp starts July 6th and runs until July 31st. The hours are Monday through Thursday 9-12 pm. The cost for one child is \$150; 2 children costs \$290; three children costs \$360.00; and four children costs \$410.00. Also, there is a resolution on the agenda appointing Erin Maloney of West Berlin to camp director. Councilman Miller spoke Economic Re-Development Committee and the possibility of having them set up a Website.

PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Jim Pearce reported that he had the opportunity to attend the DARE graduation. There was about a 90% turnout between the fifth grade students of Berlin's two schools, Berlin Community School and Mt. Carmel. That was a real

testament to how well of a job our officers do; it was Patrolman Eric Wolf and Sergeant Millard Wilkinson and all the children stayed to the bitter, bitter end. Councilman Bilella had a chance to attend as well and it was an honor to be there. Councilman Pearce spoke to the Fire Chief Bill Behnke and there may be a sample ladder truck and he will letting Councilman Pearce know more. He will let everyone on council, know if they want to go and take a look at it some time around July 6th. Chief Behnke is working hard to keep the cost down and come up with the best equipment and he went through a detailed report with Councilman Pearce today about all he is doing to achieve that goal. The Mayor had an opportunity to meet with Bill Behnke to go over Resolution R5-19 which is a shared services agreement with Winslow Twp and that is on the agenda tonight.

FINANCE, Chairman Jim Bilella reported that the budget is up for adoption tonight; the auditor and CFO are here to speak on the mechanics of it all. There have been two public meetings to discuss the budget which is a difficult process in which we had to make some tough decisions. The department heads discussed their needs and there is not enough money to cover everything that our people need. We have increased our public safety budget by \$150,000 this year. We have had some challenges in finding some problems that we've had in the past as far as allocations which we are trying to resolve. There was a reduction in tax appeals as well; the assessed value of our town rateable's went down about seven million dollars. With all these things going on the finance committee put a lot of time and effort into the budget and were able to have a .01 cent tax increase which is a 1.6% increase over last year which amount to about \$24.00. Local taxes will go down this year by .06 cents. The capital budget is on the agenda as well which was previously discussed. We are looking at purchasing a new ladder truck which is a significant expense. He discussed resolutions that are on the agenda that are relative to the finance aspect. We have to hire a tax attorney because some errors were found in how we deduct taxes in payroll so that resolution is on the agenda. Employees will get money back from the federal government. Councilman Bilella reported on the planning board informed everyone that the Nexus Property is going before the planning board on June 15th which will be their second meeting. The planning board has concerns about clothing bins and their placement so he is meeting with the solicitor next Tuesday to discuss options. Also, the planning board is having discussions relative to cell towers and solar panels. He also discussed mercantile license applications and wants to make sure that there not a gap between the owner property and the property that is listed on the application itself. Also, a special attorney sent a letter about changes to COAH in regard to laws that are going on in courts so there is a resolution on the agenda about that. As far as streets and roads goes there are new LED lights installed I the front of borough hall which are more efficient; there was a meeting with Atlantic City Electric to discuss the white lights and we are open to opinions. Trees are being delivered for Malan Avenue and depending on the residents choices, Mark will use the extras left over.

MAYOR ARMANO reported on a reverse auction for electric services that took place; our bid came in at .088 per kilowatt at a fixed rate for 24 months. It amounts to a savings of \$17,609.31 which is estimated at \$35,218.62 for 24 months. SJ Magazine voted Berlin Borough #7 among the top small towns; Berlin was the only small town in Camden County to make the list. The crime rate in Berlin showed 21.7% and Mayor Armano gave

credit to our police department for doing such a good job. Eastern High School's graduation is June 18th and Berlin Community School's graduation is June 17th. There is a resolution on the agenda to purchase new chairs for the court room with a state contract.

SOLICITOR, Howard Long will have a discussion with the governing body in executive session.

ADMINISTRATOR, Charleen Santora was absent.

ORDINANCES:

2ND. READING COLA ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06, AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance 2015-06.

There was no public comment.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-06 made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

2015 GENERAL, WATER, SEWER AND OPEN SPACE BUDGET

RESOLUTION R5-1; 2015

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A; 4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P. L. 1995 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection in the free public library, if any, located within our municipality and a county library. If there is no county library located within the municipality, then it must be provided to any county library in the county wherein the municipality is located. Further, the public officer delegated the responsibility for delivery of the copies to said libraries has completed a certification forwarded to the governing body that such deliveries were made and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and, **WHEREAS**, these two conditions have been met; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget shall be read by title only.

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

2015 GENERAL, WATER, SEWER AND OPEN SPACE BUDGET
APPROPRIATING \$7,691,436.82 IN GENERAL, \$3,090,780.00 IN WATER
\$766,400.00 IN SEWER AND \$ 112,030.00 IN OPEN SPACE

Hearing on 2015 General, Water, Sewer and Open Space budget open to the public.

There was no public comment.

Meeting closed to the public on the 2015 General, Water, Sewer and Open Space budget.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2015 GENERAL, WATER, SEWER AND OPEN SPACE BUDGET AS INTRODUCED FOR CHANGE UNDER GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS UNDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM \$86,558.00 TO \$91,916.00 AND FROM SOCIAL SECURITY ALLOCATION \$215,500.00 TO \$210,142.00.

Motion made by Councilman Bilella, seconded by Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

Public Hearing on the amended 2015 General, Water, Sewer and Open Space budget.

There was no public comment.

Public hearing closed on the amended budget hearing.

Motion to adopt the 2015 GENERAL, WATER, SEWER AND OPEN SPACE BUDGET AS AMENDED made by Bilella, seconded by Miller. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCES 2ND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN TO ADD A SIGN MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2015-07.

There was no public comment.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-07 made by Councilman Badolato, seconded by Pearce. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TAX ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2015-08.

There was no public comment.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-08 made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Bilella. All members present were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 – ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, ARTICLE I, REGARDING PUBLIC PORTION AT BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2015-09.

Meeting closed to the public.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-09 made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Kupchik. All members present were in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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.

Motion to introduce made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Badolato. 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.

Motion to introduce made by Councilwoman Kupchik, seconded by Knight. 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

Motion to introduce made by Councilman Miller, seconded by Pearce. All members present were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION R5-2; 2015, APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 28 FOR FASOLINO CONTRACTING CORP. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,823.18 FOR SECURITY, FLOORS, CUPOLA REPAIRS, SECOND STORY REPAIRS, ALL IN AND FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

RESOLUTION R5-3; 2015 AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE EVESHAM LOCK OF MARLTON N J TO INSTALL A NEW DOME CAMERA, EXISTING CAMERA AND, WIRING, CONNECTORS, CONDUIT AND TO REINSTALL AND

CONFIGURE NEW CAMERA AND EXISTING CAMERA AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$967.70. (CFO TO CERTIFY FUNDS)

RESOLUTION R5-4;2015 APPROVAL FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO WAIVE THE \$3.00 YARD SALE PERMIT FEE TO ALL BERLIN RESIDENTS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 DUE TO A COMMUNITY YARD SALE SPONSORED BY THE BERLIN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

RESOLUTION R5-5; 2015, AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND DEVELOPER ESCROW BALANCE FOR T MOBILE USA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4390.50 AS PER RECOMMENDATION FROM PENNONI ASSOCIATES.

RESOLUTION R5-6; 2015, APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL FOR PENNONI ASSOCIATES TO CLOSE OUT GOLDEN CORRAL RESTAURANT USING THE BOND POSTING FOR THE PROPOSED AMOUNT OF \$3000. (FUNDS COMING FROM POSTED ESCROW)

RESOLUTION R5-7;2015, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TAX ASSESSOR TERRY STAGLIANO TO A SECOND FOUR YEAR APPOINTMENT COMMENCING BACK TO JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016.

RESOLUTION R5-8;2015, APPROVAL FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM PENNONI ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING AND PIPELINE REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 2 FOR THE COST OF \$19,000 (TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$319,000 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON PIPELINE REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 2 (FUNDING CERTIFIED FROM CFO OUT OF ORD 2013-3.8

RESOLUTION R5-9;2015, APPROVAL FOR MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR JOHN CALLANDRELLO, T/A JOHN CALLANDRELLO, LLC, FOR THE BUYING AND SELLING OF GOLD LOCATED AT 95 S. WHITE HORSE PIKE, BERLIN NJ.

RESOLUTION R5-10; 2015. APPROVAL OF MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR ANTHONY BASELICE, T/A AS SEEN ON TV WAREHOUSE FOR THE SALE OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS LOCATED AT THE BERLIN MART, CLEMENTON ROAD BERLIN NJ

RESOLUTION R5-11;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER # 30 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2460.00 FROM FASOLINO CONTRACTING OF SEWELL NJ FOR THE LOWERING OF COUNTERTOP IN CLERK'S OFFICE. (CFO TO CERTIFY THE FUNDS)

RESOLUTION R5-12;2015, APPROVAL TO APPOINT ERIN MALONEY FROM WEST BERLIN NJ AS CAMP LONG A COMING CAMP DIRECTOR FOR YEAR 2015 AT THE RATE ESTABLISHED IN THE 2015 SALARY ORDINANCE.

RESOLUTION R5-13;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR TRICOMM SERVICES CORP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$991.23 FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL FOR TELE/DATA ADDITIONS ON FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

RESOLUTION R5-14;2015, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORIZING FOR PCS OF MOORESTOWN, NJ, BERLIN'S IT COMPANY TO INSTALL NEW AND EXISTING NETWORK AND SERVER EQUIPMENT FOR THE LOCATION AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,348.42. (CFO HAS CERTIFIED THE FUNDS FROM CAPITAL ORDINANCE)

RESOLUTION R5-15;2015, AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE ZIPF ASSOCIATES OF BALA CYNWYD PA TO PROCEED WITH PHASE II, \$8500.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8500., PHASE III FOR BIDDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3000.00, PHASE IV FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION WHICH INCLUDES SHOP DRAWING REVIEW, \$2500., COORDINATION UP TO FOUR MEETINGS/PROGRESS REVIEWS FOR \$3000. AND SUBSTANTIAL AND FINAL COMPLETION AUDITS FOR \$2500. PLUS PHASE IV WHICH INCLUDES MAINTENANCE TO COINCIDE WITH WARRANTY AGREEMENT FOR \$2500.FOR A TOTAL OF \$22,000.00.
Funds certified by CFO

RESOLUTION R5-16;2015, AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO PERMIT CHARITABLE SOLICITATION (COIN DROPS) TO BE DONE BY THE BERLIN FIRE COMPANY # 1 IN THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ON MAY 30, 2015 ND SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 PER ORDINANCE NO. 2009-21.

RESOLUTION R5-17; 2015, AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO 31 FOR FASOLINO CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$942.00 FOR THE ADDITIONAL SHELF AT THE CLERK'S COUNTER IN THE MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE.

RESOLUTION R5-18;2015, AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ASSIGN TAX ATTORNEY JOE KEMPTER FROM KULZER & DIPADOVA OF HADDONFIELD, NJ FOR GUIDANCE ON A PAYROLL TAX ISSUE..

