

Mayor Carl Kamm called the March 14, 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 Eckel, Karen Foster, Michael Oehling, and Connie Ward. Kamm presented the minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting for approval. Oehling moved and Cade seconded to accept the minutes as written. All present voted aye.

### **COUNCIL ORGANIZATION**

Richard Eckel was sworn in to the office of Councilman.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Matt Old, Township Trustee, informed Council of a pending increase in cemetery plots. The price for a resident will rise from \$150 to \$300 and nonresident from \$300 to \$600.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Fines of \$210.00 were received from Erie County Court.

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

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

STAR OHIO	\$112,655.02	BILLS	\$ 15,931.35
CITIZENS BANK	\$168,796.00	PAYROLL	\$ 9,337.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$281,451.02</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,268.42</b>

Ward moved and Oehling seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Due to Solicitor Randall Strickler being out of town, the Mayor presented Ordinance 2012-O3 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO, for its third and final reading. Eckel moved and Foster seconded to adopt Ordinance 2012-O3. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye.

Ordinance 2012-O4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO, was brought before Council and read for the second time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Street-** Due to new State regulations, a sign count was conducted. 89 signs throughout the village will have to be replaced with the new reflectivity signs. Some of those 89 signs, on or bordering on SR61, will be the responsibility of ODOT.

The Bellamy Road catch basin has been cleaned.

Other projects in progress are: patching pot holes; straightening signs, cleaning up right of ways, and cleaning debris from the tops of all catch basins. It was discussed that the brush cleanup along SR61 will be put out for hire as larger equipment is needed than owned by the village. Crack sealing will also be worked on later in the summer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Five bids were received for the sale of the police car. The highest bidder was village resident, Heather Elber. Her bid was \$1,200.00. Oehling moved and Foster seconded to approve the Mayor selling the car. All present voted aye.

The Mayor presented the 2012 Committee roster. There are two vacancies: one on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the other on the Planning Commission. He asked Council to put out feelers to help fill these positions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The first village wide trash pickup will be held May 15<sup>th</sup>, with July 17<sup>th</sup> being chosen for the second, and the final pickup on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Goodwill would like to provide a truck on those days to collect articles not collected by the village. For example, electronics, computers and accessories, clothing, house wares, gently used furniture, working appliances. They will also take for recycling; nonworking appliances, computers, metal hangers, vehicles, etc. Council approved the truck.

**ADJOURN:** 7:34P.M.

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Carl J. Kamm III, Mayor

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Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer

