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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 May 23, 2016 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, Councilwoman Bodanza, Councilman Epifanio, Council President Morris.

Also Present- Solicitor, Stuart Platt Esq, CFO, Lori Campisano, Maintenance Officer/ Animal Control Joshua Shellenberger, Chief of Police Leonard Check,

Absent- Township Engineer / Public Works Director Chuck Riebel

Proclamation- Gloria Ladopoulos, “Human Trafficking Awareness”

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which victims are forced to work in various forms of labor exploitation including, but not limited to, commercial sex acts and other services that are induced through force, fraud, or coercion; and

WHEREAS, due to its isolating nature, many individuals across the globe are unaware that trafficking exists in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 20 million men, women, and children around the world are victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, increased education about how to identify human trafficking along with increased knowledge of in-state resources and services for those affected by these criminal actions can help decrease the number of future victims; and

WHEREAS, Berlin Township is committed to creating legal frameworks for investigating human trafficking and prosecuting those engaged in it; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the critical role in preventing, reporting, and adjudicating these heinous crimes;

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NOW, THEREFORE IT BE, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin hereby recognize January 11th 2016, as the start of **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH.**

Gloria Ladopoulos, Thanked Mayor and Council for recognizing January 11th 2016, as the start of “HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH”.

Departmental Reports

SOLICITORS REPORT

1. Water Agreement with Berlin Borough
2. C & M Repair Environmental
3. Bate Avenue Property Former Municipal Site
4. Sherwood, Orio, Olyroyd & Fruggerio
5. Saverio Garofalo V. Township of Berlin
6. Michael Curtis V. Berlin Township
7. Estate of Carol Bowne
8. Open Public Records Act
9. Ordinance Revision
10. In Rem Tax Foreclosure
11. Municipal Building Roof Claim
12. Lester Avenue Drainage Project

RESOLUTION 2016-117 PAYMENT OF BILLS MAY.

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
Treasurer, State of NJ	Dog Trust	\$ 54.00
CONFIRMING:		
America on Line (1/25/16)	6-01-31-443-2077	\$ 43.99
America on Line (2/23/16)	6-01-31-443-2077	43.99
America on Line (3/23/16)	6-01-31-443-2077	43.99
State of NJ Health Benefits (A-Apr)	6-01-23-220-2092	67,210.00
State of NJ Health Benefits (R-Apr)	6-01-23-220-2092	38,590.40
Atlantic City Electric – March	6-01-31-435-2071	8,893.97
Erial Concrete, Inc.	6-01-26-290-2144	504.75
Verizon FiOS Admin (4/16-5/15/16)	6-01-31-443-2077	139.99
Tropicana Hotel & Casino	6-01-20-130-2042	300.00
Camden County Treasurer	6-01-55-208-0000	1,150,630.51
	6-01-55-208-0000	70,702.83

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	6-01-55-211-0000	28,502.18
Home Depot Credit Services	6-01-28-375-2058	17.94
	6-01-26-315-2058	83.95
	6-01-26-310-2024	434.00
	6-01-26-310-2125	249.00
	G-02-40-779-0998	450.03
T.M. Fitzgerald & Assoc.	6-01-55-160-0163	3,150.00
Camden County Clerk	6-01-20-110-2105	11.00
Atlantic City Electric	6-07-55-205-2071	1,055.60
Home Depot Credit Services	6-07-55-502-2024	58.69
AmeriFlex	Flex Claims Account	75.00
Susquehanna Commercial Finance	6-01-25-240-2051	23,369.79
Susquehanna Commercial Finance	6-01-25-240-2051	11,906.93
Verizon FiOS PD (5/1-5/31/16)	6-01-31-443-2077	109.99
Payroll, Current Fund	04/28/16	121,622.28
Payroll, Sewer Operating Fund	04/28/16	6,795.63
Payroll, Current Fund	05/12/16	127,892.71
Payroll, Sewer Operating Fund	05/12/16	6,629.14

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2016-117. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2016-118 AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF PAYMENT FOR SCHANZ, 111 FAIRVIEW AVENUE BLOCK 1309 LOT 6.

N.J.S.A. 54:49-16
BLOCK 1309 LOT 6
111 Fairview Avenue

WHEREAS, two on line payment checks were received and posted on the above property from the owner in the total amount of \$ 164.00 through customer's online bill pay through their personal bank, and;

WHEREAS, the customer's bank withdrew the funds twice which prompted a second check to be issued. Customer intended payment for the quarter billed for April in the amount of \$ 82.00 which was received and posted on May 6, 2016. The second check was received and posted on May 9, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, the owner has requested a refund for the amount paid by him/her because he/she was unaware that the bank had shown two transactions and issued two checks for payment, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a refund be made in the amount of Eighty-Two dollars and zero cents (\$ 82.00) to:

ANTHONY & CYNTHIA SCHANZ
111 Fairview Avenue

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West Berlin, NJ 08091

These funds are in the Sewer Operating Account.

Submitted for the May 23, 2016 meeting.
Prepared by Dana O'Hara, CTC
Voucher # 60202

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2016-118. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2016-119 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND FOR MONTEBELLO, SECTION 2.

WHEREAS, a Performance Surety is required for site plan improvements; and

WHEREAS, Hovbros Berlin, LLC has posted a bond in the amount of \$478,862.40 as a performance surety for the Montebello Age Restricted Residential Development - Section 2; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the work has been satisfactorily completed and the engineer has recommended that the Township of Berlin grant a reduction; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce the performance surety from \$478,862.40 to \$199,159.20; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, Camden County, New Jersey, that the above Performance Surety Bond for Hovbros Berlin, LLC, for the Age Restricted Residential Development –section 2 be reduced as stated above.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Resolution 2016-119. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Consent Agenda for APRIL

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President Morris to receive and file the monthly reports on the consent agenda for April 2016. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in the affirmative.

Correspondences for APRIL 2016

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Councilman Epifanio to receive and file the Correspondence Calendar for April 2016. Motion carried by voice vote, all present voting in the affirmative.

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Approval of MAY 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to approve the Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2016. Motion carried by voice vote, five present voting in the affirmative.

All Other Business

1) Memorial Day May 30, 2016 Event Schedule

Council President Morris commented that the Freeholders Meeting that was held at the Municipal Building on Thursday May 19, 2016 was well attended. Council President stated that a resident came in to discuss 18 wheel vehicles coming down Franklin Avenue and asked what could be done, could the vehicles be prohibited from that street.

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.

Herman Maurer, 124 Piedmont Blvd. talked about the possibility of having a sidewalk installed on Taunton Road. Mr. Maurer asked what would be the process to install a sidewalk and who would be responsible for the cost.

Council President Morris remarked that Taunton Road is a County Road and we would need to review the site plans.

Mayor Magazzu asked if Mr. Maurer has spoken to the Developer, Peter Hovnanian. Mayor commented that Township Engineer Chuck Riebel is on vacation and will get back to him as soon as he returns.

No more comments were to be heard.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Council President Morris 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 Council Epifanio, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, all members voting in the affirmative.
Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm

Catherine Underwood, Township Clerk

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