

BOROUGH OF BERLIN

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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.

Present: Councilmembers Badolato, Cummings, Hohing, Miller, Simone, Pearce and

Mayor Miller

Absent: None

Also, Present: Howard Long, Solicitor

Debra DiMattia, CFO/Acting Administrator

Michaela Bosler, Municipal Clerk Millard Wilkenson, Police Chief

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Len Badolato discussed the Community Center regarding the Community Center Lights. He further led a discussion about renting the Community Center out.

Councilman Andrew Simone reported that he had met with the Engineer regarding putting in bike paths to slow traffic, which are able to be done in house. He further led a discussion about using a temp agency to fill the vacancy of the DPW employee, rather than hiring a new full-time person.

Councilwoman Patricia Cummings reported that routine ongoing maintenance continued, and projects are continuing to move forward. She further led a discussion regarding possible increases on sewer connection fees.

Council President Jim Pearce reported that his committee and the PBA have negotiated a fair contract to be voted on at the Regular Meeting.

Councilman Keith Hohing reported that security features will be put on computers and devices for insurance purposes. He further reported that the website has the Do Not Knock registration form now, that Gibbsboro American Legion will be hosting a 9/11 Memorial Service, and that the Borough is still working out issues with the new 8x8 phone system.

Councilman Jake Miller reported that he had spoken with the EMS department regarding their capital budget, and request to install an AC unit.

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Solicitor Howard Long had nothing to report.

Mayor Rick Miller explained that 2021:120 allows for the Mayor to sign recommendation letters to the State for interested cannabis licensees. The Solicitor recommended designating two members of the Governing Body to work with the Planning Board on potentially setting zoning restrictions for cannabis establishments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

• RES. 2021:130 EXECUTIVE SESSION *Item: Contract Negotiation – PBA #362*

No action was taken in executive session. All members that were present before the executive session were present upon return to open session.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM and everyone transitioned to the courtroom.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Michaela Bosler RMC Municipal Clerk