

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2018
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN, NJ 08009
7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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 - Present
Council President Rick Miller - Present
Councilman Jim Pearce - Present
Councilman Badolato - Present
Councilman Rocco - Present
Councilman Buchanan - Present
Councilman MacDonnell - Present

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor Dan Long and CMFO Michael T. Kwasizur

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

- BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION, Chairman Len Badolato
 - Absent
- PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS, Chairman Dan MacDonnell
 - Borough will be beginning 2018 road program this month
 - Road Evaluation is almost complete and that will be used as a basis for the 2019 road program DOT grant
 - The Borough should look into adding 2 street lights on Evanine Drive. Mayor stated that he has another resident who requested a street light on a different part of Evanine Drive. Councilman MacDonnell will determine where the light will go.
- WATER & SEWER, Chairman Ron Rocco
 - No Report

- PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Jim Pearce
 - No report but wanted to mention that next Thursday, 9/13/18 the Borough will be swearing in a new officer
- COMMUNICATIONS, Chairman Rick Miller
 - No Report
- FINANCE, Chairman Mike Buchanan
 - We have a AA bond rating at the Borough and we saved hundreds of thousands in interest issuing this debt before the expected interest rate increase in 2019
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REAL ESTATE, Mayor Jim Bilella
 - New grilled cheese restaurant in the mart would like help with a grand opening
 - New cake shop in Twin Roads Plaza would like a ribbon cutting ceremony
 - Kmart shopping center – Mayor will be in talks with 3 possible developers for the site
- SOLICITOR, Dan Long
 - Need to walk on a resolution to go into closed session to discuss a matter related to personnel
- CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, Michael T. Kwasizur
 - Council ok'd appointing Dana McGarvey as senior coordinator, resolution will be on 9/13/18 agenda
 - Bill Behnke went out and obtained a \$126,000 FF grant thru Senator Booker's office
 - New camera's and security at the Rec center
 - AA bond rating for the Borough in August 2018
 - On 8/29/18 the Borough held an electronic bond sale permanently financing prior projects in excess of \$9,000,000 at a rate of 3.23%. The borrow and financial advisor's anticipated 3.85% so obviously 3.23% is fantastic news for the Borough. 3.23% vs. 4% on this issue saves \$774,900 in interest over the life of the bonds. It saves \$63,000 in next year's budget alone.
 - Council agreed to update tax maps and would like zoning maps updated. CFO stated that money is available for this in general engineering
 - Council does not wish to lower the rent on the Simone Farm house

- Recycle Coach – free program offered by Camden County – it’s an app that allows you to see what nice is trash night, bulk, recycling, etc. and allows you to set reminders to remind you to take out the trash.

READING RESOLUTION R09-01;2018

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTION R09-01; 2018

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC RESOLUTION R09-01; 2018

RESOLUTION R09-01

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BETWEEN BERLIN MULTI FAMILY, LLC AND THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN

Motion to approve Resolution R09-01; 2018

Sec.;

RCV; Miller __X__ Pearce____Badolato____Rocco____Buchanan X MacDonnell____

All

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Bill Bansch – 79 New Freedom Road – would like to amend ordinance with yard sales to start at an earlier time and to be able to have yard sales on Clementon Road.

Motion to move into Closed Session to discuss 2 matters of personnel

ATTACHED – PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion to adjourn; _____, Sec., _____, RCV

Michael T. Kwasizur

Chief Financial Officer, CPA, CMFO, RMC, AHP

September 5, 2018