



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

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

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 – Present
Councilman Mascarenhas – Present
Councilman Wilkinson – Present
Council President Miller - Present
Mayor Miller – Present

Also present: Solicitor, Howard Long – Present
Administrator, Anne Marie Miller – Present
Municipal Clerk, Rachel von der Tann, RMC – Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of October 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes, Motion; Councilman Badolato Seconded.; Councilwoman Cummings AIF All in favor.

Approval of October 9, 2025, workshop meeting minutes, Motion; Councilman Badolato Seconded.; Councilwoman Cummings AIF All in favor.

Approval of October 9, 2025, executive session meeting minutes, Motion; Councilman Badolato Seconded.; Councilwoman Cummings AIF All in favor .

COUNCIL REPORTS

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, PARKS, & RECREATION** - Councilman Badolato
- **PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS** - Councilman Wilkinson
- **WATER & SEWER** - Councilwoman Cummings
- **PUBLIC SAFETY** - Councilman Hohing

- **YOUTH ATHLETICS , COMMUNITY EVENTS** - Councilman Mascarenhas
- **FINANCE** - Council President Miller
- **SOLICITOR** -Howard Long
- **MAYOR** - Rick Miller

- Councilman Badolato gives updates on the Berlin Cemetery, stating that it is back up to where it should be. The plan is to have the Berlin Cemetery recognized as historic in the Borough of Berlin.

Councilman Badolato gives an update on the Borough Tree , stating that it will be up soon.

- **PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS** – Millard Wilkinson
 - The Department of Public Works is working from a temporary trailer facility while awaiting permanent housing solutions.
 - Ongoing infrastructure projects include leaf collection through December and planned road work for Ridgewood, Harker and other streets scheduled for spring.

WATER & SEWER Water and Sewer Monthly Report October 2025

Utilities and operations

- Water department completed 12 service orders, 91 mark-outs, monthly maintenance at water plants, and replaced 9 meters.
- Sewer department performed routine maintenance on 10 pump stations and emergency backup generators, while working on stormwater compliance reports.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Councilman Hohing –

Public safety and law enforcement

- Police department handled 3,503 calls for service, issued 128 summonses, made 20 arrests, and responded to 29 motor vehicle crashes in October

- Multiple direct patrols were conducted for speeding complaints, with speed monitoring data showing favorable results - for example, on Washington Avenue 8,145 vehicles averaged 18-27 mp

➤ **Community Policing**

Police participated in community events including Fall Fest celebrations and educational programs at local schools.

➤ **YOUTH ATHLETICS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS** – Absent

➤ **FINANCE** – Council President Miller-

Council President Miller goes over revenues collected from Borough Departments.

Revenues Collected Report for October 2025

Permit fees \$6,155.00

Rental inspection fees \$2,200.00

Zoning Fees \$1,100.00

Resale inspection fees \$1,700.00

Community Center \$6,800.0

Tax collector \$1,618,449.82

Utility Collector \$346,159.20

Animal license fee \$96.00

Clerk's Office \$1,930.00

Court Office \$14,458.93

SOLICITOR – Mr. Howard Long- nothing to report.

➤ **MAYOR Miller**

The borough is planning upcoming events including a Christmas tree lighting on December 6th, rabies clinic in April, and a document shredding event.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE - 2025-14

ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE 2023-11 SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN ENTITLED "SALARIES".

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-14 Councilwoman Cummings , Second: Councilman Badolato ,AIF All. .

Meeting closed to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-14 Council President Miller , Second: Councilwoman Cummings , AIF All.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-14 Councilwoman Cummings , Second.; Council President Miller , RCV .

NEW BUSINESS

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE - 2025-15

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE BERLIN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE ADOPTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE MANUAL ENTITLED, "BERLIN BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS"

Motion: Councilman Wilkinson Second: Councilwoman Cummings RCV: All in favor.

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE - 2025-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN FEES FOR VITAL STATISTICS.

Motion: Council President Miller Second: Councilman Badolato RCV:

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE - 2025-17

ORDINANCE RESCINDING PARKING ORDINANCE 2023-15 AND 2023-16 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN.

Motion: Councilman Wilkinson Second: Councilwoman Cummings RCV: All in favor.

FIRST READING ON ORDINANCE - 2025-18

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST OF GARDEN STATE L.P. CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BERLIN, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Motion: Councilman Badolato Second: Councilwoman Cummings RCV: All in favor.
CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R11-165:2025 to R11-177:2025

Motion to open to the public: Council President Miller Second; Councilman Badolato AIF: All in favor.

Motion to close public portion: Councilwoman Cummings Second; Councilman Badolato AIF: All in favor.

RES. R11-165- 2025

Resolution declaring the redevelopment study area identified as Block 1502 Lots 1,2, and 3 are in an area of non-condemnation redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law (N.J.S.A 40A:12A-1 ET SEO).

RES. R11-166:2025

Resolution approving the Volunteer Handbook for the Borough of Berlin effective January 1, 2026.

RES. R11-167:2025

Resolution approving continued agreement to renew membership in the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

RES. R11-168:2025

Resolution of the Borough of Berlin authorizing budget transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year.

RES. R11-169:2025

Resolution approving the application for membership of Michael P. Quigley , to the New Jersey State Firefighter's Association, in the Borough of Berlin.

RES. R11-170:2025

Resolution approving the application for membership of Rodney Cortes , to the New Jersey State Firefighter's Association, in the Borough of Berlin.

RES. R11-171:2025

Resolution of the Borough of Berlin to amend adopted budget (Chapter 159) for special items for revenue and appropriation N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 for HDSRF grant in the amount of \$39,867.30.

RES. R11-172:2025

Resolution designating the Berlin Cemetery as a Historical Site in the Borough of Berlin.

RES. R11-173:2025

Resolution from Pennoni Associates approving change order No.1 for the Franklin Avenue Sewer project , in the amount of \$1,825.04.

RES. R11-174:2025

Resolution approving November payment of bills \$3,363,219.29.

RES. R11-175:2025

Resolution rejecting all bids for Plant #1 Tank Painting Project and authorizing rebid.

RES. R11-176:2025

Resolution approving Pennoni Associates to prepare and submit to NJDEP the Watershed Inventory Report as required by the Tier A Stormwater Discharge Permit Compliance , in the amount of \$17,500.00.

RES. R11-177:2025

Resolution approving refund for over payment of 3rd quarter taxes in the amount of \$1,792.12 to the homeowners of Block 1900 Lot 3.03.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS R11-165:2025 to R11-177:2025 Council President Miller Sec.; Councilman Badolato , RCV All in favor.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Motion to open the public portion: Council President Miller

Seconded: Councilwoman Cummings AIF: All in favor Opposed: None

Motion to close the public portion: Council President Miller

Seconded: Councilman Badolato AIF: All in favor. Opposed: None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to enter executive session: Councilman Badolato

Seconded: Councilwoman Cummings AIF: All in favor. Opposed: None

Motion to close executive session: _____

Seconded: _____ AIF: _____ Opposed: _____

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Motion to adjourn: _____

Seconded: _____ AIF: _____ Opposed: _____

Submitted by:
Rachel von der Tann
Municipal Clerk