

Mayor Carl Kamm called the June 13, 2012, meeting of the Berlin Heights Council to order at 7:00P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance were: Marshall Cade, Richard Close, Richard Eckel, Karen Foster, and Connie Ward. Kamm presented the minutes of the May 9, 2012, meeting for approval. Foster moved and Ward seconded to accept the minutes as written. All present voted aye.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Ryan Nealy attended the meeting as a requirement for a badge he is working on in the Boy Scouts.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Fines of \$213.00 were received from Erie County Court.

The police activity report for the month of May, 2012, was presented. The report will be placed on file.

The Mayor announced to all present that Councilman Michael Oehling passed away on June 5, 2012. Council would like to do something in his memory. The idea of purchasing a tree and planting it at the Township Fire hall, along with a plaque honoring his years of service for the village and the fire department. Rich Close will follow up on that suggestion.

The Village received notice they were awarded the CDB GRANT for street improvements on Memorial Drive. \$20,000.00 was awarded, and work will commence in 2013.

The County is holding a household hazardous waste collection on June 30, 2012. You must register if you want to bring in waste.

### **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

STAR OHIO	\$112,674.38	BILLS	\$ 6,452.87
CITIZENS BANK	\$189,712.99	PAYROLL	\$ 9,385.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$302,387.37</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,838.81</b>

Close moved and Cade

seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye.

RESOLUTION 2012-R1 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AREAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS AS MEETING THE INFRASTRUCTURE SLUM AND BLIGHT DEFINITION OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) AND AUTHORIZING ERIE COUNTY, OHIO TO REQUEST CDBG FUNDS FOR THE COMING YEAR FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SAID INFRASTRUCTURE. Eckel moved and Cade seconded to adopt Resolution 2012-R1. All present voted aye.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

The Solicitor explained changes in the flood insurance ordinance. He received new information late in the week, so the filing of the ordinance has been tabled until next month.

A discussion was held about the water works property that was previously annexed into the village. At this time, the county is updating their zoning maps and the information on this property must be updated.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Street-** The Lake Street right of way has been cleared of large trees and brush, the flags have been hung, the storm drain on Memorial has been cleaned, and the final tally of our 4 day trash pickup is: 10 trips to the landfill with 15,420 lbs of trash costing \$401.04; fuel costing \$133.54; and wages of \$361.38 for a total cost to the village of \$895.96.

Leuszler has contacted Oglesby Construction for a quote to stripe Main Street.

**Park-** Ostheimer is in the process of raising the funds to work on his Eagle Scout project.

Vandals have again damaged the door closer on the men's restroom. Police lock and unlock the doors to the restrooms each day to keep the vandals at bay. Leuszler stated there is a sink hole in the center of the parking lot. They are looking into the cause of the problem.

**Finance-** The Fiscal Officer will have a temporary budget for 2013 ready for council's approval in July.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Zoning Inspector Nancy Tittle spoke to council about our building inspection contract with Huron Township. Though we have not had many new homes built in the Village, she feels it is an unnecessary burden on the homeowner to pay these extra fees to have their home inspected by John Zimmerman. As far as electrical inspections, if a certified electrician is not able to put an electrical seal on the meter, Ohio Edison will not approve the home for service. If the electrician is certified to hang the seal, no other inspection is necessary. At this time, nothing will change with the arrangement.

Close is trying to find a number to speak with a live person about an upgrade to the street lights

throughout the village. The newer lights use less electricity and will lower our bills. The Citizen of the Year vote was tabled last month to give members time to come up with a suitable name. Foster feels that the choice should be left to the Basket Festival Committee, not Council. Close stated that several of the committee members are not residents of the village, and do not know many people that have volunteered their assistance to Village throughout the years. It was voted by Council to choose the Special Citizen for this year. Close put out the name of Village resident Randy Foster, with Ward seconding that motion. Foster has worked many years on the Basket Committee, running the 5K Race. Through his tireless effort he brought in more runners, walkers, and money each year to help run the Festival. All voted aye.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Erie County Land Bank received a large amount of money to demolish empty, rundown, and seedy homes throughout the County. The Mayor inquired about homes in the village. A couple were mentioned, he added them to the list, and will forward the information to the County.

Erie County Engineer stated Berlin Road will have a seal coat applied from Main St. to Darrow Rd. It will cost the village \$3,800.00 to seal our portion of the road from Main St. to Mason Rd. The Mayor recommended we participate in the project as monies marked for Memorial Dr. will not be needed until next year, and this will free up enough money to handle the project. Close moved and Foster seconded to participate in the project. All in attendance voted yes.

Berlin Township has been awarded a grant for \$1,250.00 to collect scrap tires. Eckel moved and Ward seconded to join this venture, as it will be another step toward cleaning up our village and township. All present voted aye.

With the death of Michael Oehling, there is a vacancy on Council. Council has 30 days to make the replacement or the Mayor will have to fill the spot. Fliers have been placed about the Village to make residents aware of the need.

Close moved and Foster seconded to move into executive session to discuss the council vacancy. In a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Close moved and Foster seconded to leave executive session. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye.

**ADJOURN:** 8:28P.M.

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Carl J. Kamm, Mayor

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Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer