

Mayor Carl Kamm called the March 11, 2015, 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, Connie Ward and Bill Werner. Mayor Kamm presented the minutes of the February 11, 2015, meeting for approval. Foster moved and Ward seconded to approve the minutes as written. All present voted aye.

ZONING REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Court fines of__ \$117.00__ for January; State Costs_\$0.00_ were received from Erie County Court.

The police activity report for February, 2015, was presented. The report will be placed on file.

The Mayor stated a Planning Commission meeting needed to be scheduled to review the site plans for permits needing approval on work to be done at 38 & 40 E. Main St., and at 5 Lake St./5 Main St.

The annual report from the Building Dept. of Erie Co. was presented. It was noted one permit was given out in the Village in 2014.

The Mayor and Chief Schafer have been working together for ways to tighten the budget appropriations for the police department. Our current contract with North Central for dispatch services costs \$435 per month. She contacted the sheriff's office for a quote for them to handle the dispatch, it came in at \$50 per month. A new updated contract with Frontier to handle both phone and internet services with updated equipment would be under what we are paying now. The savings would total about \$500 a month. The Chief will call North Central and Frontier to give them a 90 day notice that we will be terminating the contract. Foster moved to terminate the dispatching contract with North Central EMS and Werner seconded. All voted aye.

Close moved and Foster seconded to excuse Richard Eckel from the meeting. All voted aye.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	\$ 28,817.17	PAYROLL	\$10,743.06
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 96,401.72	BILLS	\$ 4,945.36
TOTAL	\$125,218.89	TOTAL	\$15,688.42

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street- Leuszler will contact the township concerning digging up the ditch on Rte 61 in front of Wikel's. ODOT is checking on the progress of the repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

The topic of curbside trash and recycling was brought up. Bids will be opened March 19, 2015. Council must decide at the May meeting if the village will participate or not. After a lengthy discussion, Close moved and Foster seconded to give the Mayor the authority to seek bids for trash & recycling from another firm. All voted aye.

The 2015 Permanent Appropriations Budget was presented to Council. Foster moved and Cade seconded to adopt the 2015 Budget. All voted aye.

The updated information collected about the Berlin Road repairs were in line with what was already presented. For \$48,000 the road berm will be updated. Ward moved and Cade seconded to approve the work. All voted aye.

The driver of the semi that took down the electric line was cited into court. He has paid the waiver, but has done nothing to repay the Village for the cost of the repairs. Close moved and Ward seconded for the Mayor to look into the possibility of a small claims suit. All voted aye.

The pressing discussion of new monies for the village arose. Some suggestions were to have a community meeting explaining the need, explaining to people the difference between the General Fund and the Special Revenue Funds, whether to put on a Current Expense levy or a Police Fund levy, and whether to replace an old levy, with an addition.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Officer, Sara Hoffman stated to Council she would like to retire. She has been with the Village for 17 years and feels that Council should begin looking for someone to replace her.

The sidewalk committee will start their spring walk. A new list will be drawn and notices sent, as soon as possible, so the work can be completed this summer.

ODOT has been contacted about their salt program. To be involved the Village must present a Resolution stating the tonnage we will purchase. State contract requires that you take the tonnage that you order. Erie County only required the tonnage amount. This Resolution must be adopted before April 3, 2015. A meeting of Council has been set for March 25, 2015 at 7:00pm to vote on the Resolution.

The quote to repair the front windows of the Village Hall is \$650.00. Ward moved and Close seconded to approve the repair of the windows. All voted aye.

It has been brought up that the Village has no permit set up for tap in fees for a Storm Sewer Line Connection. Nothing was decided at this time, but the discussion lead to a tap in fee of \$100 as not unreasonable.

ADJOURN: 8:50P.M.

Mayor Carl J. Kamm

Attest: Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer