



BOROUGH OF BERLIN

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 – 6:30 pm.

Mayor Rick Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Pearce and Mayor Miller.

Councilman Simone arrives at 6: 33 pm.

Absent: Councilman Badolato

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

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Miller discussed reopening the possibility of reopening the community center in June. He further reported the equipment for the parks have been ordered and are set to arrive by June. He commented that the fence on Orchard Ave. is set to be repaired.

Councilwoman Patricia Cummings had nothing to report.

Council President Jim Pearce reported that they will be appointing a Class II Officer and Crossing Guard at the regular meeting.

Councilman Andrew Simone commented that Berlin Township has upcoming resurfacing projects that will have to be coordinated with Berlin Borough.

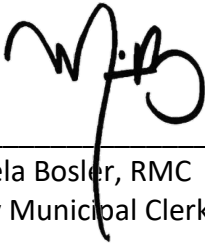
Councilman Keith Hohing announced that the DVRC will be hosting the Strawberry Festival on May 22nd at the Borough Hall complex. Council President Pearce commented that the Borough is not organizing this event, nor do they organize the Fourth of July parade or the Berlin Fall Festival. He stated that outside organizations put them together, and it is their discretion to either organize them, or cancel them due to COVID.

Councilman Jake Miller announced the adoption of the budget is on the regular meeting agenda. He announced the municipal tax increase is \$32.65 based upon the average assessment of homes in Berlin. He led a discussion regarding the Berlin and Eastern school tax rates.

Solicitor Howard Long reported that there will be an ordinance for possible introduction on the regular meeting agenda which pertains to amending the zoning section of the code to prohibit the use of marijuana facilities in the Borough of Berlin. He explained that the adoption of this ordinance provides the governing body and planning board with additional time beyond the required timeframe outlined in the legislation to study the upcoming regulations relating to the sale of marijuana and where they can allow for such sites to exist within their jurisdiction.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM and everyone transitioned to the courtroom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Bosler', written over a horizontal line.

Michaela Bosler, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk