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**REORGANIZATION OF THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN
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Mayor Magazzu opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and stated that pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting was advertised in the newspapers and posted on the bulletin board.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Magazzu, Councilman DiGangi, Council President Morris, Councilman McIntosh. Newly Elect Councilwoman Marion Bodanza

Also Present: Lori Campisano, Chief Financial Officer and Charles Riebel, Jr., Township Municipal Engineer/ Public Works Director, Stuart Platt, Solicitor,

All in attendance joined in the Salute to the Flag.

The Township Clerk presented the Certificates of Election.

Mayor BettyAnn Cowlings- Carson administered the Oath of Public office to Marion Bodanza who was then seated as Member of Council.

Camden County Clerk Joseph Ripa administered the Oath of Public office to Christopher Morris who was then seated as Member of Council.

Mayor Magazzu opened the floor for Council President Nominations

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilman McIntosh to open the floor for nominations for Council President.

Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 1 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-120 provides that the Council shall select from among its members a President of the Council who shall serve in place of the Mayor in the event of his absence disability or refusal to act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Berlin that **CHRISTOPHER MORRIS**, having been selected by the Council, shall serve as President of the Council of the Township of Berlin from January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

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Council President DiGangi nominated Councilman Morris, seconded by Councilman McIntosh. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011 - 2 APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:1-11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" under the fair and open process must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, that **STUART PLATT, ESQUIRE**, of , NJ be appointed the Municipal Attorney of the Township of Berlin for a period of one year (1) commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011 to perform professional services ordinarily provided by and required of a Municipal Attorney, and to receive such compensation as may be reasonable for such services.

Said **STUART PLATT, ESQUIRE**, is a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession in the State of New Jersey, which practice is regulated by the laws of this State; to wit, the profession of Municipal Attorney. These professional services are necessary and are required by this municipality.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman DiGangi to adopt Resolution 2011-2. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 3 APPOINTMENT OF LABOR COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:1-11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" under the fair and open process must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, that **WILLIAM M. TAMBUSI**, of , BROWN & CONNERY LLP, WESTMONT NJ be appointed the Labor Counsel of the Township of Berlin for a period of one year (1) commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011 to perform professional services ordinarily provided by and required of a Labor Counsel, and to receive such compensation as may be reasonable for such services.

Said **WILLIAM M. TAMBUSI**, is a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession in the State of New Jersey, which practice is regulated by the laws of this State; to wit, the profession of Labor Counsel. These professional services are necessary and are required by this municipality.

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Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman DiGangi to adopt Resolution 2011-3. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 4 APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" under the fair and open contract provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 et seq; and must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, that **JOSEPH HOFFMAN , C.P.A.** of BOWMAN AND COMPANY, 601 White Horse Road, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043 be appointed the Registered Municipal Auditor of the Township of Berlin commencing January 1, 2011, until December 31, 2011 to perform the professional services ordinarily provided by a Registered Municipal Auditor of the State of New Jersey, and to receive such compensation as may be reasonable for such services. Said **JOSEPH HOFFMAN, C.P.A.** is a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession in the State of New Jersey, said practice is regulated by the laws of this State; to wit, the profession of Registered Municipal Auditor. These professional services are necessary and are required by this Municipality.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman DiGangi to adopt Resolution 2011-4. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 5 APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for "Professional Services" under the fair and open contract provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 et seq; and must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, that **PHILIP A. NORCROSS** of Parker McCay , 7001 Lincoln Drive West, Marlton, NJ 08053 be appointed Financial Consultant for the Sale of Bonds of the Township of Berlin for a period of one year (1) commencing **January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011** to perform the professional services ordinarily provided by a Financial Consultant of the State of New Jersey, and to receive such compensation as may be reasonable for such services.

Said **PHILIP A. NORCROSS** is the person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession in the State of New Jersey, said practice is regulated by

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the laws of this State; to wit, the profession of registered Attorneys. These professional services are necessary and are required by this municipality.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman DiGangi to adopt Resolution 2011-5. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-6 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL (FINANCE)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-123 et seq., provides for the appointment and designation of Committees of Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I PHYLLIS A. MAGAZZU, Mayor of the Township of Berlin, hereby appoint **LORI A. CAMPISANO, CHRISTOPHER MORRIS** to serve on said Finance Committee.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-6. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-7 APPOINTMENT OF IMPROVEMENT SEARCH CLERK

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin, that **CATHERINE UNDERWOOD** be and is hereby appointed Improvement Search Clerk effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-7. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 8 APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH CLERK

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **DIANE M. ZOPPEL** be and is hereby appointed **Tax Search Clerk** for the Township of Berlin, effective January 1, 2011 and terminating December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-8. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 9 APPOINTMENT OF SEWER DEPARTMENT CLERK

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **DIANE M. ZOPPEL** be and is hereby appointed Sewer Clerk for the Township of Berlin, effective January 1, 2011 and terminating December 31, 2011

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-9. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-10 APPOINTMENT OF C-2 OPERATOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, Camden County, New Jersey that **J. MICHAEL McGEE** be and is hereby appointed the C-2 Operator of the Sewer Department of the Township of Berlin, effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-10. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 11 APPOINTMENT OF AN INSURANCE BROKER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of an Insurance Broker to provide insurance coverage to the Township of Berlin; and
WHEREAS, the maximum of the insurance premium is \$ 285,000.00 and funds are available in an appropriation entitled Insurance and have been certified by the Local Finance Officer; and
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the Contract itself to be available for public inspection;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that:

1. The Mayor be authorized to execute the Agreement with **CONNER STRONG** ., as Broker of Record to the Township for a period commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.
2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) of the Local Public Contract Law.
3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the designated legal newspaper of the Township of Berlin.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-11. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

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RESOLUTION 2011-12 APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FOR JOINT INSURANCE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the following appointments to the Joint Insurance Fund Committee be and they are hereby made as follows, commencing January 1, 2011

CATHERINE UNDERWOOD	-	FUND COMMISSIONER
PHYLLIS MAGAZZU	-	ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER
CHUCK RIEBEL	-	SAFETY DELEGATE
CHRISTOPHER MORRIS	-	ALTERNATE SAFETY DELEGATE
MICHAEL C. AVALONE	-	RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-12. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 13 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby appoints **CATHERINE UNDERWOOD** as the Public Agency Compliance Officer until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-13. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 14 APPOINTMENT OF ZONING OFFICER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint such other officers as may be provided for the Office of Zoning Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, that **KELLEY McCAULEY** be appointed the Zoning Officer, commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

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Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-14. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-15 APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARIAN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin, that **MARY HOLT** be and is hereby appointed Librarian effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-15. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 16 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69a-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint such other officers as may be provided by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-2E of the Code of the Township of Berlin provides for the office of the Municipal Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the following appointment be made for the year commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

PUBLIC DEFENDER - ROBERT E. DEPERSIA, II

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-16. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-17 APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint such other officers as may be provided by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-2E of the Code of the Township of Berlin provides for the office of the Municipal Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the following appointment be made for the year commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011

PROSECUTOR - DONNA SIGEL PLATT

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Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-17. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 18 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40-69a-122 provides that the Mayor with advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint such other officers as may be provided by Ordinance;

WHEREAS, Section 3-2E of the Code of the Township of Berlin provides for the Office of the Municipal Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the following appointments be made as follows:

DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR - VICKI TAYLOR until December 31, 2011

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-18. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 19 APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council, shall appoint such officers as may be provided by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-2 of the Code of the Township of Berlin provides for the appointment of an Emergency Management Coordinator:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **JOSEPH JACKSON** be and is hereby appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Berlin for a three year term commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2013

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-19. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 20 APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPUTY COORDINATOR

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council, shall appoint such officers as may be provided by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, 3-2 of the Code of the Township of Berlin provides for the appointment of Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **CHRISTOPHER MORRIS** be and hereby appointed Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator for the Township of Berlin for a term commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-20. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 21 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint such other officers as may be provided by ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, that the following persons be and they are hereby appointed Emergency Management Advisory Council members until December 31, 2011.

**JOSEPH JACKSON SR.
PHYLLIS MAGAZZU
CHRISTOPHER MORRIS
STUART PLATT
CHARLES J. RIEBEL, JR.
CATHERINE UNDERWOOD
ANTHONY COLAVECCHIO
LEONARD CHECK
MELLISSA DILUZIO
SHERI DIMEO
LOUIS DE MARCO JR.
JOSEPH CORNFORTH
MICHAEL SCHAFFER
TERESA VANDERGRIFT
JOSEPH M. JACKSON JR.
GALEN GIOSA
WILLIAM PUFTA
BRIAN BETZE**

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-21. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

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RESOLUTION 2011-22 APPOINTMENT OF MSI PLANNING COORDINATOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **CHARLES RIEBEL** is hereby appointed MSI Planning Coordinator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **CHRISTOPHER MORRIS** is hereby appointed Deputy MSI Planning Coordinator commencing January 1, 2011 until January 31, 2012.

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2011-22. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 23 APPOINTMENT OF A MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR FOR DISABLED

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **THERESA VANDERGRIFT** be and is hereby appointed the Municipal Coordinator for the Disabled commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-23. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 24 APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATOR ON AGING

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint such other officers as may be provided by ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **THERESA VANDERGRIFT** be and is hereby appointed Coordinator on Aging for the Township of Berlin commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-24. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 25 APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of Council, shall appoint such other officers as may be provided by ordinance; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **KELLEY McCAULEY** be and is hereby appointed for the Township of Berlin as Secretary of the Board of Health Commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-25. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 26 APPOINTMENT OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE INSPECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin, that **KELLEY McCAULEY** be and is hereby appointed as Property Maintenance Inspector for a term commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-26. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-27 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL LIAISON FOR NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin, that **JEROME McINTOSH** and **MARION BODANZA** be and is here by appointed liaison for neighbors helping neighbors effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-27. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-28 APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY LAND USE OFFICE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin, that **VICKI TAYLOR** be and is hereby appointed Administrative Secretary Land Use Office effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2011-28. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

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RESOLUTION 2011- 29 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 30:44-1.4 provides for the creation, membership and terms of a PLANNING BOARD; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-2 et seq., of the Code of the Township of Berlin provides for the creation of a PLANNING BOARD shall consist of the following;

CRAIG DEGEORGE – Class IV Member 12-31-11

JOE PANTANO- Class IV Member 12-31-14

MICHAEL DEPALMA – Class II Construction Code Official until
December 31, 2011

CHRISTOPHER MORRIS – Class III Councilperson to 12-31-2011

PHYLLIS MAGAZZU – Class I Mayor to 12-31-11

FRANK EPIFANIO- Alternate (1) 12-31-12

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2011-29. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 30 APPOINTMENT OF FIRE SUB-CODE OFFICIAL/FIRE INSPECTOR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint such other officers as may be provided by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-3 of the Code of the Township of Berlin provides for a Department of Public Safety, and 3-30 provides for the enforcement of the fire regulations of the Township of Berlin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-126 **JOSEPH JACKSON, SR.** be and is hereby appointed FIRE SUB-CODE OFFICIAL for a one year term commencing January 1, 2011 and terminating December 31, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2011-30. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 31 APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATOR FOR CLEAN COMMUNITIES MODEL PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **CHUCK RIEBEL** is hereby appointed as Coordinator for the Clean Communities Model Program I and that the Public Works Department of the Township of

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Berlin, be designated the Agency responsible for grant implementation effective January 1, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2011-31. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 32 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, there is hereby established an annual requirement of a Municipality to appoint a voting representative, and alternate to the Camden County Community Development Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin wishes to continue to be a voting member of said board in conjunction with the existing Cooperation Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **MARION BODANZA** is hereby appointed to serve as the representative from the Township of Berlin to the Camden County Community Development Advisory Board and

FURTHER, JEROME McINTOSH is hereby appointed to serve as the alternate member,

FURTHER, a certified copy of this Resolution is to be submitted to the County Community Development Office.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2011-32. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 33 AUTHORIZING PURCHASES THROUGH STATE CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin may, pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-12, purchase materials, supplies and equipment under contracts entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchases and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, purchases under the aforesaid State Contracts may be made by the Township without the necessity of advertising for bids or may be made in cases where advertisements for bids have produced either no bids or have produced rejected bids; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that it will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies, and equipment under said State Contracts, during the year 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that Department Heads are hereby authorized to purchase, without the necessity of a separate resolution, such materials, supplies, and

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equipment as shall be available under State Contract, to the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-12, in those cases 1) where it is desirable and in the best interests of the Township of Berlin to make such purchases and 2) where the amount of the purchase, with regard to the aggregation of like purchases made at separate times in the year 2011, is less than the threshold set in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all purchases by the Township of Berlin pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 which are, with regard to aggregation, in excess of the bid limit established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3, shall be the subject of a separate authorizing resolution by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-33. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 34 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR THE YEAR 2011

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the governing body of a municipal corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 3rd day of January, 2011, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that **BANK OF AMERICA** be and is hereby designated as depositories for the Township of Berlin for the year 2011.

Prior to the deposit of any municipal funds in the above-mentioned depositories, said bank shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a statement indicating that the bank is covered under the Government Units Deposit Protection Act (RS. 17:9-41).

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-34. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 35 DESIGNATION OF BANKS FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there will be excess Berlin Township funds from time to time; and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township of Berlin to invest these funds at the highest rate of interest available;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the Treasurer be and hereby authorized to invest these funds in the following banks:

BANK OF AMERICA

SOVEREIGN BANK

**WACHOVIA BANK
BERLIN NJ**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND

Any other banks with GUDPA certification

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-35. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 36 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., 1975, requires that certain notice of meetings be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the second newspaper designated by this body must be the one which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. **COURIER POST**, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and **RECORD BREEZE**, Blackwood, New Jersey are hereby designated as the official newspaper of the township. The designation of the newspapers shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011.
2. It is the opinion of this body that the above named newspapers have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meetings.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-36. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2011- 37 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CASH
MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN**

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-14 requires every municipality to adopt a Cash Management Plan;

WHEREAS, the attached plan, which has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:5-14, sets forth the basis for the deposits and investments of certain public funds of the Township of Berlin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cash Management Plan be adopted and in effect for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. A copy of said plan is on file in the office of the Township Clerk.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-37. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 38 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIED SERVICES

WHEREAS, there exists a need for prescription insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract is \$ 500,000.00 and said funds are available in an appropriation entitled Group Insurance and have been certified by the local finance officer, said certification being attached; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Bollinger, Inc.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(l)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it cannot be reasonably described in written specifications and insurance qualifies as a EUS under the provisions of the statute.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-38. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

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**RESOLUTION 2011- 39 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR
EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIED SERVICES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for dental insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract is \$ 55,000.00 and said funds are available in an appropriation entitled Group Insurance and have been certified by the local finance officer, said certification being attached; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin as follows:

3. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Delta Dental Plan of NJ.
4. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an “Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service” in accordance with 40A:11-5(l)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it cannot be reasonably described in written specifications and insurance qualifies as a EUS under the provisions of the statute.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-39. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

**RESOLUTION 2011- 40 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR
EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIED SERVICES**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for dental insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract is \$ 5,000 and said funds are available in an appropriation entitled Group Insurance and have been certified by the local finance officer, said certification being attached; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that this meets the statute and regulations governing the award of said contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin as follows:

5. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement with Assurant Employee Benefits Insurance Company
6. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(I) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it cannot be reasonably described in written specifications and insurance qualifies as a EUS under the provisions of the statute.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-40. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 41 RESOLUTION TO SET THE INTEREST RATE CHARGES ON DELINQUENT TAXES

WHEREAS, R.S. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and **WHEREAS**, R.S. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% on the first \$1,500 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date, subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law.
2. There will be a ten (10) day grace period for quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.
3. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in the Record Breeze Newspaper.
4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:
 - a) Tax Collector
 - b) Township Attorney
 - c) Township Auditor
 - d) Department of Financial Services

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Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-41. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 42 RESOLUTION TO SET THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT SEWER BILLS

WHEREAS, R.S. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of sewer bills subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of sewer bills as provided by law; and **WHEREAS**, R.S. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 18% per annum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 18% per annum of sewer bills becoming delinquent after due date, subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of sewer bills as provided by law.
2. There will be a ten (10) day grace period for quarterly sewer payments made by cash, check or money order.
3. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in the Record Breeze Newspaper.
4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Office of the Township Clerk to each of the following:
 - a) Tax Collector
 - b) Township Attorney
 - c) Township Auditor
 - d) Department of Financial Services

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-42. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 43 RESOLUTION TO ADD SURCHARGE ON DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES OVER \$10,000.00

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, , the Governing Body of a Municipality may establish a penalty to be assessed to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 and who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby authorizes a 6% penalty to be assessed on any tax delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 where said delinquency has not been paid prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its adoption.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-43. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 44 RESOLUTION SETTING FEE FOR EXECUTION OF DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NJSA 54:5-52-1

WHEREAS, in case of the destruction or loss of a tax title certificate which was issued by the Township of Berlin in the State of New Jersey held in the municipality, the collector of taxes in said municipality shall issue and execute a new certificate of tax sale in place of the one which has been destroyed or lost, and;

WHEREAS, the tax collector shall be duly authorized to do so by resolution of the governing body of said municipality, and;

WHEREAS, the municipality may charge a fee not to exceed \$100 for such a duplicate certificate, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the costs for such duplicate certificate is set at \$100.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-44. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO SET UP PARTIAL PAYMENT AGREEMENTS FOR CURRENT TAXES N.J.S.A. 54:5-68

WHEREAS, the owners of property located in the Township of Berlin, would like the opportunity to pay taxes on a timely basis in monthly installments, and;

WHEREAS, no delinquencies are recorded and current year real estate taxes are being paid in these monthly payments, and;

WHEREAS, payments will be due the first day of each month with a ten day grace period, so;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that pursuant to New Jersey Statutes Annotated, authorization is granted to allow the Tax Collector to enter into an agreement for monthly installments upon request of the owner on any property within the Township of Berlin for the payment of current taxes through monthly installments, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if these monthly installments fall delinquent more than ten days after the due date, then such agreement shall be void and the delinquency will revert back to the original date and the Township shall enforce the delinquency allowed by statute.

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Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-45. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 46 RESOLUTION TO SET A SERVICE CHARGE FOR RETURNED CHECKS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:5-18 states that a governing body may provide for the imposition of a service charge to be added for a check returned for insufficient funds not to exceed \$20.00.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that in accordance with the above stated statute the fee of \$20.00 will be assessed for each check returned for insufficient funds.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-46. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 47 RESOLUTION TO SET MEETING TIMES AND DATES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the regular meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be held at the Berlin Township Municipal Hall, Berlin Township, New Jersey on the Second and Fourth Monday of the month except when said Monday shall fall upon a legal holiday, meeting will be cancelled for that week. Meeting times will be at 5:00 p.m. from the month of January to April. The months May to December will be at 6:30p.m: The meetings for the 2011 will be held as follows:

January	3	(reorganization)
January	10	
January	24	
February	7	
March	7	
March	21	
April	11	
May	9	
May	23	
June	13	
June	27	
August	8	
September	12	
September	26	

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October 24
November 21
December 12

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-47. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 48 ADOPTING ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER TO GOVERN THE CONDUCT OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin shall conducted meetings and;

WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order are rules and regulations needed to conduct the business of a meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, in the County of Camden, that all meetings of the Township Council shall be governed by, and conducted in accordance with, Robert's Rules of Order.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-48. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011-49 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF TAX APPEALS

WHEREAS, there exists a need for filing of Tax Appeals for the Township of Berlin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that authorization is given to **ANTHONY COLAVECCHIO**, Tax Assessor to file these Tax Appeals on behalf of the Township of Berlin in all property tax matters

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-49. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 50 CONTINUING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin to review and examine all previously adopted Resolutions;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, that all appointments, ordinances, amendments and supplements thereto, including all resolutions of the Township of Berlin heretofore in existence as of December 31, 2010, may continue for a period of sixty (60) days or at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council except in so far as they may be inconsistent with any and all appointments, ordinances, amendments and supplements adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin on this date, January 3, 2011.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-50. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 51 RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT FOR BERLIN TOWNSHIP LIAISON FOR CHANNEL 19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin, that **JEROME McINTOSH** be and is here by appointed liaison for Channel 19, effective January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-51. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2011- 52 APPOINTMENT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR/PLUMBING SUB-CODE OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-122 provides that the Mayor with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint such other officers as may be provided by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Section 3-6C of the Township of Berlin Code provides for the Office of Inspections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that **MICHAEL DEPALMA**, be and is hereby appointed Plumbing Inspector/Plumbing Sub-Code Official for a four year term commencing January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2012.

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2011-52. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Magazzu thanked Senator James Beach, Sheriff Billingham, Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, County Clerk Joseph Ripa, Surrogate Patricia Jones and Mayor BettyAnn Cowling –Carson for attending tonight's meeting.

Councilman DiGangi commented that he wishes Council President Morris with continuing success and know that as Council President that he will accomplish

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many things this coming year. Councilman DiGangi also commented that Councilwoman Bodanza has a lot of work ahead of her and that he is very excited to work with her and this group of fine individuals. Congratulations! Councilman DiGangi especially thanked his wife for putting up with him all these years.

Councilman McIntosh remarked that he is looking forward to this year and hopes it will be a pleasant one with many accomplishments. He congratulated Councilwoman Bodanza and Council President Morris and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council President Morris, commented as we continue to face the many challenges of serving in government during the worst economic crisis since The Great Depression, we must continue in an open and straight forward manner while also thinking outside the box for any new and improved ways to do more with less and less and less!! We realize and understand that many of our residents are losing their jobs, struggling to make ends meet and many families are even forced to cut their household budgets just to make their next mortgage payment. We must continue to provide vital services to our residents with greater efficiency and less resources. We must continue to expect greater accountability, transparency and community involvement. We must continue to work together to bring our community back together if we have any real hope of building a better and more affordable place for our families to live, work and play. We must continue to keep Berlin Township First and strive to do our part by working as a team to proudly serve our hometown with honor, honesty and enthusiasm.

Congratulations and welcome to my dear friend – the Honorable Councilwoman Marion H. Bodanza - on her well deserved election victory. She's a hard worker with a heart of gold who won't waste any time getting to work with our team on our behalf. I know I can work with her along with Tom DiGangi and Jerome McIntosh for the good of our great little community. Thanks to County Clerk Joe Ripa for swearing me in today. Thanks to our hard working and dedicated employees for everything you do for our community. Thanks to Phyllis – who serves as our Team Leader – I trust we'll be able to continue to face our many challenges in a compassionate and caring way much the same way a mother cares for her children with an unconditional sense of love and discipline when necessary aimed at keeping the family together and on the right track.

Last but certainly not least - thanks to my family – my Mom & Dad and Mother-in-Law who are in the audience and especially my children (Gab and Scooter) and my wife (Christine) – for putting up with me and all that I'm about – only they really know what I mean – I love each of you more than you could ever imagine and I sincerely appreciate all of the understanding, patience, support and love that you provide me day in and day out as I go about what I do for the citizens and taxpayer's of Berlin Township!

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All the best for a Happy & Healthy New Year! Peace be with you and may god bless each of us and keep us safe in 2011.

Mayor Magazzu Tonight I will begin my 20th year on council, and I am excited today as I was in 1991 about our town and the role that I have in being part of its future and it's history. As I look back over the years, we have accomplished a lot. I also look forward to the years to come. I was born in Berlin Township and will always consider it my home.

First I would like to congratulate Marion as our newly elected council woman. Your unselfish dedication, knowledge, and time spent on many town and school organizations have been a real asset to our community. I know you will do a good job and I look forward to working with you. I would also like to congratulate Chris on his reelection and also being elected council president again. He has done an excellent job and I know I can count on him to continue. Tom and Jerome, thank you for continued commitment to Berlin Township. Tom, your role with the Fourth of July program is unbelievable!! There are so many hours that go into an event like that!! Jerome, you are always there for the community. You would help any resident in need. And more importantly, you would literally give them your shirt off you back. I not only consider all of you as one of the best Councils, but I consider each of you as a dear friend!

I'd like to thank all the Township employees for their hard work day in and day out. They are truly the backbone of our town. Chuck Riebel, thank you for joining our town as our new Public Works director and Municipal Engineer. You had big shoes to fill replacing Mike McGee and I think you are doing just that! But a director is nothing without his department! Your men work hard serving our town in the hot sun, snow, sleet and rain and I would like to just say that it does not go unnoticed.

Our residents can feel safe in their homes because of the extraordinary work of the Berlin Township Police Department headed by Chief Joe Jackson. Thank you and congratulations Joe, on your first full year as the Berlin Township Chief of Police.

Cathy, thank you! You and Donna are always there for me. You have now earned the title, "Our Clerk", not our "Our New Clerk". Your support and knowledge has made my job as Mayor so much easier. Thank you both for a job well done.

