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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE

BERLIN, NJ 08009

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:**

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and the Philadelphia Inquirer and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time ,date and the place of the meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilman Len Badolato

Councilwoman Patricia Cummings

Councilman Keith Hohing

Councilman Carl Mascarenhas

Councilman Millard Wilkinson

Council President Jake Miller

Mayor Rick Miller

Also present: Solicitor, Dan Long

Co-Administrator, Charleen Santora

Co-Administrator, Bill Behnke

CFO, Michael Kwasizur

Deputy Municipal Clerk, Rachel von der Tann, CMR

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Motion to approve Regular meeting of February 9, 2023: Council President Miller

SECOND: Councilman Badolato AIF: All OPPOSED: None

Motion to approve Workshop meeting February 9, 2023: Councilwoman Cummings

SECOND: Councilman Hohing AIF: All OPPOSED: None

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

* BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION Councilman Len Badolato
* PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS - Councilman Millard Wilkinson
* WATER & SEWER - Councilwoman Patricia Cummings
* PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Keith Hohing
* COMMUNICATION – Councilman Carl Mascarenhas
* FINANCE – Council President Jake Miller
* SOLICITOR Howard Long
* MAYOR Rick Miller

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING NEW CHAPTER 190 ENTITLED “LEAD-BASED PAINT”

MOTION: Councilman Badolato SECOND: Councilwoman Cummings AIF: All

OPPOSED: None

**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 335, ZONING AND LAND USE, AND CHAPTER 336, STORM WATER, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

MOTION: Councilwoman Cummings SECOND: Councilman Badolato AIF All

OPPOSED: None

**FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNING THE PAPER STREET IDENTIFIED ON THE ATTACHED TAX MAP ADJACENT TO BLOCK 1502, LOT 12 AS “DESORTE LANE”, CONDITION UPON IMPROVEMENT OF SAME TO BOROUGH STANDARDS**”**

MOTION: Councilwoman Cummings SECOND: Councilman Hohing AIF: All OPPOSED: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

SECONDED: Councilman Badolato AIF: Council President Miller AIF: All

OPPOSED: None

Motion to approve resolutions R3-59:2023 TO R3-72:2023 : Councilman Hohing SECOND: Council President Miller AIF All OPPOSED: None

**PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR**

Motion to open the public portion: Councilman Mascarenhas SECOND: Councilman Hohing ALL IN FAVOR: All OPPOSED: None

Motion to close the public portion: Councilman Badolato SECOND: Council President Miller

ALL IN FAVOR: All OPPOSED: None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Hohing SECOND: Councilman Mascarenhas

ALL IN FAVOR: All OPPOSED: None

Councilman Badolato discussed Blaise’s property and possible soil contamination. Most likely the property will need remediation. Mentioned Clean Brownfields funding for clean-up. Councilman Badolato thanked the Clerk’s office for all they do.

Councilman Wilkinson says that street sweeping will start March 13. Organics will be picked up on normal trash day. He added the 2023 Borough Roadway Improvement Program to begin and the borough budgeted $213,490.00 for the project. Streets to be paved are Hillcroft, Ebion, Colonial Park and Independence Court and. Princeton Court. Councilman Wilkinson publicly thanked Hugh and Chris from Pennonni for their work with the road program.

Councilwoman Cummings -see report

Councilman Hohing stated that budget meetings have been conducted and we are preparing for the 2023 budget.

Councilman Mascarenhas stated that he would like to have the website updated and suggested livestreaming council meetings. He added that he is not in favor of the Redevelopment Ordinance.

Council President Miller stated that there was a cannabis meeting and added that nothing can be approved without approval by Council.

Mayor Miller tells residents that the Easter Bunny will be at Borough Hall on April 1st at 2:30 pm. He also stated that the DOT is planning to close Harker Avenue, however, the Borough is not in favor of this closure and will do everything they can to stop the closure.

Public comments

Guy Johnson -22 Presidential Drive

Request for the Borough or Police Department to do something to stop the parking on Presidential Drive.

Mike Quinn – 18 Presidential Drive

Stated how dangerous it is for residents to make a left turn onto Presidential Drive due to the number of cars parked on the street. He mentioned no one respects the boxes that have been put in place.

Mayor Miller agrees that this is an issue that needs to be addressed and will work with the Police Department to find out what can legally be done.