BOROUGH OF BERLIN
RE-ORGANIZATION MINUTES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59. SO. WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN NJ
12:30 PM

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2019 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 at the Berlin Hotel showing the date, place and time of said meeting.

INVOCATION:
Pastor Charles Clark of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Berlin, NJ will provide the Invocation.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Councilman Ronald Rocco will be sworn in by Howard Long Esq. His wife Joan with Pete and Marty Winchester will hold the Bible.

Councilman Michael Buchanan will be sworn in by Assemblyman Joseph Howarth. His wife Casey and children Beau and Annabella will hold the Bible.

ROLL CALL
Mayors Jim Bilella, Council Members, Pearce, Miller, Badolato, Rocco, Buchanan and MacDonnell.

MAYOR BILELLA ACKNOWLEDGES DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Assemblyman Joseph Howarth
Former Mayor of Berlin Borough Millard Wilkinson

RESOLUTION R1-1; 2019, APPOINTMENT OF HOWARD C. LONG, JR, ESQUIRE, FROM THE FIRM OF WADE, LONG, WOOD & LONG, LLC, OF LAUREL SPRINGS, NJ AS BOROUGH SOLICITOR FOR BERLIN BOROUGH YEAR 2019

Motion: Councilman Rocco
Sec.; Councilman MacDonnell
Questions; None
All present were in favor
APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion was made by Councilman MacDonnell to appoint Jim Pearce as Council President for the year 2019
 Sec.: Councilman Rocco
All present were in favor

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR

NEW APPOINTMENTS

- Michael McGowan Class II 1/1/19 – 12/31/19
- Patricia Cummings Class IV 1/1/19 – 12/31/22
- Dan Pomponio Class IV 1/1/19 – 12/31/22
- Fran Ballak Alternate 1 1/1/19 – 12/31/20
- Ken Ryker Alternate 2 1/1/18 – 12/31/19
  (unexpired term of Ballak)

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER’S RECOGNITIONS

- James Bilella Class I 1/1/16 – 12/31/19
- Ron Sabatini Class IV 1/1/16 – 12/31/19
- Andrew Simone Jr. Class IV 1/1/17 – 12/31/20
- Thomas Dulin Class IV 1/1/17 – 12/31/20
- Jeannine Schumacher Class IV 1/1/18 – 12/31/21

PLANNING BOARD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

- Councilman Daniel MacDonnell (Class III)

Motion: Councilman Rocco
Sec.: Councilman Miller
All present were in favor

Class I Mayor’s term corresponds to time in office.
Class II Official of Municipality other than a member of the Governing Body, 1-year term
Class III Member of the Governing Body. 1-year term
Class IV Other citizens of Municipality appointed by the Mayor. 4-year Term. N.J.S.A. 40A:55D-23
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL

BUILDINGS, PARKS & RERCREATION  
Chairman Len Badolato  
Vice Chair Rocco  

PUBLIC WORKS  
Chairman Dan MacDonnell,  
Vice Chair Badolato  

WATER & SEWER  
Chairman Ron Rocco  
Vice Chair Buchanan  

PUBLIC SAFETY  
Chairman Jim Pearce  
Vice Chair Miller  

FINANCE  
Chairman Mike Buchanan  
Vice Chair MacDonnell  

COMMUNICATIONS  
Chairman Rick Miller  
Vice Chair Pearce  

Motion: Councilman Buchanan  
Sec.: Councilman Badolato  
All present were in favor

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICIALS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL

- Administrator William Behnke 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Treasurer Stacey DiVello 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Deputy Clerk Dana McGarvey 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Deputy Registrar Dana McGarvey 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Borough Historian Beth Pomponio 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Fire Official William Behnke 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Fire Safety Inspector Joe Cornforth 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Fire Safety Inspector Dennis Rosenbaum 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Plumbing Inspector Michael DePalma 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Fire Chief Michael Kernan 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Zoning Official Michael DePalma 1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
- Deputy EMC Fred Tuttle 1/1/19 – 12/31/19

Motion to approve: Councilman MacDonnell  
Sec.: Councilman Buchanan  
All present were in favor
DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOGNITIONS FOR OFFICIALS AND SUB-OFFICIALS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN 2019

- CFO Debbie DiMattia, CMFO
- Registered Municipal Clerk Lois Sahina
- Municipal Registrar Lois Sahina
- Chief of Police Michael Miller
- Emergency Mgt Coord Michael Miller
- Ambulance Captain Lou DeMarco
- DPW Superintendent John Allsebrook
- Tax Assessor Theresa Stagliano
- Tax Collector Lisa Eggert
- Construction Official Michael DePalma
- Fire Sub Code Inspector Ron Snyder
- Housing Inspector Michael DePalma

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL

- Council Liaison Councilman Len Badolato 1/1/19 – 12/31/19
- Tina Hoffman Class C 4 yr. 1/1/19 – 12/31/22
- Hal Taylor Class C 4 yr. 1/1/19 – 12/31/22
- Tracy Salvatore Class C 4 yr. 1/1/16 – 12/31/19
  (Fill unexpired term of Taylor)
- Leana Trinidad Alt 1 2 yr. 1/1/18 – 12/31/19
  (Fill unexpired term of Reggio)

Motion: Councilman Badolato
Sec.: Councilman Buchanan
All present were in favor

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

- Andrew Simone Jr. Class C 4 yr. 1/1/16 - 12/31/19
- Jose Hernandez Class C 4 yr. 1/1/16 - 12/31/19
- Michelle Secrest Class C 4 yr. 1/1/18 - 12/31/21
- Gail Mottershead Class C 4 yr. 1/1/18 - 12/31/21
- Lisa Doris Alt 2 2 yr. 1/1/18 - 12/31/19

RECOGNITION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISION ADVISORS

- Millard Wilkerson Jr – Mayor Emeritus
- Dan Pomponio - President, Berlin Borough Historical Society

Class A A person who is knowledgeable in building design and construction or architectural history who may reside in the borough.
Class B A person who is knowledgeable or with a demonstrated interest in Local history who may reside outside the borough.
Class C Members who must be residents of the Municipality who hold no Other Municipal position except they may be members of the Planning or Zoning Boards.

BOARD OF HEALTH RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

- Council Liaison Councilman Michael Buchanan 1/1/19 – 12/31/19
- Dolores Motluck 3 yr. 1/1/17 - 12/31/19
- Dan Cleary 3 yr. 1/1/17 - 12/31/19
- Kelly Foster 3 yr. 1/1/17 - 12/31/19
- Dan Molnar 3 yr. 1/1/18 - 12/31/20
- Christina Miller 3 yr. 1/1/18 - 12/31/20

LIBRARY TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL

- Mary K Albertson 5 yr. 1/1/19 – 12/31/23
- Kim Cunningham 5 yr. 1/1/19 – 12/31/23

Motion: Council President Pearce
Sec.: Councilman Badolato
All present were in favor

LIBRARY TRUSTEES RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS

- James Bilella Mayor
- Kristen Martello Community School Superintendent
- Nancy Grover 5 yr. 1/1/18 – 12/31/22
- Janet Guerere 5 yr. 1/1/17 – 12/31/21
- Robert Foster 5 yr. 1/1/16 – 12/31/20
- Millard Wilkinson 5 yr. 1/1/15 – 12/31/19
- Tina Hoffmann 5 yr. 1/1/15 – 12/31/19

COURT APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL

- Municipal Judge Kristen McCrink, J.M.C. 3 yr. 1/1/19 – 12/31/21

Motion: Council President Pearce
Sec.: Councilman Buchanan
All present were in favor

- Municipal Prosecutor Richard DeMichele 1 yr. 1/1/19 – 12/31/19

Motion: Councilman MacDonnell
Sec.: Council President Pearce
All present were in favor
• **Municipal Public Defender**  Kristina M. Bryant  1 yr.  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
  **Motion:** Councilman Badolato  
  **Sec.:** Councilman Buchanan  
  All present were in favor

• **Court Administrator**  Kelly Foster  1 yr.  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
  **Motion:** Councilman MacDonnell  
  **Sec.:** Councilman Buchanan  
  All present were in favor

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL**

• Council Representative  Ron Rocco  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
• Planning Board Representative  Ron Sabatini  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
• Zoning Official  Michael DePalma  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
• Board of Health  Dan Molnar  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
• Community Representative  Cynthia Jennings  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
  **Motion:** Councilman Buchanan  
  **Sec.:** Councilman Miller  
  All present were in favor

**BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL**

• Michael McGowan  3 yr.  1/1/19 - 12/31/21  
  
• Leana Trinidad  3 yr.  1/1/19 - 12/31/21  
  
  **Motion:** Councilman Buchanan  
  **Sec.:** Councilman MacDonnell  
  All present were in favor

**CELEBRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR WITH CONFIRMATION FROM COUNCIL**

• Council Liaison Councilman Rick Miller  1/1/19 – 12/31/19  
  
• Tracy Salvatore  Chairwoman  3 yr.  1/1/19 - 12/31/21  
  
• Christina Miller  Vice-Chairwoman  3 yr.  1/1/19 - 12/31/21  
  
  **Motion:** Councilman Buchanan  
  **Sec.:** Councilman MacDonnell  
  All present were in favor

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS ONLY**  – No one spoke
MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION R1-2; 2019, AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR YEAR 2019.

Motion: Councilman Rocco
Sec.: Councilman MacDonnell
All present were in favor

RESOLUTION R1-3; 2019, APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL DIGANGI, CPA, FROM BOWMAN & COMPANY OF VOORHEES, NJ AS AUDITORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN YEAR 2019.

Motion: Council President Pearce
Sec.: Councilman Badolato
All present were in favor

Mayor Bilella – For years we have read each resolution and voted thereafter. Would anyone object if we group all of our resolutions together and voted for all at the end? No one objected.


RESOLUTION R1-11; 2019, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK Grant REPRESENTATIVES TO BE COUNCILMAN BUCHANAN AND ALTERNATE COUNCILMAN BADOLATO FOR YEAR 2019.
RESOLUTION R1-12; 2019, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FUND COMMISSIONER TO BE MILLARD WILKINSON, JR FOR YEAR 2019.

RESOLUTION R1-13; 2019, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SAFETY COORDINATOR FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY JIF TO BE MILLARD WILKINSON, JR FOR YEAR 2019.

RESOLUTION R1-14; 2019, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE SUSTAINABLE NJ AND GREEN TEAM LEADER TO BE NICOLE LOPEZ FOR YEAR 2019.

RESOLUTION R1-15; 2019, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK/AND OR ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CERTIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE AND OPEN BIDS.

RESOLUTION R1-16; 2019, A RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED FOR THE DELINQUENCIES OF TAXES, WATER, SEWER AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE MUNICIPAL CHARGES.


RESOLUTION R1-18; 2019, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YEAR 2019.

RESOLUTION R1-19; 2019, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ISSUE REFUNDS LESS THAN $500 FOR THE YEAR 2019.

RESOLUTION R1-20; 2019, A RESOLUTION AUTHORITY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE MERCHANTILE LICENSES FOR YEAR 2019.

RESOLUTION R1-21; 2019, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC MEETING FORMAT AS FOLLOWS:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Salute to the flag
3. Roll call
4. Dept Reports and Payment of Bills
5. Council and Mayor Reports
6. Ordinances
7. Public hearing on resolutions
8. Resolutions
9. Privilege of floor
10. Executive session (if required)
11. Adjournment

RESOLUTION R1-22; 2019, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE WORK SESSIONS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS TO BE AS FOLLOWS:
ADDITIONAL WORK SESSIONS MAY SCHEDULED AS NEEDED
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MAY TAKE FORMAL ACTION AT ALL WORK SESSIONS

RESOLUTION R1-23; 2019, AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD
FOR GASOLINE TO FLEET SERVICES, SUNOCO OIL CO./SUN TRACT, BOX 3440,
BOSTON, MA. UNDER STATE CONTRACT NUMBER T0394 58886 (CFO HAS
CERTIFIED FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE).

RESOLUTION R1-24; 2019, AUTHORIZATION FROM COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH CAMDEN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT AND VOORHEES ANIMAL ORPHANAGE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL
SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2019. (CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS COMING FROM THE
ANIMAL TRUST FUND).

RESOLUTION 1-25; 2019, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THERESA STAGLIANO AS
AUTHORIZED AGENT TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN FOR TAX
APPEALS.

RESOLUTION R1-26; 2019, APPROVAL FOR THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGENT
SERVICES AND APPOINTMENT AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED MUNICIPAL
ADVISOR OF RECORD TO BE PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC OF BORDENTOWN NJ.

RESOLUTION R1-27; 2019, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RHP TOWING FROM
ATCO, LINDEN TOWING FROM LINDENWOLD TO BE THE AUTHORIZED TOWING
COMPANIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN.

RESOLUTION R1-28; 2019, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE.

Motion to approve Resolutions R1-04 through R1-28 made by: Council President Pearce
Sec.: Councilman MacDonnell
All present were in favor
ORDINANCE

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE


Motion to Introduce: Councilman Buchanan
Sec.: Councilman Badolato
All present were in favor

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR:

Millard Wilkinson Jr.
9 Tavistock Drive
Berlin, NJ

Former Mayor of Berlin Borough Millard Wilkinson addressed Mayor and Council and extended his congratulations to Councilman Buchanan and Rocco for their re-election to their seats on Council. He very much appreciated the library motions and all that our local government does for the community. He thanked Mayor and Council for once again appointing him as the JIF and Safety Coordinator for the Borough of Berlin.

