CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT:
Notice of this meeting has been provided to the Courier Post and the Philadelphia Inquirer and is posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board stating the time, date, and the place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL:
Councilman Badolato - Present
Councilwoman Cummings – Present
Councilman Hohing – Absent
Councilman Mascarenhas-Absent
Councilman Wilkinson- Absent
Council President Miller- Present
Mayor Miller

Also present: Solicitor, Howard Long- Present
             Co-Administrator, Charleen Santora – Present
             Co-Administrator, Bill Behnke- Present
             Deputy Municipal Clerk, Rachel von der Tann, CMR- Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting minutes and executive meeting minutes of September 14

Motion to approve: Council President Miller  Seconded: Councilwoman Cummings  AIF: All

Regular meeting minutes and executive session of October 12, 2023

Motion to approve: Councilman Badolato  Seconded: Council President Miller  AIF: All

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND RESIGNATIONS FOR THE BERLIN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

RES. R11-208:2023
Resolution approving the promotion of Detective Arthur Knapp to the position of Sergeant for the Berlin Borough Police Department effective November 9, 2023.
MOTION: Councilman Badolato  SECOND: Council President Miller  RCV All in favor

Mayor Miller will administer the Oath of Office.

Holding the Bible for Arthur is his wife Brittany and their son Brody.

RES. R11-209:2023
Resolution approving the hiring of Joseph Baran for the position of Patrol Officer for the Borough of Berlin effective November 9, 2023.

MOTION: Councilman Badolato  SECOND: Councilwoman Cummings  RCV All in favor

Mayor Miller will administer the Oath of Office.

Holding the Bible for Joseph will be his girlfriend, Deanna Denofa.

RES. R11-210:2023
Resolution approving the hiring of Angelo Ballestamon for the position of Patrol Officer for the Borough of Berlin effective November 22, 2023.

MOTION TO TABLE Councilwoman Cummings  SECOND: Councilman Badolato  RCV All in favor

Mayor Miller will administer the Oath of Office.

Holding the Bible for Angelo will be his mother, Sherilyn Ballestamon.

RES. R11-211:2023
Resolution approving the resignation of Sergeant Jason Christy from the Berlin Borough Police Department for his years of service from October 2013 to October 2023 effective November 1, 2023.

MOTION: Council President Miller  SECOND: Councilwoman Cummings  RCV All in favor

COUNCIL REPORTS

➢ BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION Councilman Badolato
➢ PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS - Councilman Wilkinson
➢ WATER & SEWER - Councilwoman Cummings
➢ PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Hohing
➢ COMMUNICATION – Councilman Mascarenhas
➢ FINANCE – Council President Miller
➢ SOLICITOR- Howard Long
➢ MAYOR Miller

The Borough of Berlin wanted to take ownership of Blase’s property. Before they could do so, an environmental study needed to be completed to determine if the property had contamination.
Pennoni had completed Phase II and the Borough was ready to move forward. In order to receive grant money, the Borough must own the property. The project has come to a halt. Not because of the county, council, or the state, but because of Tlyer vs Hennepin County that the Supreme Court is handling. Things have now been put on hold. The Borough is not the only municipality this is affecting as this is a statewide issue.

Past Tuesday’s Election, incumbent’s ran unopposed and wanted to thank the residents who voted for them.

- **PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS** - Councilman Wilkinson- Absent

Read by Mayor Miller - Purchased a new leaf truck. One person leaf truck. Leaf pick up will be from 11/1-12/22. There will be further discussions about the DPW yard, more likely around budget time. Road programs continued and the Borough received $230,000 in DOT grants.

- **WATER & SEWER** - Councilwoman Cummings - See attached report.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Councilman Hohing - Absent
- **COMMUNICATION** – Councilman Mascarenhas - Absent
- **FINANCE** – Council President Miller- See attached report on finance.

Council President Miller congratulates reelected officials. Reads Councilman Hohing’s police report.

Council President Miller reads finance report.

Council President Miller thanks Councilman Badolato and Bill Behnke for the lights at the community center.

- **SOLICITOR** – Congratulated Councilman Hohing on his reelection.

Congratulations Councilman Badolato on his reelection.

Congratulations Mayor Miller on his reelection.

Mayor Miller thanks Mr. Long

- **MAYOR** Miller-

The mayor mentions we are going out for RFP’s.

The mayor informs the resident that the Berlin fire department will be selling Christmas Tree’s starting Nov 26, 9 am. and that the annual tree lighting will be held on December 2, 2023 at 6 pm.
The mayor states he received info from the county that they will be going out for RPF’s for assessments in 2026 - 2027 field work will likely be completed in 2027 and tax list will be completed in 2028. It is controlled by the county.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2023:11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN
TO ADD CHAPTER 315, ARTICLE XVI, SCHEDULES, §315-37, SCHEDULE VI: STOP
INTERSECTIONS AND AMEND ARTICLE IX, SPEED LIMITS, §315-22, JACKSON ROAD

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MOTION: Council President Miller  SECOND: Councilman Badolato  RCV All in favor

MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION

MOTION: Councilman Badolato  SECOND: Councilwoman Cummings RCV All in favor

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2023:11

MOTION: Councilman Badolato  SECOND: Council President Miller  RCV All in favor

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2023:12

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF A PERPETUAL SEWER
UTILITY EASEMENT AND THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO
IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT WITH RETTINGER FIREPLACE SYSTEMS

MOTION: Councilman Badolato  SECOND: Councilwoman Cummings RCV All in favor


Motion to open to the public: Councilwoman Cummings  Seconded: Councilman Badolato
AIF: All

Motion to close public portion: Council President Miller  Seconded: Councilman Badolato
AIF: All

RES. R10-193:2023
Resolution memorializing an executive session from the meeting of September 14, 2023.

Council President Miller Abstained
RES. R11-212:2023
Resolution memorializing an executive session from the meeting of October 12, 2023.

RES. R11-213:2023
Resolution approving the change order decreasing the total contract amount by $42,895.00 for the water meter replacement project.

RES. R11-214:2023
Resolution of the Borough of Berlin to approve budget insertion Adopted Budget (Chapter 159) for Special Items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S.A. 40a:4-87.

RES. R11-215:2023
Resolution of the Borough of Berlin, County of Camden, State Of New Jersey, authorizing the Tax Refund Of $11,796.45 For Block and Lots listed Due to Overpayment

RES. R11-216:2023
Resolution of the Borough of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, authorizing the Tax Refund of $3387.44 For Block 2304 Lot 31 Due to Overpayment.

RES. R11-217:2023
Resolution for the Borough of Berlin to support and participate in the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program (P.L.1998, c. 145)

RES. R11-218:2023
Resolution for Payment of Bill for November in the amount of $2,306,733.13

RES. R11-219:2023, Authorization from Borough Council acknowledging and approving any grant application from the NJ Dept of Community Affairs for the purchase of fire equipment.


MOTION: Councilman Badolato SECOND: Councilwoman Cummings RCV________

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Motion to open the public portion: Councilman Badolato

Seconded: Council President Miller AIF: All Opposed: None

Motion to close the public portion: Council President Miller

Seconded: Councilwoman Cummings AIF: All Opposed: None

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS
Motion to enter executive session: Councilman Badolato

Seconded: Council President Miller
AIF: All
Opposed: None

Motion to close executive session: Council President Miller

Seconded: Councilwoman Cummings
AIF: All
Opposed: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Motion to adjourn: Council President Miller

Seconded: Councilwoman Cummings
AIF: All
Opposed: None

Submitted by:
Rachel von der Tann
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Public Comment

Councilman Badolato speaks about the ordinance on Presidential Drive

States that the residents were not happy about the times of the ordinance.

Mr. Long states the ordinance can be amended to a time that better fits the resident’s needs. He suggests changing Franklin Avenue no parking to 7-3 Monday through Friday and amending Presidential Drive no parking from 10am -11am Monday through Friday during school hours.

Berlin Resident Sue Johnson
Voices concerns over parking on Presidential Drive.

Ashley Mikolajczak
Voices concerns over Presidential Drive. Stating she is not in favor of the original parking ordinance on Presidential Drive.

Patrick Kane
Voices concerns over Franklin Avenue parking concerns.

Mike Porter
Voices concerns over Franklin Avenue parking.

Mike Quinn
Voices concerns over the parking on Presidential Drive.