



**BOROUGH OF BERLIN**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
59 SOUTH WHITE HORSE PIKE  
BERLIN, NJ 08009

**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

REGULAR MEETING TO BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 6:30 PM WORKSHOP MEETING

**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

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

- BUILDINGS, PARKS, & RECREATION Councilman Badolato

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.

Pennonni 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.

Congratulates Councilman Badolato on his reelection.

Congratulates 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

**CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R10-193:2023, R11-208:2023 to R11-219:2023.**

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



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.

