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**MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN,
CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AT BERLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL HALL
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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, Council President Bodanza, Councilman McHenry, Councilman McHenry, Councilman Epifanio, Councilman Reid

Also Present- Solicitor, Christopher Norman, CFO, Alex Davidson, Chief of Police, Louis Bordi Property Maintenance / Animal Control, Josh Shellenberger, Township Engineer / Public Works Director, Chuck Riebel

Absent-

Mayor Magazzu asked for a moment of silence for Deptford Police Officer Robert Shisler who passed away this week.

Departmental Reports- no reports

RESOLUTION 2023-101 RESOLUTION TO READ THE CY 2023 BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-8, as amended by L.2015, c. 95 14, 2015, provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the hearing, a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection, and has been available to each person upon request; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, New Jersey, that the budget shall be read by title only.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Councilman Reid to adopt resolution 2023-101. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative

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PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTRODUCED BUDGET.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President 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 the budget.

No comments were to be heard

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Council President 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 the budget.

RESOLUTION 2023-102 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AS INTRODUCED BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2023 was approved on the 3rd day of April, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and members of Township Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, that the following amendments to the approved budget of year 2023 be made:

General Budget

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
GENERAL REVENUES		
1. Surplus Anticipated	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,432,820.88</u>
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
(B) State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations		
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund <u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$67,179.12</u>
(B) Total State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations		<u>\$1,296,749.00</u>
<u>\$1,363,928.12</u>		
7. Total General Revenues	<u>\$11,681,295.47</u>	<u>\$11,681,295.47</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

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Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Council President Bodanza to adopt resolution 2023-102. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

ADOPT 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

Motion by Council President Bodanza, seconded by Councilman Epifanio to adopt year 2023 municipal Budget. Budget adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-103 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO REFLECT YEAR 2023.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department personal property by making the personal property available to municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipality and county LEA's to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEA's, these entities are responsible for the cost associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the Berlin Township Police department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from February 8th,2023 to December 31st 2023; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Berlin Township Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll and to acquire items of non-controlled property designated "DEMIL A" which include, office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, nonmilitary vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal system, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction material, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, manned and un-manned vehicle robots and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the need of the Township of Berlin without restriction.

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-103. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-104 RESOLUTION TO WAIVE YARD SALE PERMITS FOR THE MONTEBELLO WOMANS CLUB FOR A COMMUNITY YARD SALE TO BE HELD ON MAY 20, 2023.

WHEREAS the Montebello Woman's Club wishes to hold a community yard sale on May 20, 2023, rain date May 21; and

WHEREAS the Montebello Woman's Club request that the yard sale permit fee be waived for all resident who participate on the Community yard sale on May 20, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin that the Yard Sale permits be waived for all the residents who participate in Montebello Woman's Community Yard Sale.

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-104. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-105 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-3 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-3 et seq. provides for receipt of affordable housing fees by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and,

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFOE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, New Jersey as follows;

1. The Mayor and Council does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-3.
2. The Clerk of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-105. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-106 PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR MAY 2023.

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.

CONFIRMING:

Check #	Check Date	Vendor Name	PO #	Charge Account	Amount
10174	4/25/2023	ACERBO'S AUTO TRIM & LETTERING	23-00346	3-01-25-240-2058	\$ 380.00
10175	4/25/2023	ATLANTIC TACTICAL OF NJ	22-00969	2-01-25-240-2298	\$ 5,328.05
10176	4/25/2023	AT&T MOBILITY	23-00434	3-01-31-440-2076	\$ 694.68
10177	4/25/2023	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	23-00093	3-01-25-240-2042	\$ 1,485.00
10178	4/25/2023	BILLOWS ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO.	23-00340	3-01-26-310-2024	\$ 271.14
10179	4/25/2023	CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE	23-00044	3-01-25-240-2042	\$ 400.00

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10180	4/25/2023	CAMDEN COUNTY TREASURER	23-00446	3-01-55-208-0000		1,289,508.06
						\$
10180	4/25/2023	CAMDEN COUNTY TREASURER	23-00446	3-01-55-208-0000		85,485.19
						\$
10180	4/25/2023	CAMDEN COUNTY TREASURER	23-00446	3-01-55-211-0000		35,862.36
				C-04-15-860-		\$
10181	4/25/2023	CAMPBELL FOUNDRY COMPANY	23-00396	070809		330.00
						\$
10182	4/25/2023	CARLAMERE & ROWAN	ES-00302	2019-00421		175.00
						\$
10182	4/25/2023	CARLAMERE & ROWAN	ES-00303	2022-00452		100.00
						\$
10183	4/25/2023	CHERRY HILL DODGE	23-00380	3-01-26-315-2025		170.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00370	3-01-26-290-2032		608.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00370	3-01-26-305-2032		636.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00370	3-01-26-310-2032		636.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00370	3-01-26-315-2032		636.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00370	3-01-28-375-2032		636.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00370	3-07-55-502-2032		636.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00392	3-07-55-502-2072		140.00
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00392	3-01-26-310-2110		392.30
						\$
10184	4/25/2023	CINTAS CORPORATION	23-00392	3-07-55-502-2106		415.28
						\$
10185	4/25/2023	CIRCLE GARDEN CENTER	23-00388	3-01-28-375-2058		504.00
						\$
10186	4/25/2023	COMCAST	23-00423	3-01-26-310-2020		156.57
				C-04-15-860-		\$
10187	4/25/2023	DIAMOND TECHNOLOGIES LLC	23-00377	070809		5,667.67
						\$
10188	4/25/2023	DRAGER, INC.	23-00320	3-01-25-240-2136		240.00
				C-04-15-860-		\$
10189	4/25/2023	EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	23-00322	160406		1,025.00
						\$
10190	4/25/2023	EDWIN GRAMLEY	23-00409	3-01-25-240-2129		50.00
						\$
10190	4/25/2023	EDWIN GRAMLEY	23-00409	3-01-25-240-2105		53.21
						\$
10190	4/25/2023	EDWIN GRAMLEY	23-00409	3-01-25-240-2032		55.00

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10190	4/25/2023	EDWIN GRAMLEY	23-00409	3-01-25-240-2105	5.20	\$
10190	4/25/2023	EDWIN GRAMLEY	23-00409	3-01-25-240-2036	55.87	\$
10190	4/25/2023	EDWIN GRAMLEY	23-00409	3-01-25-240-2093	43.06	\$
10190	4/25/2023	EDWIN GRAMLEY	23-00409	3-01-25-240-2058	25.49	\$
10191	4/25/2023	GALLS, LLC	22-00736	2-01-25-240-2032	3,076.44	\$
10192	4/25/2023	GARDEN STATE HIGHWAY PROD, INC	23-00199	3-01-26-290-2145	1,530.20	\$
10193	4/25/2023	GRAN TURK EQUIPMENT CO.,INC.	23-00393	3-01-26-315-2025	285.15	\$
10194	4/25/2023	GREAT AMERICA SERVICES CORP.	23-00406	3-01-20-110-2120	257.50	\$
10194	4/25/2023	GREAT AMERICA SERVICES CORP.	23-00406	3-01-20-120-2022	257.50	\$
10194	4/25/2023	GREAT AMERICA SERVICES CORP.	23-00406	3-01-20-145-2022	257.50	\$
10194	4/25/2023	GREAT AMERICA SERVICES CORP.	23-00406	3-01-20-150-2023	90.00	\$
10194	4/25/2023	GREAT AMERICA SERVICES CORP.	23-00406	3-07-55-502-2022	257.50	\$
10195	4/25/2023	HOME DEPOT - CREDIT SERVICES	23-00421	C-04-15-860-070809	3,082.46	\$
10195	4/25/2023	HOME DEPOT - CREDIT SERVICES	23-00421	3-01-26-310-2024	197.88	\$
10196	4/25/2023	KEY ENGINEERS, INC.	23-00387	3-01-20-165-2028	1,105.00	\$
10196	4/25/2023	KEY ENGINEERS, INC.	ES-00305	2018-00308	935.00	\$
10196	4/25/2023	KEY ENGINEERS, INC.	ES-00306	2021-00437	2,037.50	\$
10197	4/25/2023	KEY SUPPLY, INC.	ES-00304	2022-00452	1,912.50	\$
10198	4/25/2023	LAUREL LAWNMOWER SERVICE, INC.	23-00359	3-01-28-375-2058	767.76	\$
10198	4/25/2023	LAUREL LAWNMOWER SERVICE, INC.	23-00400	3-01-28-375-2058	44.59	\$
10199	4/25/2023	LFB PLANNING LLC	23-00408	MISC-00001	155.00	\$
10199	4/25/2023	LFB PLANNING LLC	23-00408	3-01-20-165-2020	1,937.50	\$
10200	4/25/2023	LOWE'S	23-00427	C-04-15-860-070809	89.63	\$
10200	4/25/2023	LOWE'S	23-00427	3-01-26-290-2144	997.92	\$

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10201	4/25/2023	MAJESTIC OIL COMPANY, INC.	23-00405	3-01-31-447-2074	\$ 12,676.44
10201	4/25/2023	MAJESTIC OIL COMPANY, INC.	23-00405	3-07-55-502-2074	\$ 6,641.87
10202	4/25/2023	MATRIX MAINTENANCE SUPPLY	23-00394	3-01-26-310-2035	\$ 558.42
10203	4/25/2023	MCM TECH SOLUTIONS	23-00435	3-01-20-130-2028	\$ 323.00
10203	4/25/2023	MCM TECH SOLUTIONS	23-00435	3-01-25-240-2028	\$ 1,278.00
10204	4/25/2023	METLIFE	23-00410	T-18-56-850-020900	\$ 899.00
10204	4/25/2023	METLIFE	23-00445	T-18-56-850-020900	\$ 899.00
10205	4/25/2023	MID ATLANTIC PUMP & EQUIPMENT	23-00348	3-07-55-502-2108	\$ 660.00
10206	4/25/2023	NJ UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENATION	23-00428	T-18-56-850-029707	\$ 3,971.50
10207	4/25/2023	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	23-00402	3-07-55-502-2107	\$ 126.55
10208	4/25/2023	THE PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	23-00448	MISC-00001	\$ 70.00
10208	4/25/2023	THE PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	23-00448	3-01-20-155-2020	\$ 1,925.00
10208	4/25/2023	THE PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	23-00448	3-01-20-155-2020	\$ 87.50
10208	4/25/2023	THE PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	23-00448	3-01-20-155-2020	\$ 385.00
10208	4/25/2023	THE PLATT LAW GROUP, P.C.	23-00448	3-01-20-155-2020	\$ 437.50
10209	4/25/2023	PRINT KREATIONS	23-00438	3-01-26-310-2036	\$ 10.82
10210	4/25/2023	PROGAS INC.	23-00424	3-01-31-447-2074	\$ 24.75
10211	4/25/2023	RICOH USA, INC	23-00417	3-01-20-130-2023	\$ 330.00
10211	4/25/2023	RICOH USA, INC	23-00417	3-01-20-130-2023	\$ 186.00
10212	4/25/2023	ROMEO, DONNA	23-00436	3-01-55-101-0100	\$ 500.00
10213	4/25/2023	ROWAN COLLEGE OF SOUTH JERSEY	23-00372	3-07-55-502-2042	\$ 999.00
10214	4/25/2023	RUTGERS,THE STATE UNIVERSITY	23-00386	3-07-55-502-2042	\$ 481.00
10215	4/25/2023	RUTGER, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	22-01064	2-07-55-502-2042	\$ 925.00
10215	4/25/2023	RUTGER, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	23-00333	3-01-26-310-2108	\$ 54.00

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10216	4/25/2023	R & W LOCK AND HARDWARE	23-00407	3-01-26-310-2024	6.00	\$
10216	4/25/2023	R & W LOCK AND HARDWARE	23-00407	3-01-26-310-2024	85.00	\$
10217	4/25/2023	SECRET DESIGN	23-00443	3-01-20-110-2028	168.25	\$
10217	4/25/2023	SECRET DESIGN	23-00443	3-01-20-110-2028	110.00	\$
10218	4/25/2023	SOUTHERN NJ EMPLOYEE BEN FUND	23-00418	3-01-23-220-2092	2,307.00	\$
10218	4/25/2023	SOUTHERN NJ EMPLOYEE BEN FUND	23-00418	3-01-23-220-2092	1,435.00	\$
10219	4/25/2023	SPAULDING MFG INC	22-00725	C-04-21-800- 210002	43,725.00	\$
10220	4/25/2023	STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	23-00239	3-01-25-240-2093	90.00	\$
10220	4/25/2023	STATE TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY	23-00284	3-01-25-240-2093	135.00	\$
10221	4/25/2023	TACTICAL PUBLIC SAFETY, LLC	23-00366	3-01-25-240-2139	224.00	\$
10222	4/25/2023	TIRE CORRAL OF AMERICA, INC.	23-00391	3-01-26-315-2025	93.55	\$
10223	4/25/2023	TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	23-00429	3-01-26-510-2151	2,000.00	\$
10224	4/25/2023	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	ES-00301	3-01-55-290-0000	4,906.00	\$
10225	4/25/2023	UNITED ROTARY BRUSH CORP	23-00379	3-01-26-510-2038	1,407.67	\$
10226	4/25/2023	VAL-U AUTO PARTS	23-00420	3-01-26-315-2025	1,119.33	\$
10227	4/25/2023	VCI EMERG. VEHICLE SPECIALIST	23-00384	3-01-25-240-2139	390.50	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00404	3-07-55-502-2076	55.39	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00404	3-07-55-502-2076	55.39	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00404	3-07-55-502-2076	51.17	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00404	3-07-55-502-2076	55.39	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00404	3-07-55-502-2076	55.39	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00404	3-07-55-502-2076	55.39	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00404	3-07-55-502-2076	55.39	\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	56.42	\$

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10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	90.22	
						\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	51.42	
						\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	492.42	
						\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	221.06	
						\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	135.67	
						\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	262.56	
						\$
10228	4/25/2023	VERIZON	23-00426	3-01-31-440-2076	359.55	
						\$
10229	4/25/2023	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	23-00449	3-01-25-240-2028	178.54	
						\$
10230	4/25/2023	VERIZON WIRELESS	23-00437	3-01-25-240-2028	266.09	
						\$
10231	4/25/2023	WADE SALVAGE, INC.	23-00397	3-01-32-465-2020	370.00	
						\$
10231	4/25/2023	WADE SALVAGE, INC.	23-00401	3-01-32-465-2020	370.00	
						\$
10231	4/25/2023	WADE SALVAGE, INC.	23-00425	3-01-32-465-2020	249.60	
						\$
10232	4/25/2023	W.B. MASON	23-00389	3-01-20-130-2036	145.98	
						\$
10233	4/25/2023	WHARTON LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES	23-00398	3-01-32-465-2020	90.00	
						\$1,548,455.35

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-106. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-107 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

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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:

<u>Property: Block/Lot</u>	<u>REASON</u>
250 Fairview Ave. B-1308 L-40.02	lawncare

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>
250 Fairview Ave. B-1308 L-40.02	5/8/23	\$75.00	lawn care

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

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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 Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-107. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-108 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: March 21, 2023
Dana O'Hara, CTC - Tax Collector

NAME	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REASON
Derek Stone	2023	709-15	250.00	Veteran
Bernard Buczko	2023	606-2	250.00	Veteran

\$ 500.00 Total Uncollectible - November

Submitted for the May 8, 2023 meeting.

Dana O'Hara, CTC – Tax Collector

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 Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-108. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-109 CONFIRMING 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 cancelled and that I be relieved of the collection thereof as required by Revised Statutes

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of New Jersey, 1937, Title 54, Chapter 4.

NAME	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REASON
Brian P. Morales Block 810 Lot 2	2022	Prior Year November Installment	205.32	100% Disabled Veteran Per NJSA 54:4-3.30et seq
	2023	Preliminary (Feb Qtr)	1542.17	Effective 12/20/2022 Uncollectible & Cancel (Paid & To Be Refunded)
	2023	Preliminary (May Qtr)	1542.16	Uncollectible & Cancel
			\$ 3,289.65	TOTAL Uncollectible & Cancelled

WHEREAS, the homeowner is responsible for the payment of real estate taxes for property located in the Township of Berlin, and the owner has previously paid taxes at settlement for the dates of ownership prior to the submission of application for exemption; and

WHEREAS, after the taxes are now to be cancelled from the date of application due to 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status causing the payment received to become an overpayment which needs to be refunded, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a refund be made in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred forty-seven dollars and forty-nine cents (\$ 1,747.49) to:

Brian P. Morales
387 Morton Avenue
West Berlin, NJ 08091

**Submitted by Dana OHara,
CTC, Tax Collector for the May 8, 2023 Meeting.**

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-109. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-110 CONFIRMING 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

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cancelled and that I be relieved of the collection thereof as required by Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, Title 54, Chapter 4.

NAME	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	REASON
Kimeisha K Mc Laren Block 216 Lot 6	2022	Prior Year November Installment	67.32	100% Disabled Veteran Per NJSA 54:4-3.30et seq Effective 12/20/2022 Uncollectible & Cancel Paid & To Be Refunded)
	2023	Preliminary	4045.65	Uncollectible & Cancel
		\$ 4,112.97	TOTAL	Uncollectible & Cancelled

WHEREAS, the homeowner is responsible for the payment of real estate taxes for property located in the Township of Berlin, and the owner has previously paid taxes at settlement for the dates of ownership prior to the submission of application for exemption; and

WHEREAS, after the taxes are now to be cancelled from the date of application due to 100% Disabled Veteran Exempt Status causing the payment received to become an overpayment which needs to be refunded, so;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a refund be made in the amount of Sixty-seven dollars and thirty-two cents (\$ 67.32) to:

Kimeisha Mc Laren
184 Clifton Avenue
West Berlin, NJ 08091

**Submitted by Dana OHara,
CTC, Tax Collector for the May 8, 2023 Meeting.**

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-110. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023- 111 RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ACCESS CONTROLS FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO EAW SECURITY.

WHEREAS, the Township of Berlin solicited competitive bids pursuant to a fair and open process as defined by NJSA 40A:11-4; and

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WHEREAS, EAW Security and SMS Building Systems submitted bids on May 3, 2023 which were publicly opened; and

WHEREAS, SMS Building Systems has been determined to be a non-responsive bidder as defined by NJSA 40A:11-2 due to material bid specification exceptions; and

WHEREAS, EAW Security Group was therefore determined to be the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$87,775.15; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the funds available for this bid; and the bid documents and bidding procedures have been reviewed and approved by the Municipal Solicitor; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that a contract for Access Controls for the Municipal Building and Police Department is hereby awarded to EAW Security Group in the amount of \$87,775.15.

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-111. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2023-112 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT FUND (LTPF) GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MYRTLE AVENUE.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (N.J.D.O.T) is accepting applications for the 2023 Local Transportation Project Fund (LTPF) for various improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Berlin Township Mayor and Council desires to apply to the N.J.D.O.T for Local Transportation Project Funds for the Improvements to Myrtle Avenue to address the flooding issues at the low point in Myrtle, construct handicap ramps and crosswalks at the intersections with Chestnut Avenue and Magnolia Avenue and construct sidewalk, where missing, along the street

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Berlin Township formally approves the LTPF grant application for the Improvements to Myrtle Avenue, from Chestnut Avenue to Magnolia Avenue,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as LTPF- Improvements to Myrtle Avenue- 00128 to the New Jersey Departments of Transportation on behalf of Berlin Township.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the LTPF grant application on behalf of Berlin Township and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to adopt resolution 2023-112. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Mercantile License

- 1) Phillip T. Kerchner, Ewing Irrigation and Landscaping Supply.** 414 Bloomfield Drive. Office Warehouse Irrigation Company.
- 2) Anthony Minervini, Breaker Group.** 403 Bloomfield Drive Unit 2. Office and Warehouse for an IT Company.
- 3) Salvatore Cusumano, Angelo's Pizza.** 168 Haddon Avenue. Pizza Shop.
- 4) Salvatore Cusumano, Haddon Bagels.** 168 Haddon Avenue. Bagel Shop.
- 5) Irfan Sabir, Berlin Yogurtland.** 200 Rt 73 North Suite N-7D Frozen Yogurt and Ice Cream Franchise.

Motion by Council President Bodanza second by Councilman Epifanio to approve the Mercantile license above. Mercantile License approved by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative

Solicitor Permit

- 1) Marco Michetti, Sun Run Solar.** Solar Panel Installation and General Contracting. Permit expires on November 8, 2023.

Motion by Councilman Reid second by Councilman Epifanio to approve the Solicitor Permit above. Solicitor permit approved by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative

Approval of April 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio second by Councilman Reid to approve the Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2023. Motion carried by voice vote, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Correspondence Calendar for March and April 2023.

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Motion by Council President Bodanza, second by Councilman Epifanio to approve the Consent Agenda for March 2023 and April 2023 Motion carried by voice vote, five members present voting in the affirmative.

Consent Agenda for March and April 2023.

Motion by Councilman Epifanio, second by Councilman Reid to approve the Correspondence Calendar for March 2023 and April 2023. Motion carried by voice vote, five members present voting in the affirmative.

All Other Business

1) Memorial Day Event

2) Community Campout June 17, 2023

Public Portion

Motion by Council President Bodanza, second by Councilman Reid 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.

Montebello Resident asked the Engineer if it is reasonable for the builder to release bonds prior to the work being completed. Chuck responded that they did 2 separate bonds one for the underground and the other for the top course and sidewalks and yes, it is reasonable to release one of the bonds if the work is completed.

No more comments were to be heard

Montebello resident who resides on the board for Montebello asked about a statement made in the minutes from an engineer's report on the proposal to plant 81 evergreen trees by Piedmont Blvd and Taranto Lane.

Chuck responded that a revision was later done for a storm drain so the tree could not be planted.

No more comments were to be heard

Motion by Council President Bodanza, second by Councilman Epifanio 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 comment.

Adjourn

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

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Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm

**Catherine Underwood
Berlin Township RMC**