Lori, what can I say? When it comes to questions on finance, you always have the answers for me, not always what I want to hear! But you do have the answers. But I have to say, she is not that quiet young woman that started for us 19 years ago. She can be pretty feisty at times. You do a remarkable job with the help of Dana, our town is so lucky to have you! Thank you both!

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Our land use office will be pretty busy over the next few years with several new projects and a few proposed.. Kelly, you have done a terrific job along with Vicky keeping everything under control. Our inspectors do a great job in making sure every project is being done right and to code by the guidance of Mike DePalma. Mike brings much experience to our town and Berlin Township benefits from it. A lot of work generated for these people, start at the Planning Board Level. I can't thank these volunteers enough. They all work really hard in making our town a great community to live in. I would like to mention a new project about to open in our town, Golden Corral. I am so proud they have picked us to be their new home. Our new Water park is up and running, the first free standing on the east coast. Even in this struggling economy, houses in Montebello continue to sell. Dave Carlamere and Dave Rowan, our planning board solicitors, thank you for the guidance you give to this department and board. They all have a lot of trust for the direction you give them.

Maria Reed, our court clerk, great job. It's always an experience on Court days when all of Maria's clients come in. But I have to admit, she keeps them in line! Vicky, deputy court clerk, and Maria, thank you for a job well done. I would again like to thank our judge, Nick Trabosh, the coolest judge in south jersey, and wish him much luck and success this coming year.

Diane Zoppel, our tax collector, with a collection rate of 99%, what can I say! You and Dana also do an excellent job. Our residents, especially the seniors really appreciate your personal contact you share with them. Tony, our tax assessor, thank you and a belated welcome. Due to not having reorganization meeting over the last few years, this is the first opportunity I had to acknowledge him publicly.

To our professionals, Stuart Platt, thanks for keeping us in line. And I know that is not always so easy. I always tell him that he is so picky at times! And he always has the same answer, that's what you pay me for! Thank you for stepping in for Donafaye. You joined us at a very trying time. You got right into the thick of it and have given us great guidance. I would also at this time to thank Donna Platt our Township Prosecutor for her expertise in representing our town. She is also such a sweet, caring individual.

To our bond council, Parker Mc Cay, thank you! Phil, it has been a pleasure to work with you. Your company has a great reputation and we are very comfortable with your guidance.

To our auditor, Bowman Co, thank you for your continued service. Joe Hoffman, your expertise in your field is greatly appreciated. You can be very proud of all of your employees that we work with; they all have done an excellent job.

This last year has been a very hard and frustrating year for the Governing Body. We have made many cuts in the budget without seriously impacting services.

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The beginning of my last term, five years ago the economy was still strong as were the Township's finances. Unemployment was low, housing was booming, then came the economic downturn in 2008, 2009 and 2010 that has presented a new set of challenges.

We all know that 2011 is again going to be difficult. We already have reduced administration by 20%. We have five less employees in the Public Works Department, which effects grass and leaf collection, snow plowing, grass cutting and road maintenance. We have lost two police officers which has put more of a demand for the remaining department. We are not like the big cities that can absorb cuts without reducing services. With probable reductions in State Aid, increases in State Pension costs and a tight tax CAP, we could be facing more obstacles in the future. All of us sitting up here, along with the Administrator and all of our employees, must be creative and enterprising to give our residents the level of service they expect. We must think "outside of the box" in both how we generate revenue, how we spend it, and how we operate.

In closing, I would again like to thank all of council for your dedication and individual knowledge each of you bring to this town. And I want you all to know, working with a bunch of guys isn't all that easy. Thank god, I am so easy to work with. Even though I won't give some of them the satisfaction of telling them, I enjoy working with everyone of them, their commitment, dedication and knowledge is what makes our town, truly a great place to live.

And last but definitely, not least, a big special thank you to my family! My mom, my best friend, my husband, my biggest supporter, thank you! To all my kids, don't worry; I'm not going to name them, thank you for sharing me with the town. I love you all, and I really am not lying when I tell you I will be home early.

And I could not end the night without thanking all the residents of Berlin township and wishing you a very a happy and healthy New Year, and god bless you all.

Councilwoman Bodanza remarked that she is very excited to get started and thanked everyone for their support and help through this last year. Councilwoman Bodanza said that she plans on working hard in bringing the town together and looks forward to working with the governing body.

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman DiGangi, second by Council President Morris to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, all members present voting in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm

Catherine Underwood, Township Clerk

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