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TOWN OF BERLIN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024  
Town Council Chambers (in person) and  
Remote Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

D. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth National Independence Day

E. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

F. MAYOR'S UPDATE

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

H. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Topic re: Accept donations to the Berlin Animal Control Donation Account for \$ 116.00 and supplies valued at \$ 96.01. – Animal Control
2. Topic re: Approve waiving the police fees in the approximate amount of \$34,500.00 for traffic control and direction for the Berlin Fair that will be held September 12-15, 2024, at the Berlin Fairgrounds. – Police Department
3. Topic re: Accept the donation of \$2,125.00 and appropriate the funds to the Supplies Expenditure Account. – Police Department

4. Topic re: Accept the donations of \$1,150 and appropriate the funds to the Police K9 Program Expenditure Account. – Police Department
5. Topic re: Accept monetary donations totaling \$1,855.51 and deposit \$647.70 into the friends of the library miscellaneous account to be used for adult summer reading prizes, two museum pass renewals and an adult program and deposit \$207.81 into the friends of the library credit card account for the purchase of adult summer reading prizes and deposit \$1,000.00 into the library agency account for the purchase of adult fiction. Also accept the donation of a meeting house painting with an approximate value of \$400.00 to be hung on the library wall and a podium valued at \$1,028.80 to be placed in the meeting room and (50) ice cream coupons with a value of \$172.50 to be used as summer reading prizes and books with an approximate value of \$62.45 to be added to the appropriate department collections. – Berlin-Peck Memorial Library
6. Topic re: Approve Berlin Youth Football and Cheerleading to sell food and beverages at their home football games at Scalise Football Field, Sage Park for the 2024 season. – Parks and Recreation
7. Topic re: Approve one polling place to conduct Early Voting in person for the 2024 Presidential Election at the Berlin Town Hall. Early Voting will take place on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> through and including Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All three polling places will be open for regular voting during the Election on Tuesday, November 5th. – Registrars of Voters

#### I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Public Hearing:** The Town Council of the Town of Berlin will meet at Berlin Town Hall, Council Chambers, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the following proposed ordinance of the Town, said ordinance being entitled as follows:

“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,300,000 FOR POLICE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES (2024) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE”.

Copies of said proposed ordinance are on file open to public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Following the public hearing, the Town Council may consider and act upon the bond ordinance.

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“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 FOR ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS (2024) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$2,000,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”.

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“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,100,000 FOR 4 TOWN ROOF REPLACEMENTS (2024) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE”.

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J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Topic re: Waive Rule 7 of the Town Council Rules and Procedures to vote on the proposed ordinance at tonight’s meeting. Move that “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,300,000 FOR POLICE RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES (2024) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWING FOR SUCH PURPOSE.” be adopted. – Town Clerk
2. Topic re: Waive the Town’s bidding requirement and authorize the Town Manager to sign agreement with Motorola & Norcom or other vendors as needed to complete the project for the upgrade of the Police radio system and to expend up to \$1,300,000 to execute the upgrade project, pending approval of the Police Radio Upgrade bond ordinance by the Board of Finance. – Police Department
3. Topic re: Authorize the Town Manager to enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Vesta Corporation/O’Riordan Migani Architects concerning the Sale of the former Knights of Columbus Property at 143 Percival Avenue for development as affordable senior housing, subject to review and approval by Corporation Counsel, and to refer the sale of 143 Percival Avenue to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a review pursuant to section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. – Economic Development
4. Topic re: Waive the Town’s bidding procedure for Fiscal Year 2025 to Water & Wetland LLC, in the amount of \$27,000 for yearly service, installation, and removal of fountains at Veterans Park including permitting, and treatment of invasive species at several waterways throughout town as this is in the best interest for the town. – Public Grounds
5. Topic re: Approve and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with the Home Care and School Healthcare Workers of Unit #20 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. – Human Resources

6. Topic re: Waive the Town's bidding procedures and approve issuing purchase orders for Fiscal Year 2025 for the following vendors due to the library's participation in Connecticut Library Consortium and in the Library Connection, Inc. as the best discounts have already been provided. Both vendors have been approved for bidding waivers for at least the past six fiscal years. This is in the best interest of the town. · Supplies = \$3,400 Books = \$71,000 Baker and Taylor Co. For adult, child and teen books – Total \$74,400. · Databases = \$665 Books = \$2,400 Supplies = \$500 Data Services = \$35,000 Audio/Visual = \$22,000 - Library Connection, Inc. – Total \$60,565 – Berlin-Peck Memorial Library
7. Topic re: Approve F.W. Webb and Trane U.S. purchase order increase up to \$50,000 as needed for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2024 for department no. 38 and no. 61 utilizing State and National Purchasing Contracts without exceeding account balances. Move to approve Associated Security purchase order increases as needed up to \$35,000 for the remainder of fiscal year 2024 for department no. 38 and no. 61 as the current service provider without exceeding account balances as this is in the best interest of the Town. - Facilities
8. Topic re: Discussion determining if there is a mechanism to compel the Districts to participate in an evaluation of their Technical, Managerial and Financial Conditions to better serve the water and sewer needs of the Town of Berlin. Ultimately, discussion about the payment of the evaluation if it is determined to move forward with the study. – Water Control
9. Topic re: Schedule a public hearing on July 9, 2024, to discuss the proposed Noise Ordinance. – Town Manager
10. Topic re: Schedule a public hearing on July 9, 2024, to discuss the amendments to the Golf Course Commission Ordinance. – Town Manager
11. Topic re: Discussion and possible action concerning the search for a new Town Manager. – Town Manager

K. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

L. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

M. COUNCILORS' COMMUNICATION:

N. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: June 4, 2024

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Real Estate – C.G.S.S. Sec. 1-200 (6) (D) discussion of the selection of a site, sale or purchase of real estate by the Town – Lower Lane

P. ADJOURNMENT