

Mayor Connie Ward called the January 8, 2020, meeting of the Berlin Heights Council to order at 7:00P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance were: Brett Leimeister, Taylor Opfer, Joseph Myers, and Lisa Marcum-Tittle. Others in attendance were Brad Green, Randy Strickler, Linda Phillips, C.J. Kamm, and Andrew Hogan.

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

Judge C. J. Kamm swore in new Council members Joseph Myers and Lisa Marcum –Tittle. Marcum-Tittle moved and Myers seconded to elect Brett Leimeister as Council President Pro Tempore. All present voted aye. Opfer moved and Leimeister seconded to retain the same Rules of Council for the year 2020. All present voted aye. Leimeister moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to approve the following 2020 Committee List: Denine Geishart reappointed to Planning Commission; Mark Malone appointed to Zoning Board of Appeals; Joseph Myers serve on Planning Commission; Taylor Opfer serve on Park Board. All present voted aye.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

ZONING INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Linda Phillips presented the Council with the 2019 yearly report and 4th quarter reports. Home Maintenance ordinance has 2 unanswered violations.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The police activity report for December was presented. The report will be placed on file. The Hinman Grant was submitted and approved in the amount of \$152,399.95 for a tractor, truck, and leaf machine.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	\$357,851.33	PAYROLL	\$ 12,159.20
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 47,225.44	BILLS	<u>26,484.87</u>
POLICE LEVY	\$ 19,755.79		
TOTAL	\$424,832.56	TOTAL	\$ 38,644.07

Marcum-Tittle moved and Leimeister seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street- Storm debris have been cleaned up. A generator for the Village Hall was discussed. Brad also suggested tar and chipping on some streets this year using County Program.

Park- none

Finance- Budget meeting was held on January 4, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

After discussion, Leimeister moved and Opfer seconded to have Solicitor send on last letter to the last two unanswered violations of the Home Maintenance Ordinance. All present voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Leimeister moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to accept Hinman Grant in the amount of \$152,399.95. All present voted aye.

Leimeister moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to amend the permanent appropriations for the year 2020 for the total amount of \$1,236,566.51. Roll call vote: all yes.

Leimeister moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to enter into executive session to discuss employee compensation. Roll call vote: all yes.

Myers moved and Opfer seconded to adjourn executive session. Roll call vote: all yes.

Opfer moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to amend the employee compensation Ordinance #2005-02 effective 1-1-20 with the following changes: Chief of Police range \$35,000.00 to \$55,000.00 per year; Other full time police officers range \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 per year; Other part time hourly employees range Ohio minimum wage per hour to \$25.00 per hour. Roll call vote: all yes.

Leimeister moved and Myers seconded for the following employee raises effective January 1, 2020: Part time

Police Officers to \$14.00/hour; Police Chief Schafer to \$44,000.00/year; Part time laborer to \$14.00/hour; Brad Green to \$17.25/hour; Zoning Inspector to \$300.00/month. All present voted aye.

Marcum-Tittle moved and Opfer seconded to increase Fiscal Officer salary to \$13,500.00/year. Roll call vote: Leimeister, yes; Opfer, yes; Marcum-Tittle, yes; Myers, abstain.

Marcum-Tittle moved and Leimeister seconded to approve transfer of \$1,010.00 from 730-352(insurance) to 790-225 (worker's compensation) in General fund in December, 2019. All present voted aye.

The Mayor has received 5 applications for Council Vacancy as of today.

Opfer moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to excuse Karen Foster from this meeting due to illness. All present voted aye.

ADJOURN: At 8:44pm Opfer moved and Marcum-Tittle seconded to adjourn. All present voted aye.

Mayor Connie Ward

Attest: Kathy A. Deehr, Fiscal Officer