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BI-MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AT BERLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL HALL FEBRUARY 24, 2014 AT 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Magazzu opened the meeting and stated that pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting was advertised in the Courier Post, Record Breeze and posted on the bulletin board.

All in attendance joined in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present- Council President Morris, Councilman Epifanio, Councilman McIntosh, Councilwoman Bodanza, Mayor Magazzu

Also Present- Solicitor, Stuart Platt, CFO, Lori Campisano, Chief of Police Leonard Check, Josh Shellenberger, Maintenance/Animal Control, Chuck Riebel Engineer/ Public Works Director.

Absent-

Berlin Township Proclamation: Presented to Berlin Rotary

Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin proclaim the Month of February to be Berlin Rotary Month in Berlin Township

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Berlin Township Proclamation Rotary Month

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Whereas... Rotary International, founded in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

Whereas... there are more than 1.2 million professional and business leaders who are Rotary club members in more than 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries; and

Whereas... The Berlin Rotary was chartered in 1938, have given over 75 years of honorable service to the residents of the Township of Berlin as well as the Borough of Berlin and has made some major positive impacts in our communities for which we are extremely grateful. During the 1940's, the Club was instrumental in establishing the "Inter-Community Civic Association" that is now known as the Inter-Community Celebration Association (I.C.C.A.) – the organization responsible for our annual parade down Haddon Avenue and festivities in the Berlin Park on the 4th of July for the past 70 years. Just recently Berlin Rotary was instrumental in the purchase of two flashing speed signs which helps promote traffic safety, especially for our children.

Whereas... the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

Whereas... Rotary members contribute countless volunteer hours that span into 122 countries;

Whereas... Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants; and

Whereas... Rotary in 1985 launched PolioPlus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

Whereas... polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988 and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

Whereas... 7,000 secondary-school students each year experience life in another country through Rotary's Youth Exchange Program; and

Whereas... Rotarians have exemplified the true spirit of volunteerism and have conducted themselves, both as individuals and as organization, in a fashion that has earned them global admiration and respect.

May God Bless all of the members of the Berlin Rotary for all that you have done over the years and may he keep you safe and healthy for many more years so that you can continue in your Service Above Self for the good of the two Berlins.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phyllis Magazzu, Mayor of Berlin Township proclaim the month of February, 2014 to be Berlin Rotary Month in Berlin Township

Phyllis Magazzu
Mayor, Berlin Township

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Departmental Report

ENGINEER / PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Chuck Reibel talked about submitting an application for Supplemental Funding available for CDGB year 35 for “shovel ready projects”. The director ask the Governing Body to pick projects for Supplemental funding CDGB Year 35 along with CDGB Year 36 and projects for the Camden County Open Space Trust Fund Recreation Facility Enhancement Program. Chuck asked Mayor and Council to pass a resolution so that the applications can be submitted.

SOLICITORS REPORT

1. Water Agreement with Berlin Borough
2. C & M Repair Environmental
3. Bate Avenue Property Former Municipal Site
4. DiluzioV. Berlin Township
5. Chief Jackson
6. Berlin Township ADS. Estate of Raj Kumar Chopra
7. Berlin Township ADS. David Carp
8. Berlin Twp. ADS. Jason Black
9. Berlin Twp. ADS. Jennnifer Vernacchio as Guardian Hannah Maslanka
10. Berlin Township ADS. Tarin Durham
11. Berlin Twp. ADS. Tyrone Powell
12. Open Public Records Act.
13. Fire Safety Ordinance
14. Traffic Ordinance Overhaul
15. Towing Ordinance
16. Political Sign Ordinance
17. Community Center Rental Ordinance
18. In Rem Tax Foreclosure
19. Nuisance Ordinance
20. Community Center Rental Ordinance

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Check stated that the Police Department along with Berlin Borough arrest three individuals who involved with distribution of drugs. And on Feb15, 2014 the department arrested two individuals for burglary.

Police Lenny also talked about a building security plan that he would like to put in place that was distributed to Mayor and Council. Chief asked the Governing Body to review to

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information on joining a shared purchase agreement which would help save money on purchasing police vehicles.

MAINTENANCE OFFICER/ANIMAL CONTROL

Josh Shellenberger reported that summons were sent out for unlicensed pets last Friday.

Resolution 2014-70 Payment of Bills – February 24, 2014

WHEREAS, the Code of the Township of Berlin, Chapter 7-1 et seq., provides for the payment of claims after certification by the Treasurer and consideration by Mayor and Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, that the following claims are hereby approved and the bills to be paid.

TO	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Robert E. DePersia II, ESQ.	Municipal Public Defenders Trust	\$ 300.00
Carlamere & Rowan	PB Escrow #376	95.00
Township of Berlin-General Acct	PB Escrow #375	2,686.93
Treasurer, State of NJ	Dog Trust	598.20
Voorhees Animal Orphanage	Dog Trust	400.00

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Scott Polo	Dog Trust	\$ 300.00
Ameriflex	Flex Claims Account	75.00
Palace Diner	4-01-26-290-2105	167.60
Ameriflex	Flex Claims Account	175.00
Verizon	4-01-20-120-2105	143.14
Verizon	4-01-31-443-2077	99.99
State of NJ Health Benefits	4-01-23-220-2092	36,694.43
State of NJ Health Benefits	4-01-23-220-2092	28,522.33
State of NJ Health Benefits	4-01-23-220-2092	28,300.17
Camden County Treasurer	4-01-55-208-0000	1,057,116.06
	4-01-55-209-0000	25,629.04
	4-01-55-208-0000	65,885.68
	4-01-55-211-0000	27,662.49
State of New Jersey	4-01-55-160-0165	396.00
Verizon	4-01-31-443-2077	99.99
America On Line	4-01-31-443-2077	37.99
Ameriflex	Flex Claims Account	75.00
Payroll, Current Fund	01/23/2013	137,798.71
Payroll, Sewer Operating Fund	01/23/2013	6,218.90
Payroll, Current Fund	02/06/2014	131,632.16

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Payroll, Sewer Operating Fund

02/06/2014

7,704.17

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Morris to adopt Resolution 2014-70. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Business License

- 1) **David Preece T/A British Heritage Interiors**, 1008 Industrial Drive. Manufacturing of furniture and Cabinetry.
- 2) **Gerald McNeer T/A Irisndt, Inc.** 484 B Kelly Drive. Regional Office and Equipment Storage facility.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to approve the business licenses above. Licensed approved by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative for license.

Correspondence for January 2014

Motion carried by Council President Morris, second by Councilman McIntosh to receive and file the correspondence calendar for January. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in the affirmative.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Council President Morris to receive and file the monthly reports on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote, five present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2014

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman Epifanio to receive and file the monthly reports on the consent agenda. Motion carried by voice vote, four present voting in the affirmative, Councilwomen Bodanza abstained.

All other Business

- 1) Supplement Funding from CDBG Grant Year 35- Chuck Riebel.

RESOLUTION 2014-71 RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM YEAR 35 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program has supplemental funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to submit an application for the Supplemental Program Year 35 (2013-2014); and

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WHEREAS , the proposed projects are required to be shovel ready and meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has agreed to apply for funding for the following activity(ies);

Project: IMPROVEMENTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING ROOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Supplemental Program Year 35 (2013-2014).

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt Resolution 2014-71. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2014- 72 FOR APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM YEAR 36 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin is entitled to Community Development Block grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to submit an application for Program Year 36 (2014-2015); and

WHEREAS, the estimated grant allocation for 2014-2015 for the Township of Berlin is \$21,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has agreed to apply for funding for the following activity(ies);

Project: STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO HILL AVENUE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year 36 (2014-2015).

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt Resolution 2014-72. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2014- 73 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR IN ENDORSING THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION.

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WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin desires to submit an application to Camden County Open Space Fund Recreation Enhancement program Application for year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin would like to submit an application to

~Dog Park

~Raise a concrete foundation / platform for Band Shell for Luke Avenue; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin formally approves the application submission for the 2014 Camden County Open Space Fund Recreation Enhancement program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Township of Berlin was hereby authorized to sign the application and any other respective documentation.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2014-73. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Council President Morris remarked that we received good news from our Chief Financial Officer Lori Campisano.

Lori stated that Berlin Township received an upgrade from Standard and Poor's. She remarked that our rating went up from an "A" to "A+" and changed the outlook from positive to stable which is considered better.

Public Portion

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman McIntosh to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in favor. Mayor Magazzu opened the meeting to the public.

No comments were to be heard

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in favor. Mayor Magazzu closed the meeting to the public.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Morris to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, all members present voting in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned 5:25 pm

Catherine Underwood, Township Clerk

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