

The public can call into this meeting and will be allowed to address the Town Council during “Audience of Citizens” or during the “Public Hearing” portion of the meeting. The Mayor will ask for public comment. Once recognized by the Mayor, you will need to clearly state your name and address before speaking and may only speak during the audience of citizens and public hearing.

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TOWN OF BERLIN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 2, 2020
~~Town Council Chambers~~
Remote
7:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL
- D. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS
- E. MEETING AGENDA – Immediately Following the Audience of Citizens
- F. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Topic re: Accept monetary donations totaling \$1,017.99 for the Berlin Peck Memorial Library and deposit \$428.99 into the friends of the library miscellaneous account to be used for programs, supplies and a museum pass renewal and deposit \$589.00 into the friends of the library credit card account to be used to purchase gift cards used as summer reading prizes and move to accept a \$25.00 gift card to be used as a summer reading prize. – Berlin-Peck Memorial Library
 - 2. Topic re: Approve acceptance of the donation of \$1,000 from the Berlin Lions Club towards the Berlin Parks and Recreation Youth Fishing Derbies. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fishing derbies were cancelled but donation funds were used to stock the Sage Park Pond for use by the community. – Parks and Recreation

3. Topic re: Approve the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department to accept a \$400.00 donation from the Berlin Lions Club on behalf of the Berlin Dolphin Swim Team and to deposit the check into the donation account. – Parks and Recreation
4. Topic re: Accept Suspense List as presented. – Revenue Collector
5. Topic re: Authorize and accept the Senior Center Director to apply for the 16th year of funding for the State Matching Grant Program SFY 21/22 for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation. – Senior Center

G. PUBLIC HEARING

Information is listed at the top of the agenda to join the meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Berlin will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. ~~via conference call at 1-563-999-2090; pin # 269573~~ to discuss the 2020 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program and to solicit citizen input.

The Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program provides a tax credit to business firms that make cash investments in qualifying community programs conducted by tax exempt or municipal agencies. The community programs must be approved by both the municipality in which the programs are conducted and by the Department of Revenue Services (DRS). A tax credit equal to 100% of the cash invested is available to business firms that invest in energy conservation projects. Tax exempt entities desiring to obtain benefits under the NAA must complete an application and submit it to the municipal agency overseeing the implementation of the proposal. The overseeing municipal agency then completes their portion of the application and submits it to DRS on or before July 1 of each year. Prior to submitting the application to DRS, each municipality must hold a public hearing on all program applications. The governing body of the municipality must vote to approve the programs.

This year, The Prudence Crandall Center submitted two proposals. Prudence Crandall provides a comprehensive array of services in the Berlin community to victims of domestic violence. The first proposal is for energy efficiency. The funds would go towards conservation repairs and improvements which would ultimately save money on operating costs associated with the facility. The second one is to support their Annual Appeal. Funds from the Annual Appeal go towards aiding programs that serve low

income people. It would help to provide for emergency housing, counseling and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence as well as support community education and prevention services.

The public hearing will also give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the proposed project. If you are unable to participate in the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Arosha Jayawickrema, Town Manager, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037, or you may telephone 860-828-7003. Additional information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday.

All are encouraged to participate. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Jen Ochoa, ADA Coordinator, at 860-828-7010 at least five days prior to the hearing.

The Town of Berlin promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action

Will be published on the Town of Berlin Website at www.town.berlin.ct.us as per Governor's Executive Order 7I.

H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Topic re: Approve the transfer of \$22,981.85 from the Jail Cells account in the Police Station Construction Fund, \$14,834.31 from the Transfer to Other Funds account in the Griswold Portable Classroom Fund and \$16,183.84 from the In Lieu of Sick (retiree) account in the General Fund to the Police Station Construction Fund and appropriate to the Buildings & Renovations account within the Police Station Construction Fund, pending approval of the Board of Finance. Move to authorize a contract amendment with Bismark Construction of Milford, CT for an amount not to exceed \$54,000 which includes a 15% contingency, as this is in the best interest of the Town. – Police Department
2. Topic re: Approve a non-budgeted appropriation of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance of \$255,000 to the Pension/Actuarial Funding account in the General Fund. – Finance
3. Topic re: Transfer \$34,500, as detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet, to cover higher than budgeted expenditures in identified accounts. - Finance
4. Topic re: Approve acceptance of the donation of five scoreboards from Berlin Little League valued at \$18,349.11 to be installed at the following fields; Petit Field 1, Petit Field 2, Garrity Field, Pulcini Field and Centurelli Field. – Parks and Recreation
5. Topic re: Approve waiving the sealed bid requirements and awarding of contract to the lowest bidder Turf Products, for the purchase of an Aera-Vator not to exceed \$17,708.27. This is in the best interest of the Town. – Public Grounds

6. Topic re: Waive the bidding requirement for maintenance and replacement of playground equipment and approve hiring Creative Recreation for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000 for fiscal year 2020/2021, since this is in the best interest of the town. – Public Grounds
7. Topic re: Waive the bidding requirements for Bigelow Electric, Inc. to allow an additional \$4,000.00 for emergency electrical services for the water and sewer pump stations, as this is in the best interest of the Town. – Water Control
8. Topic re: Adopt the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute an agreement entitled "Inter-Community Agreement Between the Cities and Towns of Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington, and Wolcott". – Public Works
9. Topic re: Authorize the Town Manager to schedule and advertise for a Public Hearing to be held June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM on an Ordinance extending a tax exemption to charitable, religious, or non-profit organization that is leasing property. – Town Manager

I. APPOINTMENTS:

1. Berlin-Peck Memorial Library Board – Vacancy – Replacement term would be until January 31, 2022. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
2. Board of Ethics – Vacancy – New term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
3. Board of Ethics – Vacancy – New term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
4. Board of Ethics – Alternate – Vacancy - New term would be until January 31, 2022. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
5. Board of Ethics – Alternate – Vacancy - New term would be until January 31, 2023. Can only be filled with depends on what party affiliation is filled on the above alternate appointment
6. Central Connecticut Health District – Patricia Checko’s term expires on June 30, 2020. Reappointment or replacement term would be until June 30, 2023.
7. Central Connecticut Health District – Ray Jarema’s term expires on June 30, 2020. Reappointment or replacement term would be until June 30, 2023.
8. Commission for Persons with Disabilities – Vacancy - New term would be until January 31, 2023. Can only be filled with an R or U.

9. Constables – Seven Constables are to be appointed, not more than four of whom shall be of the same political party. Their term expires when a new Town Council is elected, and new appointments were made at the Council’s second regularly scheduled meeting. The current Constables are as follows: John Baccaro (D), Paul N. Eshoo (R), John Kozak (R). Bob Zipadelli (D) and three (3) vacancies.
10. Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission – Alternate - Vacancy – New term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
11. Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission – Alternate – Vacancy – New term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with depends on the above Alternate appointment.
12. Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council (PACTAC) – Vacancy – New term would expire on June 30, 2021. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
13. Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council (PACTAC) – Vacancy – New term would expire on June 30, 2021. Can be filled with depends on the above appointment. There are only two members from Berlin for this board.
14. Planning & Zoning Commission – Alternate – Vacancy – Replacement term would be until January 31, 2021. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
15. Planning & Zoning Commission – Alternate – Vacancy - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2024. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
16. Public Building Commission – Vacancy - New term would be until January 31, 2025. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
17. VNA – Vacancy - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2022. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
18. VNA – Vacancy - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
19. VNA – Vacancy - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with a D, R or U.
20. VNA – Vacancy - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with a D, R or U.

21. VNA – Vacancy - Replacement term would be until January 31, 2023. Can be filled with a D, R or U.

22. Water Control Commission – Alternate – Vacancy -New term would be until January 31, 2023. Can only be filled with a D or U.

23. Youth Services Advisory Board – Vacancy - Service Consumer – New term would be until January 31, 2023.

J. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:

K. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

L. COUNCILORS’ COMMUNICATION:

M. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:
May 19, 2020 Special Meeting
May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 1. Pending Litigations – C.G.S.S. Sec. 1-200 (6) (B) strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation -

O. ADJOURNMENT