

BOROUGH OF BERLIN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 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, Council Members Miller, Badolato, Rocco, Buchanan, & MacDonnell.

ABSENT: Mayor Bilella, Councilmembers Badolato, Buchanan and Administrator Bill Behnke

NOTED: There was a quorum and Council President Pearce conducted the council meeting

PRESENT ALSO: Solicitor Daniel Long, Administrator, Bill Behnke and Municipal Clerk Lois Sahina

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION TO THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN – Councilman Rocco introduced Commander Kevin P. Krasovitz, of the ANMAC Post 6253, Veterans of Foreign Wars. A certificate of recognition and appreciation was presented to the Borough of Berlin with much recognition and appreciation for all of their help and support of the VFW.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2018

Permit fees	\$ 2,147.00
Zoning fees	\$ 200.00
Re-sale inspection fees	\$ 700.00
Rental Inspections	\$ 2700.00
Community Center fees	\$ 5,425.00
Tax collector's report	\$ 811,638.07
Utility report	\$ 430,306.64
Clerks report	\$ 8,249.00
Court Administrator	\$ 23,158.88

Motion to approve department head reports; Councilman MacDonnell

Sec.; Councilman Miller

All present were in favor

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2,477,909.53**

Motion to approve payment of the bills; Councilman Rocco

Sec.; Councilman MacDonnell

All present were in favor

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- **BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION, Chairman Len Badolato** - No report was given
- **PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS, Chairman Dan MacDonnell**
 - **Brine** - During this past snow storm our DPW applied the new ice and snow treatment of brine to all of our Borough Streets. Thank you was extended to John Allsebrook and Councilman Miller for all or their hard work to arrange with Voorhees Township for the purchase of brine. This new treatment worked very well.
 - **Planning Board Applications** - There were no applications submitted to the Planning Board for this past month
- **WATER & SEWER, Chairman Ron Rocco**
 - **Water & Sewer Statistical Reports for December 2018** - The Water & Sewer Reports for the month of December 2018 were given by Councilman Rocco, there were no water complaints for the month of December 2018
 - **Inspections** - The sewer mains were inspected. A problem was found and addressed on Juniper Ave. This gas line belonged to South Jersey Gas.
 - **Sewer Mapping** - The sewer mapping was completed on the storm water inlets.
 - **Recognition** - Tom Tait who resides on Wayside Road in the Centennial Square Development, commented on our Face Book page that while his trash was being picked up this past week, that some trash did not make it into the truck after disposing of his trash into the trash truck. He witnessed the driver, who is long time DPW worker Chris Eggert, got out of the truck in 23degree weather to pick up what at fallen out. Mr. Tait wanted to make sure recognition was given to this Berlin Employee for his dedication to his job. Councilman Rocco made sure the Mayor and Council were aware of his efforts.
 - **Brine** – Thanks were extended to Councilman Miller and MacDonnell for helping to have all of our streets brined during this last snow storm.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY, Chairman Jim Pearce**
 - **Statistical Reports** - The Public Safety Statistical Reports for January were given which included warrants, arrests, DWI's, accidents and # of calls.
 - **Fire Company Installation** – The Berlin Fire Company Installation of Officers Dinner will be held on January 19, 2019. It held at Luciens.

- **COMMUNICATIONS, Chairman Rick Miller**
 - **Website** -The website is being reviewed so an update can be made to make it more user friendly. Plans are to purge and modify the entire sight. The cost is approximately \$8000.00 to update the sight.
 - **Park Clean Up** – The Camden County Park Clean up is scheduled for 4/27/19. All supplies will be provided
- **FINANCE, Chairman Mike Buchanan** – No report was given
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REAL ESTATE, Mayor Jim Bilella** – No report was given
- **SOLICITOR, Daniel Long** – No report was given

READING RESOLUTIONS 01-29;2019 THROUGH R01-34; 2019

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON RESOLUTIONS R01-29; 2019 THROUGH R01 -34;2019 - No one spoke

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION R01-29; 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A TAX SALE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 & THE MAILING OF TAX SALE NOTICES PURSUANT TO 54:5-26

RESOLUTION R01-30; 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,881.51 FOR BLOCK 520 LOT 1.24 DUE TO THE APPROVAL OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

RESOLUTION R01-31; 2019

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN TAXES WITH DELINQUENT AND CREDIT BALANCES UNDER FIVE DOLLARS

RESOLUTION R01-32; 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE TAX REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190.81 FOR BLOCK 203 LOT 8 DUE TO HOMESTEAD BENEFIT FOR DISABLED VET

RESOLUTION R01-33; 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR HISTORIC COMMISSION CLG GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00

RESOLUTION R01-34; 2019

A RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE NO.4 PAYMENT TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,064.21

Motion to approve Resolutions R01-29; 2019 through R01-34; 2019 – Councilman Rocco

Sec.; Councilman Miller

All present were in favor

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jill Wood

39 Zion Drive

Berlin, NJ

Resident recently moved into the Lone-A-Coming townhouse community on Zion Drive. Before moving to Berlin, she reviewed the ordinances that pertain to trash carts and recycle carts. There is no home owner association in this part of her development. The units are very close and the ordinances that are put in place for the trash carts and recycle carts are being ignored by the residents on Zion. These carts are being left out on the street and or on their driveways. According to the ordinance these carts must be stored in the garage or in the back of the house after trash and recycling has been picked up. She would like to see this ordinance enforced. The resident also questioned who owns an maintains the grassy medium between the sidewalk and the curb? Residents have been putting stones in this area so they don't have to mow the grass, but it is not maintained and grass grows up through the stones. She is also worried about the stones being a safety issue.

Councilman Rocco addressed the resident and explained that he is the new Property Maintenance Council representative. He said he was going to talk to Bill Bansch about this problem.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – Councilman Rocco thanked the Commander of the ANMAC Post 6253 Veterans of Foreign Wars for coming to the meeting and presenting the Borough of Berlin with the recognition and appreciation certificate

Motion to adjourn; Councilman MacDonnell

Sec.; Councilman Miller

All present were in Favor

Lois J. Sahina

Registered Municipal Clerk

January 17, 2019