



BOROUGH OF BERLIN
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN, NJ 08009

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Mayor Rick Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting had 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 said meeting's date, place, and time.

After the salute to the Flag, the following roll call was taken:

Present: Councilmembers Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce, and Mayor Miller
Absent: Councilman Simone

Also, Present: Howard Long, Solicitor
Dwayne Harris, Clerk/Administrator
Michaela Bosler, Deputy Clerk
Debra DiMattia, CFO

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 11, 2021 Workshop Meeting
March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting
March 31, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes

Moved by: Miller; **Seconded by:** Cummings.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5)

Yes: Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Simone

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

- BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION – Councilman Len Badolato had no updates to report from the last meeting.
- PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS - Councilman Andrew Simone was absent and no report was given.

- WATER & SEWER - Councilwoman Patricia Cummings reported that phase 1 of meter replacement project is continuing with approximately 750 meters replaced. For water department, 85 utility mark out request completed and routine monthly maintenance at water plant were completed. Required by the Water Quality Accountability Act, a crew has been inspecting and exercising 1,700 water valves and will be expected to comply by NJDEP deadline of October 2021. Hydrant flushing will begin on April 1st and will end on April 30th. For sewer department, completed all routine monthly maintenance at 10 pumping stations and the emergency backup generators at the pumping stations. Sewer pump stasis system is ongoing. Fences at Haverhill, Enclave, and New Freedom Village Pump Stations have been removed and new fences were installed.
- PUBLIC SAFETY – Council President Pearce reported that the Fire Department received 63 calls for service and continued to receive training on Tuesday nights. March training focused on pump training and RIT training. Council President Pearce thanked the Fire Department for going around town with the Easter Bunny. Berlin Ambulance responded to 245 calls; 108 were within Berlin Borough; 7 were confirmed COVID-19 cases; no member COVID-19 cases and almost all members are fully vaccinated. The new ambulance vehicle production has begun with an estimated delivery of May. OEM is continuing to receive PPE through the Camden County OEM. For Police Department, the department responded to 1539 calls. The Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (D.D.A.C.T.S.) focused on Route 30 and Franklin, Rt. 30 and Cross Keys, Rt. 30 and Jackson, Jackson, and Taunton, and Thackara and Taunton. No need to speed campaign focused on Chestnut Ave. They have information to register your cameras with the Berlin Police Department. Registration for people at risk to go missing. Mayor Miller requested extra data on the no need for speed campaign to see if it is effective.
- COMMUNICATION – Councilman Keith Hohing reported that he attended various committee meetings. Attended budget meetings and upkept social media and website maintenance.
- FINANCE – Chairman Jake Miller reported the revenues collected during the month. The Finance Committee worked hard to introduce at this meeting. The increase based on the average assessment of homes in the Borough will be \$33.65 for the year, which is an increase of 1.5 cents to the budget.
- SOLICITOR – Solicitor Howard Long had nothing to report.
- MAYOR – Mayor Rick Miller stated a group of residents have been getting together to clean up areas of the town. The next date for their clean up will be April 17. They are starting at Paris Catering and will be supplying gloves and trash bags. Community Yard Sale is on May 1st with a rain date of May 2nd. Rabies Clinic is April 10th between 10am-12pm. Thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work in preparing the budget.

Motion to Approve Council Reports

Moved by: Miller; **Seconded by:** Hohing.

Vote: Motioned carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5)

Yes: Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miler, Pearce

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Simone

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk read the following Resolutions into the record:

- RES. 2021-041 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SOMERDALE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE
- RES. 2021-042 RESOLUTION MEMBERSHIP INTO THE BERLIN BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT
- RES. 2021-043 APPROVING THE LEASE EXTENSION BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN AND THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR THE BERLIN POST OFFICE LOCATED AT 10 HARKER AVE.
- RES. 2021-044 AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FUNDING UNDER THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE FY22 GRANT CYCLE
- RES. 2021-045 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT AND EXERCISE THE EXTENSION OF THE TOWER SITE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC
- RES. 2021-046 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW FEES THE AMOUNT OF \$458.00
- RES. 2021-047 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ESCROW FEES THE AMOUNT OF \$1362.50
- RES. 2021-049 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STATE CONTRACT AWARD TO GENERAL RECREATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
- RES. 2021-050 RESOLUTION AWARDDING A CONTRACT TO COUSIN’S GARDEN

DESIGN TO INSTALL A MINIATURE GOLF COURSE AT THE JONES LANE PARK AS A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT

- RES. 2021-051 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RECYCLING CAN PAYMENT TO WOODBRIAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260.00
- RES. 2021-052 AMENDING THE 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET
- RES. 2021-053 GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"
- RES. 2021-054 PAYMENT OF BILLS - \$1,330,121.40

Mayor Miller opened the meeting to the public to comment on Resolution 2021-041 through 2021-054.

Councilman Badolato asked how long the lease with the Post Office is for on Res. 2021-043. The Clerk explained the rental payment is going up to \$20,000 effective November 1st for 5 years. There were no further comments from the public.

Motion to Close Public Comment on Resolutions 2021-041 through 2021-054

Moved by: Hohing; **Seconded by:** Cummings.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5)

Yes: Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Simone

Motion to Approve Resolutions 2021-041 through 2021-054 as a Consent Agenda

Moved by: Pearce; **Seconded by:** Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5)

Yes: Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Simone

- ORD. 2021-05 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2021-05

Moved by: Pearce; **Seconded by:** Badolato.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5)

Yes: Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce

No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Simone

- RES. 2021-055 INTRODUCTION OF THE CY2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-055

Moved by Pearce; **Seconded by:** Cummings.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Simone

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There were no comments from the public.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Pearce commented that Atlantic City Electric is doing tree trimming in town at this time.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting – 7:25 PM

Moved by Pearce; **Seconded by:** Hohing.

Vote: Motion called by voice vote (summary: Yes = 5)

Yes: Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce

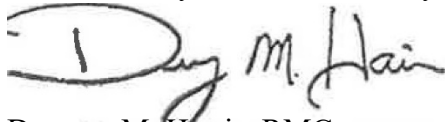
No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Simone

I, Dwayne M. Harris, Municipal Clerk/Administrator of the Borough of Berlin, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby certify these Minutes were approved by the Governing Body, at its Regular Meeting, held May 13, 2021.

WITNESS my hand this 14th day of May 2021.



Dwayne M. Harris, RMC
Administrator/Clerk