



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

COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting had 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 The Philadelphia Inquirer and posted on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board showing the said meeting's date, place, and time.

Present: Council President Badolato , Councilman Hohing , Councilman Mascarenhas, Councilman Miller , Councilman Wilkinson

Absent: Councilwoman Cummings , Mayor Miller

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

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Opening the meeting and discussing agenda items

The council meeting for April 9, 2026, was called to order.

Councilman Hohing and Councilman Miller address's traffic concerns

DOT Route 30 and Franklin Avenue traffic safety project discussion

Councilman Miller explained that the Franklin Avenue and White Horse Pike intersection project has been under review since 2013, with the DOT project manager stating it officially started in 2018. The project is federally funded and grouped with projects in Hamilton and Cinnaminson, causing delays, with full implementation not expected until 2031, prompting the request for an interim alternative solution. Councilman Miller described the approved alternative layout featuring dedicated left-turn lanes and shoulder striping, with engineering plans to be submitted by April 28th, and expressed confidence this interim fix would significantly reduce accidents at the dangerous intersection.

Traffic pattern concerns and light timing adjustments

Councilman Badolato raised safety concerns about the right-turn-only lane on Franklin Avenue, noting drivers going straight create head-on traffic situations, and questioned why it differs from similar Pike intersections that allow straight or left turns. Councilman Miller acknowledged the issue and committed to requesting an amendment to make the lane accommodate both straight

and left turns, despite police initially stating it wasn't a problem. The council discussed extending light timing during morning and afternoon school hours to improve traffic flow, similar to successful changes made at Franklin Avenue the previous year.

Public works facility financing and PSNJ fencing update

Councilman Wilkinson inquired about USDA financing for the Public Works facility, with Administrator Anne Marie Miller explaining they are pursuing a 40-year loan to reduce financial burden, though Councilman Miller noted the CFO is confident about securing the program. Councilman Wilkinson expressed concern about Public Works employees working from trailers for two years and requested consideration for paving a parking lot to protect their personal vehicles from mud damage.

Anne Marie Miller reported that PSNJ installed fencing on the enclave side and is working on the Clementon Roadside, thanking Howard for connecting them with the right contacts to address neighbors' valid concerns.

Council saves all other reports for the regular meeting.

MOTION TO CLOSE WORKSHOP

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Miller

Seconded: Councilman Hohing **AIF: All Opposed: None**

Submitted by:
Rachel von der Tann
Municipal Clerk