Council Remarks

Councilman Rocco

Extended thanks to everyone for giving him the opportunity to work with the Mayor and Council for the past three years and the opportunity to continue working for the community for the next three years. He stated that this has given him the opportunity to work better and understand the needs of the people and those on Council. Thanks’ were also extended to all of the residents who attended the re-organization meeting and for their continued support. He also read Proverbs Chapter 4 verse 7 and explained how important wisdom and understanding are to our daily walks of life. Councilman Rocco also gave a brief update on his two committees, the Sewer and Water Departments. He stated that the Borough has a total of 97 miles of water mains and 36 ½ miles of sewer mains. The new SCADA System has been completely installed and fully operating since last Spring. This new system brings efficiency to the water system, along with making the Borough state compliant in the areas of labeling all hydrants, exercising all valves, GSI mapping and meeting the standards set by the state for the next 150 years. All of this is mandated by the new Water Quality Accountability Act passed by the State. All municipalities in New Jersey must be compliant with these standards by April of 2019. Berlin Borough has been proactive since 2016. This new system has also assisted Waterford Township and Berlin Township with some of their sewer and water issues. Thanks’ were extended to the whole team which consists of John Allsebrook, the DPW Supervisor, his team of employees, Lisa Eggert and Sharon Van Dyke the administrators in the Tax & Water Department, Hugh Dougherty from Pennoni Engineers and the Mayor and Council for supporting all of these projects.

Councilman Buchanan

Thanks were extended to Councilman Rocco, the Mayor and Council to helping to unite Berlin, as unity is the strength to unify objectives in Berlin. Thanks’ were also extended to The Mayor for his guidance, along with his appreciation to longtime volunteer Mayor Wilkinson and Joe Howarth for taking time out of his busy schedule to swear him in at today’s meeting.
Councilman Pearce -
Congratulations were given to both Councilman Rocco and Buchanan for being re-elected into office. Thanks, were extended to all of the volunteers, friends, families, community and employees for making it possible to serve the people of Berlin Borough. He noted that it is a privilege to serve in this manner. Striving for better communications, working at listening better and being open to others opinions is a goal for 2019.

Councilman Miller -
Congratulations were extended to both Councilman Rocco and Buchanan for being re-elected to their seats on Council for the next three years. Thanks to all of the professionals, police, public works, volunteers and employees for their hard work and helping to keep Berlin Borough running on a daily basis.

Councilman Badolato -
Thank you to all who came out today and congratulations to both Councilman Rocco and Buchanan. Councilman stated that it is a privilege to serve with Mayor and everyone who is on Council. Although everyone is different, everyone managed to get a lot of things done. Thanks, were also extended to his wife Diana and good year wishes were extended.

Councilman MacDonnell -
Councilman MacDonnell also echoed his sentiments, thanks and congratulations to Councilman Rocco and Buchanan and all of the volunteers and employees. Everyone’s contributions to our Borough are truly appreciated.

Mayor Bilella -
Congratulations were extended to both Councilman Rocco and Buchanan on being re-elected to serve on Council for the next three years. Mayor Bilella expressed his thanks to all employees, organizations, volunteers and community groups that support the Borough. Thanks, were given to all of Council and their families and explained that a lot of time, credit and effort is given by these gentlemen. They spend an amazing amount of time dedicated to the Borough. Many thanks were given to his wife Denise and his three children. He stated that when he became Mayor three years ago, he wanted to be apart of being pro-active on many levels including community development, activities, revitalization and redevelopment of the downtown area and helping with the infrastructure. The Berlin Farmers Market has been renovated and people are starting to see the positive changes in Berlin. People want to live and establish their businesses in the Borough. Thanks to all who have participated. Mayor Bilella is excited to see all of the opportunities that 2019 will bring to the community. An invitation was extended to everyone to attend the reorganization celebration that will be held at Lucien’s Manor at 2:30 pm today. All of Mayor and Council hope everyone can attend.

Administrator William Behnke -
Congratulations were extended to Councilman Rocco and Buchanan and he is looking forward to working with them going forward. He expressed his thanks to the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the community as Borough Administrator. He also stated that the volunteers in this community do a tremendous job and he also looks forward to working with them also.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Rocco
Sec.: Councilman Pearce
All present were in favor

Lois Sahina, Municipal Clerk
January 5, 2019