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TOWN OF BERLIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, December 17, 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. <u>MEETING AGENDA</u> Immediately Following the Mayor's Update

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Topic re: Accept monetary donations totaling \$1,548.06 and deposit \$1,548.06 into the Unrestricted Donations account for the library's greatest need. Berlin-Peck Memorial Library
- 2. Topic re: Transfer \$120,600, as detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet to be attached to the minutes, to cover year-end transfers in identified accounts, pending approval by the Board of Finance. Finance
- 3. Topic re: Approve waiving the Police Traffic Control fees for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the approximate amount of \$1,852.20 that took place on November 30, 2024. Police
- 4. Topic re: Approve AIM Healthcare services for the amount not to exceed \$24,500.00 to support Berlin VNA for the remaining fiscal year. VNA
- 5. Topic re: Authorize the Arts & Culture Ad Hoc Committee to donate \$500.00 and a donation of \$500.00 from the Economic Development Promotion Account to the Berlin Historical Museum for its exterior banners. Economic Development

- 6. Topic re: Authorize the Arts & Culture Ad Hoc Committee to donate \$750.00 to St Paul's Church to support the three (3) planned concerts in 2025. Economic Development
- Topic re: Authorize the Arts & Culture Ad Hoc Committee to donate \$100.00 to The Theatre Guild of Berlin, Inc. in support of their performance of Disney's Frozen Jr. in December of 2024. – Economic Development
- 8. Topic re: Authorize the Arts & Culture Ad Hoc Committee to donate \$100.00 to Berlin High School in support of their performance of Wizard of Oz in January 2025. Economic Development

H. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

- 1. Topic re: Update on the VNA Financials. Mayor
- 2. Topic re: Approve the proposed reconfiguration of the VNA suite and plans provided by on-call contractors Jacunski Humes Architects (JHA) of Berlin, CT and construction estimate from MA & M dba Aresco Construction Company (ACC) of Middletown, CT for an amount not to exceed \$74,850 pending approval by the PBC (Public Building Commission) to reduce the contingency for Millenium Builders in the amount of \$75,000. Facilities
- 3. Topic re: Call a Town Meeting at 6:45 p.m. on January 7, 2025, for the purpose of approving a fiscal year 2025 non-budgeted appropriation of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,331,320 for capital items. Finance
- 4. Topic re: Call a Town Meeting at 6:45 p.m. on January 7, 2025, for the purpose of approving a fiscal year 2025 non-budgeted appropriation of \$264,212.46 of FEMA storm reimbursement funds for the development of an alternative fuel site at the Timberlin Golf Course and to fund costs the Town of Berlin incurred extinguishing the fire on Lamentation Mountain. Finance
- 5. Topic re: Transfer \$150,000 from the Police Extra Duty Fund to the Police Vehicles account in the Capital Non-Recurring Fund for the purchase of new Police vehicles, pending approval by the Board of Finance. Finance
- 6. Topic re: Authorize the Interim Town Manager to accept the attached bid results for Back-up Services for Routine Repairs, Emergency Repairs, and Minor Construction of the Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems (Contract #2025-08) and utilize the specialized services of any of the six Contractors, when issuing future purchase orders, depending on vendor availability and cost-effectiveness, through December 31, 2026. Water Control
- 7. Topic re: Utilize the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services Contract #24PSX0071 to purchase precast concrete catch basin materials, concrete pipe, and related items using uncommitted funds from available accounts over the life of this contract. Public Works
- 8. Topic re: Utilize the State Department of Administrative Services Unit Price Contract #24PSX0104 to purchase Guide Rail Repair and Installation Services through October 31, 2027 (or to a later date if further extended by the State), with the most responsive, cost-effective and qualified Contractor. Public Works

- 9. Topic re: Waive the bidding procedures and authorize the Interim Town Manager to extend Contract #2022-12 with Pasquariello Electric Corporation of Madison, CT to provide Streetlight Maintenance Services through December 31, 2027, with no rate increase in Calendar Year 2025 and a five percent increase in labor and equipment rates for calendar years 2026 and 2027, respectively, as this is in the best interest of the Town.– Public Works
- 10. Topic re: Discussion about Restoration and Planning related to the Hawthorne Fire, Lamentation Mountain. Conservation/Economic Development
- 11. Topic re: Approve waiving the town's bidding procedures and award a four-year contract starting in January of 2026 with IQS in the amount of \$19,800 plus auditing fees of about \$4,000 (\$1.40 per document). There will be a onetime charge of \$6,000 to convert the historical records to the new software paid for by the Town Clerk's Preservation Fund. Town Clerk
- 12. Topic re: Approve the adoption of the Town Council Meetings Calendar for 2025 and January of 2026. Town Council
- I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:
- J. <u>SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>:
- K. COUNCILORS' COMMUNICATION:
- L. <u>ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES</u>:

November 20, 2024 – Special Meeting November 26, 2024

- M. 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
- N. ADJOURNMENT