

Mayor Carl Kamm called the May 12, 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 Eckel, Karen Foster, Connie Ward and Bill Werner. Mayor Kamm presented the minutes of the April 8, 2015, meeting for approval. Ward moved and Werner seconded to approve the minutes as written. All present voted aye.

ZONING REPORT

The Zoning Inspector provided Council with reports for the two previous months.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Court fines of__ \$102.00__; State Costs_\$0.00_ were received from Erie County Court. The police activity report for April, 2015, was presented. The report will be placed on file. 25 tons of salt has been ordered through ODOT at \$71.09 per ton. The water issue on Rt. 61S will be fixed in partnership with ODOT. No update available for the North Central EMS ambulance contract. Patrolman Dylan Atherton handed in his resignation effective 5/1/2015, due to his full time status at another job. Foster moved and Cade seconded to accept his resignation. All voted aye.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

GENERAL FUND	\$ 84,470.95	PAYROLL	\$ 8,072.11
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$ 99,727.68	BILLS	\$ 9,690.57
TOTAL	\$184,198.63	TOTAL	\$17,762.68

Ward moved and Cade seconded to pay the bills. All present voted aye. A line item transfer of \$1,000.00 from 730-590 (Capital) and \$464.82 from 730-190 (Village Salary) to 730-399 (Contract Service) was requested. Eckel moved and Werner seconded to approve the transfer. All voted aye.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street- The annual trash collections will be held on the third Tuesday in May and September, and we will reevaluate July after the May collection totals are calculated.

The trash containers located on Main St. need to be checked at least once a week, as well as the trash bins at the park.

It was brought up that the catch basin in front of 17 Memorial Dr. needs to be cleaned

Park- Colin Hoffman has been hired to clean the park. The Board is considering new benches and revamping the materials planted in front of the restrooms at the park. The plants have gotten so overgrown and are not easily taken care of. The donations in memory of Cise Hoffman will be used to fund the project, should Council approve.

A new tennis net will be installed at the park.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2015-O7 authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract for police dispatch services with the Erie County Sheriff’s Department was read for the second time.

A special Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00pm. to approve legislation

concerning the latest batch of sidewalk repairs. Following the approval, quotes will be sent to the homeowners.

Information concerning the amount of money the Village would receive for a specified millage has been received from the Erie Co. Auditor. 3 mills = \$43,335.00; 4 mills = \$57,000.00; 5 mills = \$72,225.00. To put one of the above choices on the ballot, a decision must be made by the June meeting. A discussion as to the best way to inform the residents how critical the decision is was held. It was suggested flyers be delivered to homeowners, or a table at the Basket Festival with information promoting the vote.

A homeowner on Rt. 61N has been putting wooden stakes in the right of way to keep people from his property. It is against the law to erect a barrier within the right of way. The stakes were removed and left along the roadway, but the homeowner reinserted them into the holes. Maintenance will remove the stakes for the homeowner to claim.

NEW BUSINESS

The Auditor of State is requesting the Village reestablish the following ordinance, ORDINANCE 2015-08 AN ORDINANCE REESTABLISHING THE SALARY ARRANGEMENT FOR THE ZONING INSPECTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Foster moved and Cade seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Cade moved and Werner seconded to adopt Ordinance 2015-08 as an emergency. In a roll call vote, all present voted aye.

ORDINANCE 2015-09 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STORM WATER SYSTEM TAP-IN PERMIT AND TAP-IN FEE FOR THE VILLAGE STORM SEWER SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was presented by the Solicitor. Eckel moved and Foster seconded to suspend the three reading rule. In a roll call vote, all voted yes. Ward moved and Eckel seconded to adopt Ordinance 2015-09 as an emergency. In a roll call vote, all present voted yes.

The need for a parking ordinance for Lake and W. Main Streets was discussed at the May meeting. The discussion has been tabled for the time being.

The Mayor has asked for temporary help to assist with the installation of new catch basins and other work that requires a backhoe. The Mayor indicated he may be able to secure the donated use of a backhoe which will require the Village to insure it during its use on Village projects. This may be weekend work that would not interfere with the regular employment. Ward moved and Foster seconded to approve the hiring of three temporary employees to complete the work and accept donated use of a backhoe, as needed. All voted aye.

Colin Hoffman sent a letter requesting to mow the Center St. lot for the 2015 season at the same rate of \$350.00. Ward moved and Werner seconded that he be hired for the job. All voted aye.

The Mayor presented the 2015-2016 Cemetery contract with Berlin Township. Cade moved and Foster seconded to accept the contract for \$9,000.00 per year. All voted yes.

It was brought up that 2016 is the Bicentennial Year for Berlin Heights. All are open to ideas on the celebration. Ward will approach the Basket Festival Committee about incorporating this into the 2016 Basket Festival.

Ward moved and Cade seconded to excuse Richard Close from the meeting. All voted aye.

The Mayor asked Marshall Cade to recuse himself from the final part of the meeting as Council was entering into Executive Session. His wife is a candidate in the hiring of a new Fiscal Officer. Cade agreed and left the meeting. Eckel moved and Foster seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel business concerning the hiring of a new Fiscal Officer. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Ward moved and Werner seconded to leave Executive Session. In a roll call vote, all voted aye. Ward moved and Foster seconded to offer Kathy Deehr the job of Fiscal Officer to begin June 1, 2015, with a salary of \$9,000.00 per year. In a roll call vote, all voted aye.

ADJOURN: 8:15P.M.

Mayor Carl J. Kamm

Attest: Sara Hoffman, Fiscal Officer