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TOWN OF BERLIN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Town Council Chambers (in person)
Remote Meeting
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

E. MAYOR'S UPDATE

F. MEETING AGENDA – Immediately Following the Mayor's Update

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Topic re: Accept donations to the Berlin Animal Control Donation Account for \$ 95.00 and Animal Care, supplies & gift card valued at \$ 105.00. - Animal Control
2. Topic re: Discussion concerning the 2024-2025 Mattabassett Sewer District Budget – Mattabassett Water District
3. Topic re: Discussion and possible action concerning the budget. – Town Clerk
4. Topic re: Approve the transfer of \$14,000 from the Storm-Related Overtime account to the Veterans Memorial Park account in the Public Grounds Department, both in the General Fund, to fund the replacement of the fountains at Veterans Memorial Park, pending approval by the Board of Finance and to waive the Town of Berlin purchasing requirements and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Water and Wetland for the purchase of two new fountains and controllers not to exceed \$40,000, pending approval of the budget transfer above by the Board of Finance, as this is in the best interest of the Town. – Public Grounds

5. Topic re: Approve the purchase of Holmatro rescue tools from Municipal Equipment Specialists utilizing NPPGov contract # PS20035 for an amount not to exceed \$15,628.43 which includes a 5% contingency. – Fire Administrator
6. Topic re: Approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the Water Main Relining account to the Meriden Potable Water Interconnection account, both in the Berlin Water Control Water Department, pending approval by the Board of Finance and to waive the bidding requirements for Haley Ward for designing the 12” water main connection to the Meriden Water Department, as this is in the best interest of the Town, pending approval of the related budget transfer by the Board of Finance – Water Control
7. Topic re: Authorize the Town Manager to apply for a Transportation Alternatives Grant in an amount of up to \$3,200,000 for sidewalks sidewalk extensions in the vicinity for the schools to make it safer for nearby students to walk to all Town schools, and to schedule a Town Meeting for 6:45 on May 21, 2024 to vote on the approval of a non-budgeted appropriation of \$800,000 from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the Transportation Alternatives Grant Match Account. – Economic Development
8. Topic re: Support proposals from the Prudence Crandall Center, CCARC, Inc., and The Community Outreach & Optimum Performance (Co-Op) for the 2024 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program and approve the setting of a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposals from the Prudence Crandall Center, CCARC, Inc., and The Community Outreach & Optimum Performance (Co-Op) for the 2024 CT NAA Tax Credit Program and to solicit citizen input. Also designate Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager, the liaison for the Town of Berlin to handle all Neighborhood Assistance matters. – Town Manager
9. Topic re: Discussion on possible action concerning the search for a new Town Manager. – Town Clerk

H. APPOINTMENTS:

1. **Cemetery Committee – Vacancy – Alternate** – Replacement term would be until January 31, 2027. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
2. **Commission for the Aging – Vacancy** – Frank Slogeris has resigned. Replacement term would be until January 31, 2029. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
3. **Conservation Commission – Vacancy – Alternate** – Term would be until January 31, 2026. Can be filled with a D or U.
4. **Constables – 4 Vacancies** – Terms would be until December 2025. Can be filled with R, D or U with no more than a bare majority to be from one political party (Section 8-6).
5. **Housing Authority** – Santina Turner’s term expired March 31, 2024. She does not wish to serve another term. She has served as the Resident/Commissioner. Replacement would be until March 31, 2029. Can be filled with a D or U.

6. **Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission – Vacancy – Alternate** - Replacement would be until January 31, 2026. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
7. **Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission – Vacancy – Alternate** - Replacement would be until January 31, 2026. Can be filled with a D, R or U. (Depending on the above appointment).
8. **Mattabassett District – Vacancy** – Replacement term would be until September 1, 2026. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
9. **Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council (PACTAC) – 2 Vacancies** – New terms would be until June 30, 2025. Can be filled with a D, R or U. There are only two members from Berlin for this board.
10. **Public Building Commission – Vacancy** – Replacement term would be until January 31, 2029. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
11. **Veterans’ Commission – Vacancy** – Replacement term would be until January 31, 2027. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
12. **VNA – Vacancy** –Replacement would be until January 31, 2027. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
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14. **VNA –Vacancy** - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2027. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
15. **VNA –Vacancy** - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2027. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
16. **Water Control Commission – Vacancy** -Term would be until January 31, 2029. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
17. **Water Control Commission – Alternate - Vacancy** -Term would be until January 31, 2026. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
18. **Water Control Commission – Alternate – Vacancy** – Term would be until January 31, 2026. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
19. **Water Control Commission – Alternate – Vacancy** –Term would be until January 31, 2027. Can be filled with a D, R or U (Depending on the above two appointments).

I. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:

J. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

K. COUNCILORS' COMMUNICATION:

L. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

April 23, 2024

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Personnel Matters – Conn. General State Statute Sec. 1-200 (6) (A) concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation of a public employee. – Town Manager

N. ADJOURNMENT