

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE
BERLIN, NJ 08009
7:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

FLAG 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 Bilella, Council President Pearce (arrived at 7:05 pm) Council Members Miller, Badolato, Rocco, Buchanan, & MacDonnell.

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor Howard Long, Administrator Bill Behnke, CFMO Debra DiMattia and Municipal Clerk Lois Sahina

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3-5-2019 Work Shop Minutes
- 3-5-2019 Work Shop Closed Session Minutes
- 3-6-2019 Special Budget Meeting
- 3-14-2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve adoption of the minutes; Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Councilman MacDonnell

All in Favor; All present were in favor

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019

Permit fees	\$ 144,709.00
Zoning fees	\$ 400.00
Re-sale inspection fees	\$ 1,650.00
Rental Inspections	\$ 520.00
Community Center fees	\$ 3,900.00
Tax collector's report	\$ 259,837.61
Utility report	\$ 631,615.27
Clerks report	\$ 1,971.00
Animal report	\$ 120.00
Court Administrator	\$ 27,973.20

Motion to approve department head reports; Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Councilman Miller

All present were in favor

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,067,674.97

Motion to approve payment of the bills; Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Councilman Miller

All present were in favor

BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION, Chairman Len Badolato

- **Rabies Clinic** - On Saturday, April 6, 2019 the annual Rabies Clinic was held at the DPW garages. Thanks, were extended to the County for making this happen every year.
- **DPW Roof** - The roof on the DPW garage was fixed and is now complete
- **Historic Commission** - The Historic Commission is waiting to hear back on two grants that they applied for. One is from the state for \$25,000.00 and the other one is from the 772 Grant for \$15,000.00.
- **Dill House** -The volunteers from the Historic Commission will again be working on it this coming weekend.
- **DOT Meeting** - Last Monday, Greg Fusco from Key Engineer, Mayor Bilella, Councilman MacDonnell all attended the DOT meeting. They all came up with some really good proposals. The proposals will be drawn together and sent back to the DOT.
- **DBRC** - They are in the process of restructuring and putting a board together. This will make them eligible to apply for national and state programs. They are in need a director. In the interim, Cindy Williams will be acting as the director. Over the last few years, Cindy has done a lot of work for the Borough. Cindy has donated over 80% of the work she has done for the DBRC.
- **Cupula** - This will be talked about at our next Workshop Meeting with Councilman Buchanan and Rocco.
- **Community Center** - Mary and Dan Campbell would like to rent out the Community Center to hold a Comic Book show. They will have the Avengers and Star Wars etc.... and a lot of the funds are then donated to Children's Hospital St. Jude Foundation and The Wounded Warrior program. I need to confirm how many people they expect to attend so that Chief Wilkinson has an idea of how to plan for parking. Once I receive more detail's it will be announced.

PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS, Chairman Dan MacDonnell

- **State Roadway Repair Funding** - The Borough has received the grant award from the Department of Transportation of \$300,000 from the State for the 2019 Roadway Improvement Program. There are a number of streets that were included in that application and will be applied to our 2019 Roadway Improvement Program. These streets are Birch, Hardy, Sumner, Atlantic, Linden, Fieldstone, Split Rail, Colonial Park, Constitution, Liberty Court, Surry Court, West Taunton Ave and Moss Ave. The total cost of the program is estimated to be around \$486,000. The remaining balance will be funded by the Borough from the Capital budget.

- **DOT Meeting** - This meeting was highly productive. The topic was basically focused on the down town traffic remediation and pedestrian safety in the down town area. They want to come up with some possible solutions at our four crossings. We are in the process of finalizing our letter with our requests and then the DOT will do a traffic study and be responsible for implementing these changes. DOT is very aware of these problems and wants to fix their highway and continue to maintain it afterwards. The cost will not be paid for by our tax payers. We also have another meeting set up with the DOT to discuss the traffic and pedestrian safety on the White Horse Pike.
- **Ordinances & Resolutions** - One ordinance and two resolutions are on our agenda tonight. Councilman MacDonnell asked for everyone's support. Ordinance 2019-04 Parking within 5 ft of driveway depression. Resolution R04-15; 2019 Pennoni's design of the Road Program. The bid date will be in May with an award in June. Resolutions R04-16; 2019 is for ERI to do a study of all three of our playgrounds in town. Once this is complete, they will give us the feedback on how to improve the three playgrounds.
- **Planning Board** - There was only one variance that was submitted for a placement of a pole barn located on Clementon Road.

WATER & SEWER, Chairman Ron Rocco

- **Income and Connections**
 - Water Income** - 2019 Water Income \$467,502 vs. 2018 Water Income \$463,501
 - Sewer Income** - 2019 Sewer Income \$162,207 vs 2018 Sewer Income \$164,425
 - Water Connections** 2019 - \$300 vs. 2018 \$5550
 - Sewer Connections** 2019 - \$1,600 vs. none. These figures may vary from year to year depending on construction
- **Water Complaints** - There was only one water complaint from West Berlin Town Hall
- **Maintenance Water** - All maintenance was completed on plant 1 & 2. Plant 2 has been shut down and winterized for the season. Crew repaired a pipe at plant #1. There were only two shut downs, 11 service complaint orders. There were 96 mark outs that were completed.
- **Maintenance Sewer** - Nine pump stations were maintained along with the emergency generators at the pump stations. The Lake Worth pump 1 is failed beyond repair. Replacement pump has been ordered.
- **Sewer Camera Update** - 20% of our sewer system has been inspected
- **Ordinances** - Councilman Rocco asked for support on three ordinances that are on tonight's agenda. Ordinance 2019-06, 07 & 08 for capital improvements
- **Valve Exercising Bid** - Some figures must be reviewed before going out to bid.
- **Emergency Award Contract** - Bid will be awarded at our June 13th Council Meeting
- **NJ Water Quality Accountability Act** - Requires annual improvements to our system. The engineers preparing to advertise and go out to bid to upgrade the water main from Rt. 30 to Elm Ave. This is due to the grossly undersized main at Park Avenue and to improve water quality and system performance. The estimated cost is \$516,600. The engineers are preparing to advertise for bids in June 2019 and will award at the July 11, 2019 meeting. The SCADA system is operating well. Our engineer is currently investigating the cyber security issues on the SCADA system, which is required by the accountability act. There have been no NJDEP violations for water quality have occurred in the Berlin water system.

Next week there is a meeting scheduled to discuss the upgrade and refurbishing of the Water tank on Chestnut Street.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Jim Pearce**
- **Record will show that Council President arrived at the meeting at 7:05 pm**
- **Resolutions** – Support was asked for the following resolutions that are on the agenda tonight R04-09, 10 & 11. They will appoint Rushi Pandya as Emergency Management Coordinator, and two deputies, Craig Fallstick and Fred Tuttle. They were all at the meeting and recognized.
- **EMO Coordinator** - Rushi attended a meeting on 3/20/19 in regards to how to obtain grants. He will be attending a conference from April 29th - May 3rd
- **Fire Department**
 - Total calls for Month of March** - The number of calls for the month of March - 56
 - McDonalds** - They attended the grand re-opening of McDonalds
 - Accident** - They responded to serious a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Rt. 30 & Franklin Ave
 - Winslow** - They helped Winslow with a motorist that was trapped
 - New Truck** - Housing of new truck ceremony will be this Friday
 - Grant** - We received a grant from the New Jersey Forest Fire Service for \$3,302.47 awarded to any volunteer fire department
- **EMS**
 - Total calls for the month of March** - Total calls - 224 -Berlin Borough calls-108 Calls in surrounding area towns-116
 - McDonalds** - They attended the grand re-opening of McDonalds
 - Virtua** -Worked with the EMS Chiefs at Virtua
- **POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019**
 - Total calls for the month of March:** 1793
 - Total Investigation:** 107
 - Total Drug Arrests:** 22
 - Total Criminal Arrests:** 37
 - Total Warrant Arrests:** 27
 - Total Adult Arrests:** 65
 - Total Juvenile Arrests:** 1
 - Total Adult Arrests:** 204
 - Total DWI Arrests:** 2
 - Total Accidents:** 38
 - Total Motor Vehicle Citations Issued:** 360
- **Safety Breakfast** - Council President Pearce, Councilman Miller & Rocco, Safety Coordinator Millard Wilkinson Jr, EMO Deputy Fred Tuttle and our insurance company rep all attended the Safety Breakfast where they received a lot of new information that will be helpful to the Borough.

COMMUNICATIONS, Chairman Rick Miller

- **Website Redesign** - The new site will change the look and feel and be more user friendly. It will give us additional ways to communicate with the public. It will also eliminate things that are duplicated on our current sight. It will go live in a couple of months
- **Easter Event** - The Easter Event will be held on Saturday, April 20th at the Borough Hall from 2-4pm
- **Town Wide Yard Sale** - Saturday, May 4th will be our Town Wide Yard Sale from 7am - 2:00 pm. If anyone is interested in signing up, applications can be obtained at the Clerks Office. Jen Haldeman a local realtor, is making a map with all of the participating locations
- **Spring News Letter** - The draft will be received this week and then it will be printed the following week

FINANCE, Chairman Mike Buchanan

Acknowledgments were given to Mayor Keskes and his wife in the audience

- **Auditors** - The auditors have begun their annual financial audit review and will continue to do so for a few more weeks.
- **AFSCME Contract** - This contract is still being worked on for renewal
- **Resolutions** - On tonight's agenda take notice to Resolutions R05-01, 02 & 03. Those resolutions are all for the budget adoption, introduction and adjustments
- **Rabies Clinic** - The Rabies Clinic was held on April 6, 2019. A lot of town and surrounds town residents took advantage of getting their dogs and cats inoculated. There were 100 inoculations in given in total. Thanks' were extended to the County for sponsoring this event
- **Recycling** - Councilman Miller and Buchanan are working on updating the website and also working with different ways we can work on the price of our tonnage because the price has increased

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REAL ESTATE, Mayor Jim Bilella

- **85 & 87 South White Horse Pike** - This property was donated to the Borough by the property owner. It has now been closed on. It is part of the down town redevelopment program. This was at no cost to the tax payers or the Borough. It is part of a larger redevelopment plan.
- **Building Safety Month** - This proclamation was acknowledged that May is "Building Safety Month". Our construction office and the association that they are part of wants everyone to know and recognize that building codes must be followed and that there is a benefit to the residents with safety and insurance
- **Chestnut Street** - People are cutting through Chestnut Street, Malan Avenue and Arlington Avenue in order to avoid the traffic at the intersection of Rt30 and Franklin Ave. An idea was suggested to put signs up restricting turns onto these streets during rush hour.
- **2019 Budget** - There is a missed opportunity in savings providing a lower tax increase to our residents. We had savings in the line item of retirees medical and almost a 2-cent reduction in our tax rate of \$135,000. We have had increased revenue and surplus. We are only using 50% of our surplus vs. 70% that was used last year. We could have provided a budget that was 1 cent, ½ cent or no cent. This would have been less of a burden to our tax payers.

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• **SOLICITOR, Howard Long**

Ordinance Street Parking - A traffic study was performed by Pennoni. The engineer and the study provided the recommendation which would improve the safety of our residents by eliminating parking by 5 ft from each side of the drive way.

Resolutions - Congratulations were extended to the Borough for receiving \$300,000 from the NJ DOT for the 2019 Roadway Program. Berlin Borough received the 7th highest amount out of 37 other communities in Camden County. There were only 18 other municipalities out of the 37 that have a greater population than Berlin Borough. This will go a long way in helping to repair our streets.

Blaise Property - We are trying to acquire this property. There is also a second lot that is listed as 0 Haines Avenue. This was not included in the foreclosure. It didn't come up in the original title search. The add on resolution on tonight's agenda would update our ability in the foreclosure, to also acquire this lot.

ADMINSTRATOR – Bill Behnke

- Congratulations were extended to our new EMO and the two deputies.

- **2nd READING ORDINANCE**

• **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02**

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Motion to Adopt: Councilman MacDonnell

Sec.; Councilman Badolato

All present were in favor

OPEN TO PUBLIC - No one spoke

RESOLUTION R04-01; 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Councilman MacDonnell

All present were in favor

PUBLIC HEARING -Will be on R04:02; 2019 & R04:03;2019 No one spoke

RESOLUTION R04-02; 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TO ADOPT THE 2019 BUDGET

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Rocco

Sec.; Councilman MacDonnell

All present were in favor

RESOLUTION R04-03; 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CAPITAL BUDGET TO BE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Council President Pearce

All present were in favor

1ST READING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN CHAPTER 315, ARTICLE II, SECTION 315-9, TO PROHIBIT PARKING WITHIN 5 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF DRIVEWAYS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS, IN THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Badolato

Sec.; Councilman Buchanan

All present were in favor

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, CHAPTER 52, SECTION 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LIEUTENANTS FROM ONE (1) NOT TO EXCEED TWO (2)

Motion to Adopt: Council President Pearce

Sec.; Councilman MacDonnell

All present were in favor

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06

A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN COUNTY OR CAMDEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRICIPAL AMONT OF UP TO \$604,200; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATINS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Council President Pearce

All present were in favor

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07

A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER UTILITY SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$480,00 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OBERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$480,00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Councilman Badolato

All present were in favor

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08

A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE BOUROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NJEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$420,00 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANITICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOUROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY , IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$420,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Motion to Adopt: Councilman Buchanan

Sec.; Councilman Miller

All present were in favor

READING RESOLUTIONS R04-01; 2019 THROUGH R04-20; 2019

RESOLUTION R04-04; 2019

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN TO AUCTION SURPLUS & USED PROPERTY ON GOVDEALS

RESOLUTION R04-05; 2019

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING TAX ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE LISTED TAX PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION R04-06; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE 2019 CAMP LONG-A-COMING EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEE RATES

RESOLUTION R04-07; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE VERIZON WATER TOWER LEASE

RESOLUTION R04-08; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENTS

RESOLUTION R04-09; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTMENT OF EMERGANY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR RUSHI PANDYA

RESOLUTION R04-10; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGECCNY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR CRAIG FALSTICK

RESOLUTION R04-11; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCFY COORDINATOR FRED TUTTLE

RESOLUTION R04-12; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOURGH OF BERLIN TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFTEY TITLED SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R04-13; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE REVIZE WEBSITE SERVICES & SALES AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION R04-14; 2019

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING ESCROW OF HAVEN HOMES BE RELEASED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,284.09

RESOLUTION R04-15; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ACCEPT PENNONI'S PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE 2019 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R04-16; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO APPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. TO PERFORM PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT STUDY AND PROPOSAL

RESOLUTION R04-17; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE BERLIN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS AND PARTICIPATION FOR THE ENROLLMENT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE (LESO) 1033 PROGRAM

RESOLUTION R04-18; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN AUTHORIZING THE IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT #1882 BE RELEASED FROM MAINTENANCE STATUS FOR MONTEBELLO SECTION 3B FOR WATER MAIN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,480.00 ORIGINALLY ISSUED BY AMBOY BANK.

RESOLUTION R04-19; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE SURETY BOND FROM MAINTENANCE STATUS FOR MONTEBELLO SECTION 2 FOR WATER MAIN AND SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,852.50 ORIGINALLY ISSUED BY BOND SAFEGUARD INSURANCE COMPANY OF LOUISVILLE, KY

RESOLUTION R04-20;2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN UPDATED IN-REM FORECLOSURE ACTION

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS R04-01;2019 THROUGH R04-19;2019 - No one spoke

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion to approve Resolutions R04-01; 2019 through R04-20; 2019 - Councilman MacDonnell

Sec.: Councilman Badolato

All present were in favor

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jean and Joe Keskes

60 Central Ave

They are concerned about the property that is on Estaugh and Central Avenue. It is a woman's counseling center, that has turned into a men's center. There are seven men gathering out there in the evening and cursing and I don't think it should be located in a residential area. Mr. Long said there are ordinances in regards to loitering. The public safety director and the Chief will be made of this problem. Also, the Property Maintenance Officer needs to go out and check out the house behind them, there is junk all over the property.

Dorothy Fransicone

117 Sequoia Drive and

Michael Giffins

109 Sequoia Drive

A summons was received in regards to the trash can placement. They explained the problem with putting their trash can and recycle can in the back of their units. If you are on an end unit it is not an issue. If someone is living in a middle unit it is impossible to get the cans into the back, there is no access. It is also a problem to put the trash cans in the garage in the warmer months of the year because of the odor. Could this ordinance be amended to allow these residents from May 1st thru October 1st so to place their cans in the center area in front of the garage. Years ago, when these units were built there was no consideration given to this and some other issues that are a problem in this development.

Councilman Buchanan - Do the cans fit into the garage?

Councilman Badolato - The problem is that esthetically it is not a good representation of our community. Possibly the trash cans can be put in the front of the garage so when a car is parked in the driveway it would not be seen. I would like to sit down and talk with the residents that this is affecting and come back to Council with some alternatives.

Councilman Buchanan is also interesting in sitting down with these residents.

Dylan

152 Shamong

Dylan was here on a class project and is also a patient and activist for Cannabis. There are also other members of his family who benefit from cannabis. He wanted to know where the Borough stands with this issue. Mr. Long explained that if the law passes, the municipality has 180 to opt out. This council has not made a discussion about this topic. They would want to know what the community thinks before making a decision like this. Police do not agree with legalizing this because they don't have any way of identifying if this is in your system if stopped.

Bill Bansch

78 New Freedom Road

Mr. Bansch addressed Mayor and Council to present his side of the story that was presented to them by Carl Mascarenes at the February Council meeting. He explained that he has been a tax payer and resident here in Berlin Borough for 40 years. He went on to explain the reason why he had approached the owner of Primal Kickboxing. He had a banner hanging on the place of establishment for a sign. This is against the code ordinance of the Borough. He was not trying to bully anyone only enforce the ordinance. He explained that he faithfully served the Borough for three years as their Property Maintenance Officer. When entering into 2019 he was not told if he was being reappointed. After not being re-appointed an article was written in the Berlin Sun embarrassing his family. He said they have their constitutional right of freedom of speech and I also have the same right and will continue to post whatever he wishes on Facebook

GOOD OF THE ORDER - No comments were made

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Buchanan

Sec., Councilman MacDonnell

All present were in favor

Lois J. Sahina

Registered Municipal Clerk

April 11, 2019