

Mayor Carl Kamm called the February 8, 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, Karen Foster, and Michael Oehling. Kamm presented the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting for approval. Strickler stated the last line of the minutes under Solicitor's Report should be revised to read, "The three above Ordinances were read as first readings as there were not enough council members present to suspend the three reading rule and adopt as an emergency." Oehling moved and Foster seconded to approve the minutes as amended. All present voted aye.

### **COUNCIL ORGANIZATION**

Marshall Cade was sworn in to the office of Councilman.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Scott Thom, Director of Construction for the Erie County Health Department gave his annual year end summary. He is in charge of plumbing installations, installation of manufactured homes, and the Healthy Homes Programs. The biggest program is testing for lead in homes. There were 311 tests run. His department also provides radon test kits. Call the Health Dept. if a kit is needed.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Fines of \$230.00 were received from Erie County Court.

The police activity report for the year ending in 2011 was presented, as well as, the activity report for the month of January, 2012. Chief Schafer stated \$15,283 dollars of appropriated funds were returned to the General Fund. This is the 35<sup>th</sup> year the department has ended with a surplus. The reports will be placed on file.

A thank you card from former mayor Kelly Moon was presented to council.

Due to a work related absence, Connie Ward asked to be excused from the meeting. Close moved and Foster seconded to approve the absence. All voted aye.

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

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| STAR OHIO     | \$187,650.72        | BILLS        | \$ 5,274.98         |
| CITIZENS BANK | <u>\$100,858.65</u> | PAYROLL      | <u>\$ 9,751.65</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$288,509.37</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$ 15,026.63</b> |

Close moved and Foster seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Ordinance 2012-O1 APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2012 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read. Close moved and Foster seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all present voted yes. Oehling moved and Foster seconded to adopt Ordinance 2012-O1 as an emergency. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye.

Ordinance 2012-O2 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAFFIC SIGN RETROREFLECTIVITY MAINTAINANCE PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read. Foster moved and Close seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Oehling moved and Cade seconded to adopt Ordinance 2012-O2 as an emergency. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye.

Ordinance 2012-O3 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS, OHIO, was read for the second time.

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 first time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Street-** The boundary roads will have the cracks sealed with the township doing the work, and the village sharing the cost. The work on the Mason Road catch basins continues.

#### **Park-**

**Finance-** The committee of Mayor Kamm, Karen Foster, Connie Ward, and Fiscal Officer Hoffman met February 4, 2012, at 9:00A.M. The Permanent Appropriations 2012 were worked on and will be presented to council for consideration.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The council vacancy was brought up by the Mayor. The three vying for the spot: Rebecca Vaughn, William Coleman, and Richard Eckel were all in attendance. Coleman and Eckel chose to make a short presentation, with Vaughn declining as she spoke the previous month. At this time Foster moved and Oehling seconded to move into executive session to discuss personnel. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Oehling moved and Foster seconded to remove them from executive session. In a roll call vote, all voted aye.

Following the session the Mayor stated, that because the 30 day time period had elapsed, the naming of the new

member to council would be at his discretion. He then appointed Richard Eckel to fill the vacant seat. The Mayor spoke to Sondra Willgrube concerning the village website she manages. He asked if she was willing to give up the website name used by the village. She stated she would have to think about that. Council had a discussion of possible names for the new website, if the need arises.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The 2012 Permanent Appropriations were presented to council. The Mayor noted a couple line item changes to council. Foster moved and Oehling seconded to adopt the 2012 Permanent Appropriations. In a roll call vote, all voted aye.

The Mayor inquired of the Solicitor what items are available to be purchased through the line item for Drug Law Enforcement. He stated several programs that could be purchased, but the Mayor was specifically interested in the police department purchasing a taser gun through that appropriation. He will check on that for the next meeting.

**ADJOURN:** 7:45P.M.

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Carl J. Kamm III, Mayor

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Attest: Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer