

Mayor Carl Kamm called the April 8, 2015, meeting of the Berlin Heights Council to order at 7:00P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance were: Richard Close, Richard Eckel, Karen Foster, Connie Ward and Bill Werner. Mayor Kamm presented the minutes of the March 11, 2015, meeting for approval. Ward moved and Close seconded to approve the minutes as written. All present voted aye. The minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 25, 2015 were presented. Eckel moved and Close seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye.

ZONING REPORT

Phillips stated that a zoning notice letter was sent to a home on South St. concerning the motor home parked in the yard, and a zoning violation notice to Ortner's on Center St. concerning the dump truck full of trash parked in the yard. Citation may follow if the homeowners do not resolve the violations. She also stated that 3 zoning permits have been issued.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Court fines of__ \$90.00__; State Costs_ \$0.00_ were received from Erie County Court. The police activity report for March, 2015, was presented. The report will be placed on file. The Erie Regional Planning Commission 2015 Spring Report was presented. The Planning Commission Meeting Report was presented. 25 tons of salt have been ordered through ODOT. The water issue on Rte. 61 is still an issue, and the Mayor continues to investigate options to address the problem. North Central EMS ambulance contract is under review. North Central has been asked to provide a yearly flat fee quote instead of a per run charge. June 30th will be the police dispatch contract end date. The Sheriff's office will handle dispatch starting on July 1.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	\$ 22,296.72	PAYROLL	\$ 7,881.91
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 98,279.12	BILLS	\$17,138.57
TOTAL	\$120,575.84	TOTAL	\$25,020.48

Close moved and Werner seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye. A line item transfer of \$1,000.00 from 730-590 (Capital) to 290-399 (Ambulance) was requested. Ward moved and Eckel seconded to approve the transfer. All voted aye.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor requested an ordinance containing the approval of the salary amount paid for a former zoning inspector. Strickler will present it at the May meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street- Leuszler has been given a list of things needing to be done about the village. Catch basins need to be cleaned on a regular rotation, decorations need to be taken down from the poles and stored.

Park- Sharon Bittner will now be handling reservations at the park. She has concerns with opening and closing the restrooms. Police to continue to open, except Sundays and police will lock Friday and Saturday. Volunteers will need to lock Sunday through Thursday. Volunteers are needed for a spring clean-up. It is time to install the new tennis net.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewalk inspection will hopefully start this Saturday at 9:00A.M. and the Mayor, Ward, and Phillips will walk the village and mark areas that are in need of repairs or replacement.

The Solicitor then presented ORDINANCE 2015-O5 PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE OPERATION OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(J) OF THE REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ward moved and Foster seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Eckel moved and Ward seconded to adopt Ordinance 2015-O5 as an emergency. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye.

The Solicitor then presented ORDINANCE 2015-O6 PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(A) OF THE REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Close moved and Werner seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Eckel moved and Ward seconded to adopt Ordinance 2015-O6 as an emergency. All present voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

The need for a parking ordinance for Lake and W. Main Streets was discussed. It was suggested there be no overnight parking for all vehicles from 2a.m.-6a.m in a commercial district on Lake and West Main Streets. The Solicitor will present an Ordinance in May.

In cooperation with Erie County, Mason Road will be resurfaced this summer for an estimated \$11,770.00. Foster moved and Close seconded to approve spending the monies to have our half of the road paved. All voted yes.

2016 CDBG grant applications are now due. It was decided not to apply for next year.

The Mayor reported the receipt of \$15,115.50 from the Erie County Community Foundation and the Dorn Foundation to replace the Community Signs on Rte. 61. Eckel moved and Ward seconded that the Village gratefully accept the grant funds. All voted aye. The Mayor will lead the project, and volunteers to help with the designs are welcome.

It was brought up that 2016 is the Bicentennial Year for Berlin Heights. All are open to ideas on the celebration. Ward will approach the Basket Festival Committee about incorporating this into the 2016 Basket Festival.

Council discussed the employment of a new Fiscal Officer, and the decision was made to hold a Finance Committee meeting to interview interested candidates.

Ward moved and Werner seconded to excuse Marshall Cade from the meeting. All voted aye.

ADJOURN: 8:15P.M.

Mayor Carl J. Kamm

Attest: Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer