

Mayor Connie Ward called the January 13, 2021, meeting of the Berlin Heights Council to order at 7:00P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance were: Lisa Marcum-Tittle, Taylor Opfer, Joseph Myers, Russ Bristol, and Brett Leimeister. Others in attendance were Randy Strickler and Dan Soisson. The minutes of the December 18, 2020 meeting was presented to the Council. Opfer moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to approve. All present voted aye.

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

Opfer moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to elect Brett Leimeister as Council President Pro Tempore. All present voted aye.

Leimeister moved and Opfer seconded to retain the same Rules of Council for the year 2021. All present voted aye.

Chris Warren was reappointed to Berlin Heights Planning Commission.

Connie Ward will be representative to Regional Planning and Brett Leimeister will be the alternate.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Dan Soisson, new Zoning Inspector was introduced to Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

November distribution of \$588.00 were received from Erie County Court.

Police report for December was received and placed on file.

Discussion was held about possible street committee for accessing and starting a rotation to repair streets.

Additional Christmas lights and garland to be ordered.

Discussion about amending Employee Handbook for additional paid holidays, currently only received 5.

Council salaries will be discussed at next meeting.

Street employee does not received time and ½ on holidays because they are not full time.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	\$526,870.68	PAYROLL	\$ 11,117.66
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 61,664.87	BILLS	\$ 12,744.07
POLICE LEVY	\$ 85,986.60		
TOTAL	\$674,522.15	TOTAL	\$ 23,861.73

Leimeister moved and Myers seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Laurie Gunn House repairs has been filed with the court.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street- none

Park- none

Finance-Finance meeting will be held on January 23, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Republic contract was again discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Leimeister moved and Bristol seconded to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and employee compensation. Roll call vote: all yes.

Leimeister moved and Bristol seconded to adjourn executive session. Roll call vote: all yes.

Leimeister moved and Opfer seconded for the following employee raises and bonuses effective January 1, 2021.

Police Chief Schafer to \$45,320.00 /year; Part time Police Officers, to \$14.35/hour; Maintenance supervisor, Green to \$17.75/hour; Fiscal Officer to \$13,900.00/year; Leaf / Trash part time to \$9.00/hour; Part time maintenance remain at \$14.00/hour; Zoning Inspector remain at \$300.00/month. All present voted aye.

Basket Festival will be August 6th and 7th, Center Street will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and Village lot will be used with liquor license insurance provided. Leimeister moved and Myers seconded the approval.

Ohio Tree business located on Bellamy Road ask for an exemption for overweight vehicle. Council did not approve.

ADJOURN: Opfer moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to adjourn. All present voted aye.

Mayor Connie Ward

Attest: Kathy A. Deehr, Fiscal Officer