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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 13, 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, Councilwoman Bodanza, Councilman Epifanio, Council President Morris.

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

Absent-

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ENGINEER'S AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. CHANGE ORDERS AND VOUCHERS

None at this time.

B. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Montebello- Possible Bond Releases

I am still trying to resolve the outstanding issues with the developer. I do not believe that the Governing Body will be taking any action, this month.

2. C.D.B.G. Community Development Block Grant Program Year 39 Funding

I believe that the Governing Body must select an eligible project and the Project and pass a resolution endorsing the project and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Project Description Form. The Project Description Form must be prepared and submitted, with the signed and sealed resolution by the submission deadline, which is typically in mid-March. Therefore, I believe that the Governing Body must pass the resolution at the Council Meeting on March 13, 2017.

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3. National Joint Power Alliance Cooperative Purchasing

We have initiated the free membership with this national cooperative purchasing agency, which is a Minnesota educational services agency. We have found that there is a substantial savings on some equipment by purchasing through the cooperative purchasing agency. It is my understanding that the Township is able to participate with this cooperative, through N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, by entering into an agreement with Minnesota agency. I recommend that the Governing Body discuss the matter with the Solicitor and Ms. Campisano and if acceptable to them, pass a resolution authorizing the entering into an agreement with this agency.

C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Camden County Community Development Block Grant Program, Year 39 (2017-2018) Funding

Please see item B.2. above. I believe that the funds are still limited to eligible improvements to the Senior Citizens Building and handicap curb ramps at street corners. I believe the intent is to continue with the improvements to the Senior Citizens Building.

2. Camden County Community Development Block Grant Funds- Previous Years

We must complete the remaining improvements to the Seniors Center. We have been informed, by the C.D.B.G. staff, that tables and chairs may be purchased with these funds. Mr. Simone has ordered the tables and chairs and is working on the replacement of the rear door and automation of the front doors for handicap access. Mr. Simone has received quotes for these items.

3. Dog Park at Luke Avenue Recreation Complex (Camden County Recreation Enhancement Funding- \$25,000

I believe that Mr. Simone has been discussing the matter of any further improvements with Mayor Magazzu.

4. Band Shell at Luke Avenue Recreation Complex

I believe that Mr. Simone has discussed the possible credit card purchase of the sign with Mayor Magazzu. We would like to have this sign installed for the proposed dedication of the structure at the Community Day event, in May, 2017.

I have requested the purchase of a lightweight, portable large movie screen, in the 2017 budget request, for use at the band shell.

5. N.J.D.O.T. FY 2017 Municipal Aid Program Applications

We have electronically re-submitted the applications, which were submitted, last year. Those applications are:

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Priority 1- Improvements to Taunton Avenue- Rt. 73 Ramp A to Cooper Road

Priority 2- Oak Avenue- Rt. 73 Ramp A to 80' past Clover

I would expect that the Governor will be announcing the selected projects, in the near future.

6. Improvements to Hazel Avenue (NJDOT FY 2015 Funding)

I continue to recommend that the remaining computer drafting be completed by a consultant so that we can receive bids in the Spring, 2017. It is important that this project be awarded in the Spring, 2017, in order to retain the N.J.D.O.T. funding.

The requested amount of funding was \$236,000. The estimated construction cost was estimated to be \$210,627 and contract administration/materials testing costs are estimated to be \$9,000. I have requested that additional funds be allotted, for this project, in the 2017 budget.

7. 2016 Street Improvements Program

The Governing Body has allotted funds for the improvements to the following streets:

- a. Localized pavement area repairs along Taunton Avenue- Cooper Road to Clover Avenue;
- b. Repairs to settled pavement along Lester Avenue- Haddon Avenue to McClellan Avenue and along McClellan Avenue- Lester Avenue to Pine Avenue;
- c. Repairs to the settled pavement and curb at #340 Centaurian Drive;
- d. Repairs to the localized areas of the gutterlines of street within the Pinecrest section.

I am expecting to prepare bid documents in the late Spring with the construction occurring in the Summer of 2017.

8. Recommendation for Capital Improvements for 2017

I have submitted my recommendations for various improvements to the streets, buildings, grounds and recreation facilities. I strongly suggest that the Governing Body consider implementing a long-term capital improvements program to address this matter.

9. Purchase of Various Pieces of Equipment and Vehicles for the Public Works Department

We have received the two dump trucks and they were used during the recent snow event. The pickup trucks have been delivered and are being used, on a daily basis.

10. Shared Services with Berlin Borough for Public Works Equipment

We have discussed the development of an agreement with Berlin Borough for their periodic use of the street sweeper and our ability to use

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one of their automated trash trucks, in times of need. I suggest that we meet with the Borough representatives to discuss the matter for 2017 and future years.

11. Bate Avenue Site (Former Municipal Building and Administrative Building)

No further update to report, at this time.

12. Re-Examination of the Master Plan

The Planning Board has approved the Report. The County Planning Office has recommended that various actions be taken by the Governing Body and Planning Board. They have, also, recommended that a “new and thorough Master Plan” be prepared, over the next ten years since the “current master plan is long outdated to meet the current needs and best planning practices of today.” I recommend that the Governing Body and Planning Board discuss this matter, in the near future.

13. Gas Main Replacement Project Throughout the Township

South Jersey Gas Co., continues to perform improvements to their underground piping. I recommend that consideration be given for the use of the fees, which are associated with these openings, for milling and overlaying of the pavement along the affected streets.

14. Improvements to the Municipal Building

a. Improvements to the Unfinished General Assembly Rooms

At this time, I am not sure when we will be completing the bid documents for the ceiling, the remainder of the ceiling lighting, HVAC system and reconfiguration of the fire suppression system.

It has been determined that the Public Works staff will install the vinyl floor tiles, after the above mentioned, contracted work has been completed. The Public Works Department may, also, install the hung ceiling system.

b. Irrigation and Landscaping

The design for the irrigation system remains to be completed. I am hopeful that we will be able to have an irrigation contractor donate their design services. Otherwise, we must purchase design software to complete the task.

I have requested that funds be allotted for the irrigation system, with a rainwater recapturing system for irrigation use, in my request for capital funding in 2017. Due other projects, which are in immediate need of improvement, this project has been assigned as a lower priority, in the past.

c. Recoating of the Front Parking Area

I have included the request for funding, for this improvement, in the 2017 Capital Budget.

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15. 2017 Camden County Open Space Trust Fund Recreation Facility Enhancement Application

The County is accepting applications for the next round of funding. The deadline for the submission of the applications is March 31, 2017. The grant amount is limited to \$25,000. The County will not accept an application for a project, in which funds have been granted and not expended.

The Governing Body passed a resolution of support and authorization for submission to the County. We must, also, submit letters of support, from groups, organizations and individuals with the application package.

I recommend that a project be selected, as soon as possible, so that we can obtain the letters of support, complete and submit the application package.

16. Camden County Open Space/ Recreation Enhancement Funds for the Reconstruction of the Large Hockey Rink at Robert T. Clyde Memorial Park

The Freeholders approved a total of \$50,000 for this project. I have not received any response from the County Open Space Committee, regarding our request to utilize the funds for the replacement of the hockey rink boards and construction of a safety surface at the playground, which is adjacent to the hockey rink.

17. County Recreation Enhancement Funds for the Reconstruction of the Basketball Court at Spruce Avenue Recreation Site (County Open Space Grant - \$25,000)

The Governing Body has adopted the Bond Ordinance, appropriating funds to supplement the County Open Space funds so that this project can be completed.

I am, currently, evaluating the use of a geogrid reinforcement system, which would allow for the resurfacing of the court, rather than the costlier, reconstruction of the surface.

I expect to receive bids for this project, along with the street improvement program, which will, hopefully, result in a more competitive price, due to the inclusion with a larger scale project.

18. Ponding Along Gutterline of Hudson Avenue at 182 Patton Avenue

As requested by Council President Morris, some time ago, I have observed the conditions, where ponding is occurring along the edge of pavement, along Hudson Avenue. In order to determine the scope of the work to eliminate the ponding condition, we will take elevations of the existing pavement. I will, then, prepare a cost estimate for the necessary improvements for consideration by the Governing Body.

19. Improvements to the Water Distribution System by Berlin Borough

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I recommend that the Township Governing Body consider the scheduling of a meeting with the Borough representatives, within the next several months, to discuss the status of the improvements to the water distribution system, within the Township.

20. Municipal Certification for Future Federal Funded Projects

We must obtain the information, from the N.J.D.O.T., for this program, in the immediate future. We will complete the necessary documents, with the assistance from Ms. Campisano, and submit the documents for Federal and State approval, in the near future.

21. Storm Drainage Improvements

a. Lester Avenue Storm Drainage and Stormwater Management

1) Phase 1-Construction of Storm Inlets Piping and Temporary Stormwater Basin

The Governing Body has adopted the Bond Ordinance, appropriating funds, for this project. We expect to bid this project, in the near future.

2) Phase 2 – Extension of Storm Drainage to the Existing Stormwater Management System within the Luke Avenue Recreation Complex

We must perform the land surveying and engineering design. I will be preparing a cost estimate for the construction for consideration for funding by the Governing Body.

It will be necessary to obtain an easement for the proposed storm drainage piping, which will be crossing the P.S.E.G. lands.

b. Kelley Drive Stormwater Basin Reconstruction

It is my understanding that the funds must be re-allocated for this project.

I do not see our department completing the bid documents until, some time, late in 2017.

c. Mt. Vernon Avenue Storm Drainage at the Elementary School

No update to report.

d. Storm Drainage Issues with the Southwest Portion of the Township

I had reported to the Governing Body, some time ago that I am estimating that the overall construction cost for the necessary improvements is approximately \$11.8 million. I recommend that a meeting be requested with Congressman Norcross to discuss the possibility of receiving Federal funding, for this project. It may, also, be worth requesting the assistance of the N.J.D.E.P.

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22. Request to the Pinelands Commission for Redesignation of Lands

To date, I have not performed any additional work, regarding this matter. I have discussed the matter with representatives of Key Engineers, Inc. and have requested that they submit a proposal for the planning services. I recommend that the party(ies) requesting redesignation be responsible for the cost of the consulting planning services.

As we requested, the County Planner has mentioned the matter, in the Master Plan Reexamination Report. The study must be performed and the report prepared and submitted to The Pinelands Commission.

23. Tax Map Revisions

We, still, must complete the revisions to the Tax Maps, which will depict the recently filed sections of the Montebello development. I continue to recommend that this work be completed by a consultant, in the immediate future.

24. Request to the N.J.D.O.T. for the Installation of a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Route 73 and D'Angelo Drive

I believe that Mayor Magazzu and Chief Check will be submitting their letters to the Lt. Governor, requesting her support, in the immediate future.

25. Investigation for Sidewalk Along Oak Avenue

Some time ago, the Governing Body discussed the possible construction of sidewalk along one side of the street, due to the narrow width of the roadway. I must, still perform the investigation and report to the Governing Body.

26. Investigation of the Condition of Decorative Concrete Sidewalk Along Haddon Avenue

I recommend that an epoxy coating be applied to the spalled areas and apply a clear sealant to the concrete and brick surfaces. This work can be performed by the Public Works staff.

27. Possible Multi-Use Trail- Educational Park to Egg Harbor Road

I have, recently, informed the Governing Body that Public Service Electric and Gas Co. has allowed for the construction of a multi-use trail, within their right-of-way for high service lines. There have been grants available for these trails. If the Governing Body is interested, I will contact them to schedule a meeting to discuss the possibility of placing a trail within their right-of-way.

D. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Operations and Staffing

The staff continues to service the trucks and equipment for use, during the winter season. Due to the unusually warmer weather, this winter season, the crew has commenced with some of the Spring work. I

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expect a shifting of tasks and procedures for staff, once the automated collection of refuse has been established and in full operation.

2. Budget Request for 2017

I would be glad to discuss the contents of the documents with the Governing Body and Ms. Campisano, if determined to be necessary.

3. Auction for Vehicles and Equipment

At this time, I do not recommend the auctioning of the large vehicles, which we have or intend to replace with new vehicles. I recommend that the vehicles, which are still road worthy, be used as backups with limited or minimal use. We will reevaluate the use of these vehicles, in the Spring, 2017, and consider possible auctioning of the vehicles, along with other equipment, at that time.

4. Textile Recycling

We have not pursued the matter, since the Police Department has a current arrangement for the collection of textiles, with the placement of drop-off bins, with a textile recycler.

5. Leaf Compost Material and Yard Waste

We continue to research and discuss other possible sites for the disposal of the composted leaves and yard waste. We, recently, contracted with a firm to haul a majority of the leaves, collected, this past Fall, from the composting facility.

6. Possible Directory Signs for the Businesses Along Haddon Avenue, Between Zulker and Walker Avenues

We have provided the businesses along Haddon Avenue with the prices for directory signs at three intersections.

7. Traffic Signal Emergency Repairs Contract for 2017

I recommend that quotes be received for these services. I, also, recommend that the Governing body consider including an inspection and maintenance provision, which could be included in the base bid or listed as an alternate bid.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Stats, February 2017

Total calls for service for February 3,085

Total of 246 Motor Vehicle Summons, which include 1 for DWI, 25 Motor Vehicle Crashes, 70 Alarms calls. A total of 40 arrests, which include 2 for narcotics, 4 for shoplifting, and 22 warrant services.

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On February 4, 2017 Officers were dispatched to the 200 bloke of Boyer Ave. for a reported burglary and theft of a quad. Officers were advised that a 2005 Honda quad was stolen from the garage of the residence during the overnight hours. The investigation is still ongoing.

On March 1, 2017 Ptl. FitzGibbon assisted Berlin Boro and Waterford Twp. Police with the report of a suicidal person threatening to jump from the Rt. 73 Bridge down onto Rt. 30. Upon arrival Ptl. FitzGibbon observed a subject standing on the ledge screaming that he wanted to kill himself. As negotiations were being done by other officers Ptl. FitzGibbon was able to get closer to the subject, as soon as the subject stepped down from the ledge Ptl. FitzGibbon was able to deploy his CED (Taser) immediately incapacitating the subject and allowing officer to take the subject into custody and getting him medical attention. The actions by Ptl. FitzGibbon un doughtily saved this person's life.

On March 1, 2017 Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Morton Ave. for a report of 4 dirt bikes stolen from a tent area in the rear yard. Detectives were contacted and within several hours developed multiple suspects. Over the course of the next few days, Lt. McVeigh and Ptl. Pumphrey conducted numerous interviews, resulting in the recovery of stolen property from Berlin Boro., Waterford Twp., and the recovered of several pounds of Marijuana from a residence in Gloucester Twp. all of which resulted in arrests from those jurisdictions. Ultimately the detectives made 7 arrests related to the stolen dirt bikes and recovered all the stolen property.

Respectfully,
Chief Leonard Check

Proclamation

Alcohol Awareness Month 2017

WHEREAS, excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, nearly 10 million young people, ages 12 to 20, report that they've consumed alcohol in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, yet people aged 12 to 20 drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

WHEREAS, kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to have serious school-related problems; and

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WHEREAS, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, kids who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

THEREFORE, I now join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and the Camden County Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Inc. (CCCADA) and do hereby proclaim that April 2017 is Alcohol Awareness Month in our community.

As the leader, I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide **Hope, Help and Healing** for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

**Phyllis Magazzu,
Mayor Berlin Township**

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2017-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$275,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PIECES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$275,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Public Works Department for Trash Collection Purposes including, but not limited to, an Automated Trash Collection Vehicle, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto (collectively, the "Project").

Section 2. It is hereby determined and stated that the Project set forth in Section 1 is a general improvement and is not a current expense of the Township.

Section 3. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Township Clerk and available for inspection.

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Section 4. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza 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 on Ordinance 2017-1.

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 for questions or comments on Ordinance 2017-1.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Morris to adopt Ordinance 2017-1. Ordinance approved by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 2017- 2 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin in the County of Camden finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.0 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$223,841.16 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Berlin shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.0 %, amounting to \$223,841.16, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Township of Berlin be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt Ordinance 2017-2 on first reading by title. Ordinance adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-87 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN AUTHORIZING, THE IMPOSITION OF LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 249 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN ENTITLED, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.12(f) authorizes a municipality to perform certain acts of property maintenance and to charge the costs thereof as a lien against the real property on which such maintenance is performed; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 249 of the Code of the Township of Berlin establish, inter alia, the procedure by which such property maintenance shall be performed and the process through which the costs thereof shall be established as municipal charges and/or liens against the real property upon which such maintenance is performed; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer for the Township of Berlin was notified and became aware that property maintenance was necessary for certain real properties located in the Township of Berlin listed as follows:

Property: Block/Lot

REASON

148 North Ave. B-213 L-5
404 Lincoln Ave. B-903 L-22

fence repair
clean up

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 249 the Code Enforcement Officer issued Violation Notices to the property owner(s) or responsible party(ies) relating to the above-referenced conditions which were found to be health and safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, the property owner(s) or responsible party(ies) failed to take appropriate action as required in said Violation Notices and the Code Enforcement Officer placed a work order with outside vendors to have such work performed as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer provided invoices as certification of all costs associated with the above-described work performed in order that the monies expended to pay outside vendors to perform the services at these properties could be charged against the respective properties as more fully set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby authorizes, approves and ratifies the assessment of municipal charges and/or liens on the following properties as of the date first noted below in accordance with the certified costs provided by the Code Enforcement Officer as described above, and further resolves that these amounts shall forthwith become a lien on such lands as provided for herein:

<u>Property: Block/Lot</u>	<u>Date Charged</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
148 North Ave. B-213 L-5	March 13, 2017	\$240.00	fence repair
404 Lincoln Ave. B-903 L-22	March 13, 2017	\$225.00	clean up

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the above-referenced charges and/or liens shall be filed with and shall remain on file with the Tax Office until payment in full thereof, including any penalties and/or interest that may accrue thereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unpaid liens authorized herein shall bear interest at the same rate allowed for unpaid taxes and shall be collected and enforced in the same manner as unpaid taxes and further that the Tax Collector is further authorized to subject same to Tax Sale in the calendar year next following the date thereof in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Township Tax Collector and said Resolution, together with all invoices evidencing certification of costs expended for said work, shall be filed with and/or shall remain on file with the Township Tax Collector until said charges are paid the lien is released in the matter required by law.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-87. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-88 RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, New Jersey, that the budget shall constitute appropriations for the purpose stated herein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$6,763,854.83

for the local tax to be raised by taxation for Municipal Purposes and \$230,200.00 for the local tax to be raised by taxation for Municipal Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation and certification to the County Board of Taxation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in the Courier Post Newspaper in the issue of March 23, 2017. The Governing Body of the Township of Berlin does hereby approve the following Budget for the Calendar Year 2017. Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden on March 13, 2017. A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Berlin Township Municipal Hall – A Shared Services Center, 135 Route 73 South, West Berlin, NJ 08091, on April 10, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.; at which time and place objections to said budget and tax resolution for the calendar year 2017 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-88. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-89 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.

Dated: February 15, 2017
Dana O’Hara, CTC - Tax Collector

NAME	BLOCK/LOT	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
T-Mobile Site#PH0248A	703-2 T03	2017	2972.11	Tax Record Deleted Antenna Removed
T-Mobile Site#PH0246A	1416-3 T03	2017	2972.11	Tax Record Deleted Antenna Removed
			\$ 5944.22	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.

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Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-89. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-90 RESOLUTION TO GRANT THE RELEASE OF ESCROW MONIES FOR ROBERT W. GIBSON.

WHEREAS, Robert Gibson, 208 Fourth Avenue West Berlin NJ 08091, Block 614 Lot 1 has requested the release of the escrows for a subdivision application; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has recommended that the Township grant the request for the release of \$547.69 in escrow funds, since all the final bills have been submitted and paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the request for the release of the escrows for Robert W. Gibson is hereby granted.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-90. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-91 RESOLUTION WAIVING SENIOR BUILDING FEES FOR THE BERLIN LIONS CLUB EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST.

WHEREAS, the Berlin Lions Club is holding an Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 1, 2017 and is requesting the senior building fee be waived as they are a non-profit organization.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the fee for the senior building is hereby waived.

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza, second by Councilman McIntosh to adopt Resolution 2017-91. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2017-92 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CDGB YEAR 39 GRANT AGREEMENT.

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 39 (2017-2018) and:

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WHEREAS, the grant estimated allocation for 2017-2018 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):

- 1) Continue the Improvements to the Senior Citizen Center

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 39 (2017-2018).

RESOLUTION 2017 -93 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA) COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017.

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes contracting units to purchase goods, or to contract for services, may make purchases and contracts for services through the use of nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, when available: and

Whereas, the nationally-recognized National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative Pricing System, herein referred to as NJPA Cooperative Purchasing System, has offered voluntary participation in the national cooperative purchase agreement for the purchase of goods and services; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Township of Berlin to join the NJPA Cooperative System to purchase goods and services, to make the procurement process more efficient and to provide cost savings to the Township; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Governing Body of the Township of Berlin, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Governing Body of the Township of Berlin hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Township Clerk to enter into a member participation agreement and to participate in the NJPA Cooperative Pricing System for the calendar year of 2017 and the Township shall be responsible to ensure that the goods and or services procured through the NJPA Cooperative Purchasing System shall comply with all applicable laws of the State of New Jersey, Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

All Other Business

Mayor Magazzu stated that due to the pending snow storm no trash collection will be provided tomorrow.

Public Portion

MARCH 13, 2017

Motion by Council President Morris, second by Councilwoman Bodanza 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.

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 for questions or comments.

Adjourn

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by, Council President Morris to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 am. Motion carried by voice vote, all members voting in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm.

Catherine Underwood, Township Clerk