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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 MARCH 27, 2017 AT 5:30 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- Mayor Magazzu, Councilman McIntosh, Councilman Epifanio, Council President Morris arrived at 5:35 p.m.

Also Present- Solicitor, CherylLynn Walters, CFO, Lori Campisano, Township Engineer / Public Works Director Chuck Riebel, Animal Control/ Property Maintenance, Josh Shellenberger

Absent- Councilwoman Bodanza, Chief of Police, Leonard Check

Departmental Report

Chuck Riebel, Public Works Director stated that Berlin Borough will begin the flush of hydrants next week.

ORDINANCE 2017-3 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-25 FIXING AND DETERMINING SALARY RANGES FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin adopted Ordinance 2016-25 on December 19, 2016 fixing and determining salary ranges for the officers and employees for the calendar year 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin to amend the following salary range for the calendar year 2017 as follows:

POSITION	ANNUAL	
	FROM	TO
Engineering Technician	\$45,000.00	\$65,000.00

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the above mentioned salary range is amended as stated.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Morris to adopt Ordinance 2017-3 on first reading by title. Ordinance adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-94 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A DISCHARGE OF LIEN AS A RESULT OF PAYMENT SATISFIED ON REAL PROPERTY FOR NECESSARY MAINTENANCE WORK PERFORMED.

To the Mayor and Council to the Township of Berlin:

WHEREAS, the property owner or responsible party failed to take appropriate action as required in the Violation Notices; the Code Enforcement Officer placed a work order with outside vendors on the properties and provided an invoice as certification of all costs associated with the work performed pursuant to Chapter 280-6 and pursuant to Chapter 280-7 the monies expended to pay outside vendors to perform the services at these properties have been charged against the property; and pursuant to Chapter 280-8 forthwith became a lien on such lands and was filed with the Tax Office; said lien to be discharged by the Tax Collector upon payment.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has confirmed receipt of payment for the liens against the following properties representing maintenance work performed; the maintenance liens against the following properties have been discharged, as follows:

Property:	Amount:	Date Paid:
95 Warren Avenue	\$ 100.00	02/06/17
384 Morton Avenue	\$ 270.00	02/07/17
324 Harrison Avenue	\$ 75.00	02/21/17
250 Fairview Avenue	\$ 370.00	02/06/17
117 Taunton Avenue	\$ 620.00	02/06/17
235 Centaurian Drive	\$ 275.00	02/06/17
223 Peppermill Road	\$ 275.00	02/10/17
276 Peppermill Road	\$ 150.00	02/06/17
276 Peppermill Road	\$ 200.00	02/06/17
244 Briarwood Road	\$ 200.00	02/08/17

Dated: March 16, 2017

Dana O'Hara, CTC - Tax Collector

By resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, for the reasons set forth hereinabove, it hereby approves and authorizes said liens against said properties pursuant to Chapter 280-7 of the Code of the Township of Berlin hereby discharged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-94. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-95 LIST OF UNCOLLECTIBLE TAXES.

To the Mayor and Council to the Township of Berlin:

I hereby submit to you a list of taxes, which in my opinion are uncollectible. I give the reasons why I deem them uncollectible, and I request that same be remitted and that I be relieved of the collection thereof as required by Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, Title 54, Chapter 4.

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Collector

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NAME	BLOCK/LOT	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
BRSA PROPERTIES, LLC	521-8	2017	3,126.12	Tax Record Deleted
BRSA PROPERTIES, LLC	521-10	2017	267.69	Tax Record Deleted Combined to create Lot 8.01
			\$ 3,393.81	TOTAL to Feb & May 2017

By resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, the taxes listed above have been ordered remitted and the Collector relieved thereof.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-95. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017- 96 AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD TAX SALE FOR 2016 OPEN DELINQUENCIES PER THE OFFICIAL EXTENDED TAX DUPLICATE LIST RULES AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

WHEREAS, according to the amended regulations set forth in N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 et seq., all taxes and municipal sewer and other lienable charges payable through December 31, 2016 shall be subject to tax sale and offered for sale of lien to the lowest bidder or highest premium bidder at a tax sale to be held on the 7th day of June 2017 at 10:30 AM at the Municipal Building, and;

WHEREAS, there are delinquencies appearing in the records of the Township of Berlin for monies levied on the owners of record as they appear in the official tax list filed in the office of the Collector of Taxes of Berlin Township, as well as certified listings from the Borough of Berlin Water Department and the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, and;

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WHEREAS, at any time before a scheduled tax sale, the collector shall receive payment of the amount due on any property, with the interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment, and;

WHEREAS, the taxpayer shall pay the full amount advertised which includes the costs, at two percent of the total delinquency not to be less than \$15.00 nor more than \$100.00, and now must be paid in order to remove the property from sale and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector may mail NOTICE OF SALE for any two weeks and advertise for any two weeks, or just advertise consecutively for the full four weeks, with the official tax sale held the following week, and;

WHEREAS, the costs incurred for each mailing of NOTICE OF SALE be set at \$25.00 per mailing, and be collected in order for the property to be removed from said tax sale, so;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector be authorized to hold a Tax Sale for all unpaid charges through the end of the 2016 calendar year, properties located in our municipality on June 7, 2017 and being advertised and/or with official notices of sale for four consecutive weeks and notice to the owners of record according to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 et seq.

Submitted for March 27, 2017 meeting by Dana O’Hara, CTC

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-96. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-97 PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR MARCH.

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 detailed below and attached are hereby approved and the bills to be paid.

TO	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Treasurer – State Dog Report February 2017 Total License #469	Dog Trust	\$91.80

CONFIRMING:

TO	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
State of Jersey Health Benefits – Feb 2017 (A)	7-01-23-220- 2092	\$83,168.11
State of Jersey Health Benefits – Mar 2017 (R)	7-01-23-220-	36,909.22

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	2092	
Verizon – FIOS Admin Internet – 2/16-03/15/17	7-01-31-443-2077	139.99
TD Bank NA – Debt Service – Bonds due 3/1/17	7-01-45-920-2105	500,000.00
	7-01-45-930-2105	20,900.00
Ameriflex - February 2017	Flex Claims Account	75.00
Berlin Township Fire District #1 – 1 st Quarter Tax	7-01-55-210-0000	128,900.00
TD Bank NA – Debt Service on Series 2008 Bonds 3/15/2017	7-07-66-240-0262	3,459.73
	7-07-55-522-2105	2,415.27
Verizon FIOS Internet PD – March 2017	7-01-31-443-2077	109.99
Payroll, Current Fund	03/02/17	138,476.40
Payroll, Sewer Operating Fund	03/02/17	6,641.00
Payroll, Current Fund	03/16/17	131,892.06
Payroll, Sewer Operating Fund	03/16/17	6,544.83

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-97. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, four members present voting in the affirmative.

Correspondences for February 2017

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to receive and file the Correspondence Calendar for February 2017. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of February 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Council President Morris to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote, four present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman Epifanio to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote, four present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of March 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman McIntosh to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote, four present voting in the affirmative.

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Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Council President Morris to receive and file the monthly reports on the consent agenda for February 2017. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in the affirmative.

All Other Business

1) Discuss Pine Edge Drive Vacation (Discussion will be moved to the April 10, 2017 meeting)

Public Portion

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman Epifanio 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 for questions or comments.

J Saunders a student from Camden City who is interested in Government talked to Mayor and Council about their duties and ways to get youth groups involved.

No more comments were to be heard.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilman McIntosh 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 for questions or comments.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilman McIntosh, second by Councilman Epifanio to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, all members voting in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned 5:49 pm

Catherine Underwood, Township Clerk