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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 11, 2020 AT 12 Noon

(Meeting was by telephone conference due to Coronavirus)

Mayor Magazzu opened the meeting by telephone 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, Council President, Morris, Councilman Epifanio, Councilwoman Bodanza, Councilman Sykes

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

Public Present- Carolyn Picciotti

Absent-

Mayor Magazzu asked for a moment of silence in honor of Gary Reed an employee who passed away last week. Mayor remarked that Gary was a great guy and an employee for over 30 years. He will be missed by many!

Departmental Reports

Chuck Riebel, Berlin Township Engineer stated that we have advertised to except bids for NJDOT Improvements for Clarence Avenue and Spruce Avenue. Engineer, Chuck Riebel requested for a Special Meeting on Friday May 29, 2020 to award a contract in order to secure funding.

Township Engineer stated that Municipal Aid applications need to be submitted electronically by July 1, 2020. Chuck comment that he would like to submit the application at our next meeting.

Chuck Riebel send's his condolence to the Reed Family and stated that the department is saddened by the passing of Gary.

Leonard Check, Chief of Police
Nothing new to report at this time

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Josh Shellenberger, Property Maintenance stated that he has been working on property maintenance issues with in town. Josh stated that he has been informing residents for trash, high grass and the suspension of bulk trash due to the coronavirus.

RESOLUTION 2020-112 PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR MAY.

Resolution was withdrawn no action was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2020-113 RESOLUTION APPOINTING VINCENT FORTE
PATROLMAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made to the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin to appoint Vincent Forte as Patrolman in the Township Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Township Council have reviewed the recommendation and found same to be acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin that it hereby authorizes and approves the appointment of Vincent Forte, Patrolman in the Township Police Department effective May 18, 2020.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Councilwoman Bodanza to adopt resolution 2020-113. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes for April 27, 2020

Motion by Councilwoman Bodanza second by Council President Morris to approve the Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2020. Motion carried by voice vote, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Consent Agenda for April 2020

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman Sykes to approve the Consent Agenda for April 2020. Motion carried by voice vote, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Correspondence Calendar for April 2020

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman Sykes to approve the Correspondence Calendar for April 2020. Motion carried by voice vote, five members present voting in the affirmative.

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All Other Business

All of Berlin Township yearlong events have been postponed until further notice due to the Coronavirus.

Public Portion

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 Councilman Sykes, 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 President Morris, second by Councilman Sykes to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, all members voting in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned 12:20 pm

**Catherine Underwood
Berlin Township RMC**