



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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN 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 – Absent
Council President Miller - Present
Mayor Miller -Present – Present

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 13, 2025, regular meeting minutes, Motion; Council President Miller Seconded.; Councilwoman Cummings AIF All in favor.

Approval of November 13, 2025, workshop meeting minutes, Motion; Council President Miller Seconded.; Councilwoman Cummings AIF All .

Approval of November 13, 2025, executive session meeting minutes, Motion; Council President Miller 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 meeting with Atlantic City Electric.

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

Councilman Badolato discusses potential redevelopment of a property on White Horse Pike, with emphasis on creating mixed-use buildings featuring residential units above commercial/restaurant spaces. The concept aims to maintain Berlin's historical stagecoach community character while addressing modern housing demands.

Thank everyone for their help with the Berlin Borough Christmas Tree Lighting

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS & ROADS** – Millard Wilkinson

- 305 tons of trash collected.
- 44 tons of single stream recycling collected.
- 500 pounds of electronic waste collected.
- 3 tons of baled cardboard were recycled.

Curbside leaf collection began on November 3rd. As of December 9th, the crew collected 2500 cubic yards of leaves. Leaf collection ends on December 30th.

All snowplows and equipment for the upcoming winter season are operational and ready if needed.

WATER & SEWER

Water and Sewer Monthly Report November 2025

Water:

- 10 service orders for meter repair or replacement were completed.
- 85 utility mark outs were completed.
- Monthly maintenance at both water plants was completed.
- 9 meters were replaced.
- 2 main breaks were repaired. One on Franklin Ave near Dover Ave., and one on Morton Ave., both with minor disruption to service.

SEWER:

- Completed all routine monthly maintenance at our 10 pump stations.
- Completed all routine monthly maintenance on our 10 emergency backup generators at the sewer pump stations.

- Replaced 2 faulty motor starters at Enclave pumpstation.

➤ **PUBLIC SAFETY** – Councilman Hohing –

Public safety and law enforcement

➤ **Statistical Data**

- 2,819 calls for service compared to 3,503 in October
- 177 summonses compared to 128 in October
- 40 arrests compared to 20 in October
- 22 Motor vehicle crashes compared to 29 in October
- 159 traffic stops compared to 114 in October

➤ **Directed Patrols**

- Ellis Avenue / Crest for speeding complaints resulting in 15 directed patrols with 3 traffic stops and 2 citations issued. Data was collected from 10/24/25 to 11/11/25 which counted 3,346 vehicles with 60% of those vehicles traveling at an average speed of 26mph.
- Greenwood Inn & Suites due to influx of individuals being placed on location for housing by the department of parole. In November there were 50 directed patrols, 2 general calls for service and 2 separate fight calls at the establishment.
- Aristone Drive / Brandywine Drive for stop sign violations resulting in 12 directed patrols, 4 traffic stops, 2 warnings issued and 2 summonses issued.

➤ **Tag Reader Cameras**

- 494,988 total license plates read compared to 507,432 in October
- 12 searches for vehicles involved in criminal activity compared to 70 in October
- 34 summonses issued from tag reader hits compared to 13 in October
- 6 traffic stops related to tag reader hits compared to 8 in October

➤ **Community Policing**

- November 12th officers conducted a firearms safety session at headquarters for Berlin residents
- November 17th Lt. Waechtler and Ptl. Mansfield participated in a basketball game fundraiser at Eastern High School for the BCS Home & School program
- On November 26th officers attended a Thanksgiving Day feast at OLMC school

➤ **K-9 Clyde**

- Attended mandatory in-service training 11/20/2025
- No deployments for the month of November. The 2025 police K-9 vehicle was placed into service. Special thank you to retired Philadelphia Police Officer Nicholas Kloz for his generous donation to upfit the vehicle.

➤ **Miscellaneous**

- Lieutenant Joshua Smith named officer of the month for November
- On November 26th officers Hodson, Rabottino, Mansfield participated in the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety initiative “Goal Zero” aimed at reducing traffic related crashes.

Friday December 12th at 18:30, Patrolman Thomas Locke will be doing his final walkout retiring after 25 years of service.

Council Hohing states what a tremendous success the Borough Tree Lighting was and thanks everyone involved.

➤ **YOUTH ATHLETICS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS** – Councilman Mascarenhas

Nothing to report.

➤ **FINANCE** – Council President Miller-

Council President Miller goes over revenues collected from Borough Departments.

Revenues Collected Report for November 2025

Permit fees \$4,036.00

Rental inspection fees \$500.00

Zoning Fees \$200.00

Resale inspection fees \$500.00

Community Center \$1,500.00

Tax collector \$5,289,323.98

Utility Collector \$239,469.00

Animal license fee \$80.00

Clerk’s Office \$2,124.00

Court Office \$12,771.39

SOLICITOR – Mr. Howard Long- nothing to report this evening.

➤ **MAYOR Miller**

Thanks everyone for their help in the Borough Hall Christmas Tree Lighting.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND 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"

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-15, Councilman Badolato , Second.; Councilman Hohing , AIF All in favor .

Meeting closed to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-15 Councilwoman Cummings , Second; Councilman Hohing , AIF All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-15 Councilman Badolato , Second.; Councilman Hohing, RCV All in favor.

SECOND READING ON ORDINANCE - 2025-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN FEES FOR VITAL STATISTICS.

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-16, Councilman Badolato , Second.; Council President Miller , AIF All in favor.

Meeting closed to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-16 Councilman Hohing , Second; Councilwoman Cummings , AIF All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-16 , Second.; Council President Miller , RCV All in favor.

SECOND 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.

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-17, Council President Miller , Second.; Councilman Hohing , AIF All in favor.

Meeting closed to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-17 Council President Miller , Second; Councilwoman Cummings , AIF All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-17 Council President Miller , Second.; Councilman Badolato , RCV All in favor.

SECOND 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.

Meeting open to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-18, Councilman Badolato , Second.; Councilwoman Cummings ,AIF All in favor.

Meeting closed to the public on Ordinance No. 2025-18 Councilman Badolato , Second: Councilwoman Cummings , AIF All in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-18 Councilwoman Cummings , Second.; Councilman Hohing , RCV All in favor. .

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA Resolutions R12-178:2025 to R12-190:2025

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Badolato Second; Councilwoman Cummings AIF: All in favor.

Motion to close public portion: Council President Miller Second; Councilman Hohing AIF: All in favor.

RES. R12-178- 2025

Resolution to cancel balances in the General Capital Fund.

RES. R12-179:2025

Resolution to cancel balances in the Sewer Capital Fund.

RES. R12-180:2025

Resolution to cancel balances in the Water Capital Fund.

RES. R12-181:2025

Resolution to cancel the reserve for Master Plan.

RES. R12-182:2025

Resolution authorizing the cancelation of grant receivables and grant appropriations.

RES. R12-183:2025

Resolutions authorizing the cancelation of outstanding checks.

RES. R12-184:2025

Resolution authorizing budget transfers during the last 2 months of the fiscal year.

RES. R12-185:2025

Resolution to amend adopted budget (Chapter 159) for special items of revenue and appropriations N.J.S.A 40A:4-87 for the 2026 Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$197,685.00.

RES. R12-186:2025

Resolution authorizing temporary waiver of interest for specified water accounts due to billing discrepancies. Please see resolution for full list of properties.

RES. R12-187:2025

Resolution awarding Brave Painting to the Plant #1 Tank Painting Project in the low bid amount of \$610,500.00.

RES. R12-188:2025

Resolution authorizing Pennoni Associates to prepare the proposal for the design, inspection , and construction management services for the rehabilitation of the Smokey Run Pump Station in the amount of \$49,750.00.

RES. R12-189:2025

Resolution approving December payment of bills the amount of 1,342,555.53.

RES. R12-190:2025

Resolution of the Borough of Berlin, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey approving and authorizing a consent order in the Borough's fourth round affordable housing declaratory judgment action.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS R12-178:2025 to R12-190:2025 Council President Miller , Sec.; Councilman Hohing , RCV All in favor. .

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR

Motion to open the public portion: Councilman Hohing

Seconded: Councilwoman Cummings AIF: All Opposed: None

Motion to close the public portion: Councilman Badolato

Seconded: Councilman Hohing AIF: All Opposed: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Badolato

Seconded: Councilman Hohing AIF: All Opposed: None

Public Comment

Mrs. Johnson

Voices concerns over parking issues on Presidential Drive and Franklin Avenue.

Mrs. DeFilipo

Voices concerns over parking issues on Presidential Drive and Franklin Avenue and safety the children.

Mr. Cane

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Significant concerns were raised regarding parking and traffic safety near Berlin Community School particularly on Franklin Avenue and Presidential Drive. Residents emphasized challenges with visibility, narrow streets, and child safety during school hours.

The discussion highlighted difficulties in consistently enforcing parking regulations, particularly the 10-11am restriction, leading to consideration of rescinding certain parking ordinances while maintaining others for bus access and safety.

Submitted by:

Rachel von der Tann

Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Berlin