RESOLUTION R5-19; 2015, AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WINSLOW TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT AND THE BOROUGH FOR A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTICIPATING UNITS

RESOLUTION R5-20;2015, AUTHORIZATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #32 FOR FASOLINO CONTRACTING OF SEWELL NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2941.20 FOR 3 ADDITIONAL HANDRAILS AS

REQUIRED BY CODE IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. (CFO HAS APPROVED FUNDS)

RESOLUTION R5-21; 2015, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIAL COUNSEL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS TO FILE A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION WITH THE TRIAL COURT SEEKING JUDICIAL APPROVAL OF THE BOROUGH'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS THIRD ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT DECISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF N.J.A.C. 5:96 AND 5:97 BY NJ COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

RESOLUTION R5-22; 2015, AUTHORIZATION FOR A TAX REFUND FOR BLOCK 1003 LOT 6 DUE TO MTG .COMPANY OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1279.83

RESOLUTION R5-23; 2015, AUTHORIZATION FOR A TAX REFUND FOR BLOCK 1108, LOT 29 DUE TO HOMESTEAD CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$384.94.

RESOLUTION R5-24; 2015, APPROVAL FOR MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR CARLOSESTRADA, T/A TWIN ROADS PIZZERIA AT 17 CLEMENTON ROAD FOR A PIZZA RESTAURANT

RESOLUTION R5-25; 2015, APPROVAL FOR MERCANTILE LICENSE FOR ANTHONY VITALES CLAM BAR LOCATED AT 41 CLEMENTON ROAD FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES.

RESOLUTION R5-26; 2015, APPROVAL FROM COUNCIL TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR TRICOMM SERVICES CORP. TO PROVIDE AND SUPPLY ADDITIONAL WORK FOR THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION OFFICE AND THE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL WORK NOT INCLUDED IN THEIR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3361.30. (CFO TO CERTIFY THE FUNDS) (COPIES TO ALL)

RESOLUTION R5-27; 2015, A PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 18 – 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION R5-28;2015, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING 1st QTR. 2015 UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENTS

RESOLUTION R5-29;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE CHAIRS FOR THE COURT ROOM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING USING NJ STATE CONTRACT A81719 FROM PAPER CLIPS, INC OF WOODRIDGE, NJ AT THE COST OF \$7,810.00 WHICH INCLUDES GANGING AND DELIVERY

RESOLUTION R5-30;2015, AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR 24 MONTHS FOR ELECTRIC SUPPLY SERVICE FOR PUBLIC USE AVAILABLE FROM AN ONLINE AUCTION

Councilman Bilella made a motion to be able to ask questions on resolutions before making motions to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Pearce. All members present were in favor.

Councilwoman Kupchik had a question on Resolution R5-3;2015. She wanted to know what those cameras were for. Councilman Bilella explained that they are existing cameras in the municipal building that will be installed in new locations. Her next question was about Resolution R5-7;2015 relative to the years for the appointment for the tax assessor (should read through 2017 rather than 2016 which would make a four year appointment). Resolution R5-7;2015 was amended.

Councilman Bilella had a question about the quotes received for Resolution R5-29;2015. Mayor Armano informed everyone that the treasurer did receive three quotes and he received one quote. There was more discussion and the governing body agreed to wait on purchasing the chairs so that the Administrator and the rest of council can see the options available.

There was also discussion about Resolution R5-30;2015 and the governing body would agree to a contract that is for 18 months opposed to 24 months. Councilman Bilella would like to see the results before approving the resolution.

Councilman Pearce made a motion to table Resolution R5-29;2015, seconded by Councilman Bilella. All members present were in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolutions R5-2;2015 through R5-28;2015 made by Councilman Pearce seconded by Bilella. All members were in favor with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained only from Resolution R5-18;2015 because he is associated with that particular business.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

John Mitchard – 10 Canyon Drive – Mr. Mitchard asked about the price of the chairs for the courtroom and he also wanted to know what the other options were for the 4th of July fireworks; he wanted to know why the governing body opted to cancel them. Also, he wanted to know why the Zoning Official has not attended any meetings with a report since his appointment.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR APRIL 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,701,325.82


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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to into closed session to discuss police negotiations and matters in regard to the Clerk's office made by Councilman Pearce, seconded by Knight. All members present were in favor.

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

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Knight, seconded by Badolato. All members present were in favor.


Charleen Santora, RMC
Borough Clerk