

Mayor Carl Kamm called the August 14, 2013, 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, Connie Ward, and William Werner. Kamm presented the minutes of the July 10, 2013, meeting for approval. Ward moved and Cade seconded to approve the minutes as written. All present voted aye.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Court Fines of \$115.00, State Costs: \$0.00, DUI Fund: \$0.00, were received from Erie County Court. The Police activity report for July, 2013, was presented and will be placed on file. The Basket Festival of 2013 was a huge success. A big thank you goes out to the Festival Committee. Be it noted that any resident of Berlin Heights is able to report a street light being out of service. By checking [www.villageofberlinheights.com](http://www.villageofberlinheights.com), a listing is posted on how to contact First Energy with the information. Golf cart/APV inspections are now available at the police station. Call police department to schedule a time. Matthew Caskey has handed in his resignation from Council, due to his work schedule. Close moved and Foster seconded to declare his seat as vacant. In a roll call vote, all voted yes. At this time, Foster moved and Eckel seconded to appoint William Werner to fill the open seat vacated by Caskey. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Mayor Kamm swore him in as our new councilman. Matthew Caskey was thanked for his service.

**FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT**

STAR OHIO	\$112,767.44	BILLS	\$ 5,478.76
CITIZENS BANK	\$107,245.24	PAYROLL	\$10,444.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$220,012.68</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,923.20</b>

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

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Street-** The July Trash Pickup was a huge success. Eight trips to the landfill with 12,390 lbs for \$319.82, gas for \$89.31, and labor \$258.50 for a total of \$667.63. One of the big problems noted is residents collecting their household garbage and putting it out for pickup.

School zones and street lines need to be repainted. Leuszler will borrow a stencil from the county to complete the job.

Due to the heavy rains, the edges of Berlin Rd. south have washed away. This will be looked at before winter. No time has been set on starting the replacement of the 5 catch basins.

Flags will be taken down after Labor Day.

**Park-** The gazebo has been cleaned and is ready to be painted. The painter would like at least 4 days of nice sunny weather to dry out the wood before painting. He was told it is ok to wait.

The Boy Scout, looking for an Eagle Scout project, has now proposed a landscape project around the restrooms. He will come up with a plan and present it to the Board for their approval. If approved, he may be able to start on basic work this fall.

There was some confusion as the park was rented on the Sunday after the festival, and the picnic tables had not yet been returned. The park committee needs to make the festival committee aware that the park is rented on the Sunday after the festival so they make it the first order of business to return the tables.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Memorial Drive Paving Project has been awarded to Gerkin Paving for \$34,456.00, plus engineering services that were not figured in. Start date to be announced.

Poggemeyer provided the Village with updated figures for the probable costs of the Center Street Drainage Improvement Project. The estimated cost is \$120,000. After discussion as to whether the Mayor should apply for Issue II monies to help pay the cost of this project, with Strickler recommending the Village put in 25% or \$30,000 towards our share of the project, Resolution 2013-R3 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TO OBTAIN ISSUE II GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CENTER STREET STORM WATER DRAINAGE PROJECT WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF BERLIN HEIGHTS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Foster moved and Ward seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all voted yes. Eckel moved and Foster seconded to adopt RESOLUTION 2013-R3 as an emergency. In a roll call vote, all voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Fiscal Officer presented the 2014 Temporary Budget required by the Erie County Auditor. Foster moved and Close seconded to approve the Temporary Budget. All voted aye.

It has been brought to the Mayor's attention that a home on the south end of Center St. has at least 16 chickens being raised in the back yard. He has spoken with the Zoning Inspector who stated, any form of livestock must have at least 3 acres of land to be legal, according to Village Zoning Laws. She will contact the property owner.

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

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Carl J. Kamm, Mayor

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Attest: Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer