

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

BERLIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

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 Epifanio (zoom), Councilman Lydic(zoom), Councilman McHenry, Councilman Reid

Also, Present- Solicitor, Christopher Orlando (zoom), Chief of Police, Louis Bordi

RESOLUTION 2025-193 AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VOORHEES TOWNSHIP FOR THE SERVICES OF A POLICE CHIEF.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Township of Berlin ("Berlin") is authorized to enter into an agreement for shared services; and

WHEREAS, Voorhees Township ("Voorhees") and Berlin are parties to a Shared Services Agreement ("Agreement") pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) ("Shared Services Act"), whereby Voorhees' Chief of Police, Louis J. Bordi, provides the services of a Police Chief to Berlin; and

WHEREAS, under the Shared Services Act, any local unit may enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units; and

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WHEREAS, the Camden County Association of Chiefs of Police, via letter correspondence dated July 28, 2022, from Chief Kevin Carey of the Collingswood Police Department, President of the Camden County Association of Chiefs of Police expressed support for the shared police chief/shared police chief services between Voorhees and Berlin; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is set to expire on November 30, 2025 and the parties desire to extend the Agreement through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council finds that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Berlin to extend the Shared Services Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berlin as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Shared Services Agreement in a form to be approved by the Township Solicitor with Voorhees Township for the Services of a Police Chief.
2. The Shared Services Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Berlin Township.
3. The Clerk of the Township of Voorhees is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution and a copy of the fully executed Agreement upon Solicitor approval to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

Motion by Councilman Reid second by Councilman McHenry to adopt resolution 2025-193. Resolution adopted by call of the roll, five members present voting in the affirmative.

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All Other Business

Tree Lighting Event will be Friday December 5, 2025 7:00 pm

Public Portion

Motion by Councilman McHenry 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.

Berlin Township Resident asked what was the logic in extending the Chief Bordi for another month when you announced on September 16, 2025 that Captain FitzGibbon would be stepping in the roll as the next Chief. What is the purpose of 30 day extension.

Resident also remarked about the lack of transparency with the meeting being held at 12:30 in the afternoon before a holiday. She responded that the 48 Meeting notice had not been met and deems this meeting not legitimate.

Township Solicitor Chris Orlando responded that New Jersey allows meeting on short notice for certain special purposes. The Courier Post had a delay in getting the notice in the paper. This meeting is legitimate.

Motion by Councilman McHenry second by Councilman Reid 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 Lydic, second by Councilman Reid to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 pm. Motion carried by voice vote, all members voting in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned 12:49:pm

Catherine Underwood
Berlin Township RMC