

Mayor Carl Kamm called the October 15, 2014, meeting of the Berlin Heights Council to order at 7:04P.M. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance were: Marshall Cade, Richard Close, Richard Eckel, Karen Foster, Connie Ward, and Bill Werner. Kamm presented the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting for approval. Foster moved and Cade seconded to approve the minutes as written. All present voted aye.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bill Harris, a representative of the new Berlin Heights/Milan Salvation Army Service Unit, 4 W. Church St., PO Box 99, Milan, OH 44846; Phone: 567-401-6017; Email: salvationmilanunit@hotmail.com. Because this is a new office they are trying to get the word out to people in the 44846 & 44814 zip code area that they are there to help in numerous ways. Money is also available, they just need to call for further information.

ZONING INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Linda Phillips attended the meeting and presented Council with one new permit. She also provided a list of names of letters sent to area residences with items that needed to be corrected. A second list was provided with the names of the people that had completed the work. The majority of the sidewalk projects have been completed and their names removed. The big problem at this time is homeowners parking semi-trucks and trailers on residential properties. Zoning laws have been in effect for years without enforcement. She will send a second letter, advising they must move the truck or file an appeal with the Board of Zoning Appeals. There is a \$200.00 fee connected with the appeal and some members felt this fee should be waved. After a lengthy discussion, no action was taken.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Court fines of__ \$611.00__, and _\$35.00_ for DUI Fund were received from Erie County Court. The police activity report for September, 2014, was presented, and will be placed on file. The damage to the electrical line for the street lights on Main St. has been repaired for a cost of \$950.00. The Mayor has submitted the bill to the driver’s insurance. Trick or Treat will be Saturday, November 1st, from 4:30 – 6:30pm. It is unknown, at this time, whether there will be a food collection by the Drama Club. FEMA Meeting, October 28, 2 – 4pm, at the downtown County Office building, concerning Risk Mapping.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	\$ 91,585.46	BILLS	\$ 5,698.26
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 95,152.87	PAYROLL	\$12,650.51
TOTAL	\$186,738.33	TOTAL	\$18,348.77

Close moved and Cade seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye. Hoffman requested line item transfers: \$2,000 from 620-431 Streets to 730-399 Contracted Services; \$400 from 730-439 Siren Repair to 730-313 Natural Gas; \$360 from 790-345 Electric to 130-311 Street Lights; \$200 from 110-590 Capital to 110-390 Internet; \$182 from 730-311 Village Electric to 320-311 Park Electric; and \$166.66 from 930-930 Contingencies to 410-190 Zoning. Close moved and Ward seconded to approve the transfers. All voted aye.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street- Final trash pickup was held on September 16th. The township is still working on a time line to get the catch basins installed.

The street lights are working, but due to the outage the clock faces are not coordinated with the correct time. Hopefully, when the Christmas decorations go up they'll be able to correct the time.

Park- The park closing has been extended to November 1st.

Finance- No report.

OLD BUSINESS

All sidewalks have been completed for this year.

The County has not yet requested bids for the countywide recycling program. The bids were originally due in November, but delayed for unknown reasons. Bids are now scheduled to be due January 9, 2015, with a possible program start time of April, 2015. The Village has still not committed to this program.

NEW BUSINESS

A quote of \$2,800 was received from Franklin Sanitation for cleaning 30 catch basins per year. Ward moved and Cade seconded to schedule this service to be started in 2015. All voted aye.

The Mayor met with the Health Dept. concerning sewer installation in the Village. The Health Dept. would like to prepare an informal preliminary engineering report. They feel now is a good time to move forward as the project could take 4 to 5 years, and the grant monies readily available at this time to help fight algae and other pollutants in Lake Erie may dry up. The cost for homeowners was discussed. According to the professionals, on a per month basis, \$60 is considered too expensive for a viable program and \$45 is considered a good price. It was reiterated that the Village has is not committed to any project. The informal study is for informational purposes to ascertain the approximate total cost and footprint of the project, to provide important information for future discussion. Foster moved and Ward seconded to authorize the Erie County Health Dept. to schedule the preliminary engineering report. All present voted aye

Connie Ward brought up date of Saturday, November 29, 2014 for the installation of the Christmas lighting in the Village. The time is flexible, due to the OSU football game. She asked for help from Council.

ADJOURN: 8:15P.M.

Mayor Carl J. Kamm

Attest: Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer