

CommUnity Team

April 5th, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m.

City Hall- 2nd floor conference room

Members Present: Mayor Richard Schramer, Krista Sobieski, Berlin Journal; Bobbie Erdmann, Berlin Area Historical Society; Ken Schmidt, HomeTown Broadcasting and GLCVB; Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Lindsey Kemnitz, Berlin Community Development director; Tim Mentuis and Jill Heness, Berlin Chamber; Bob Eidahl; Berlin School District, Laura Fultz; Berlin Public Library Director, Hannah Meronk, Berlin Boys & Girls Club, Peg Veseley, Sweet Clover.

Lindsey Kemnitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. On motion by Schramer and seconded by Eidahl to approve the agenda as presented. Mentuis made a motion to approve the minutes from March 1st meeting and seconded by Fultz.

Business Welcome:

Kemnitz presented the plaque to Baked: Cakes by Design on behalf of the group. The owner's Kristina Boeck gave the group an overview on what the store has to offer. They are open from Friday 2-6pm and Saturday's from 9am to 1:30pm, or by appointment. She will do specialty orders during the week and has cupcakes, turnovers, cookies, etc. during the weekend hours. She previously worked at Webster's in Ripon and started her own place in Berlin. She currently has another job to support her family and hopes someday she will be able to be open more hours once the business is more consistent with income.

EVENTS:

Erdmann stated the Historic Society has sneak preview at the Wrights Mill, now known as Violet and Company on Sunday April 9th from noon to 3pm, refreshments will be available.

Erdman and Kemnitz talked about the downtown open house event on May 13th from 10am to 4pm. There are six properties open for tour and multiple other stores having sales during that time.

REPORTS:

Tim Mentuis reported that the chamber recently moved to 104 E. Huron Street. Also the next chamber director started Jill Heness. Jill has education and background in social media, marketing, and business administration from FVTC. She owned Omro Gallery in Omro. The chamber office will be open from 10am to 2pm daily and phone number is 920-361-3636.

Lindsey Kemnitz reported the BCDC sold 133 Enterprise to Aurora Manufacturing. The City had a low turnout for voting and Dick won. Hotel is moving forward. April 19 & 20th is Rural Summit at the Heidel House in Green Lake.

Bob Eidahl reported that Friday the joint finance committee will be at Berlin High School's auditorium from 10am to 5pm for the state. To testify, you must sign up once you get there and enter on Oak Street entrance. Friday morning 50-60 people from CESA will have a meeting occurring Friday morning at Clay Lambertson at 7:30am.

Ken Schmidt stated that GLCVB stated Discover Wisconsin will be for the Green Lake County on April 15 or 16. So remember to watch that.

Bobbie Erdmann reported Sunday is the open house for the Wrights Mill. And May 13th is the downtown open house that she is working with the City with. Official open house for Violet and Company is April 29th.

Hannah Meronk reported Wearin N Sharin raised about \$240,000. For the week of spring break they will be open from 6:45 to 5:30pm and anyone can come as it is Boys & Girls Week. Tuesday April 11th 5:30 to 7:30pm is Youth of the Year at Green Lake American Legend Hall. The golf outing this year will be at Waushara Country Club.

Ron Harke stated opening weekend is the weekend before Memorial Day for the locks. Corn Roast is the 2nd weekend in August.

Karen Neuman the senior life was just printed, with the events and activities occurring at the Senior Center. The insight for April is out and on page 4 are the activities. Today is the last day to go and have your taxes done at the senior center. Park and Recreational book is going to be distributed on Tuesday, has many activities for the summer.

Laura Fultz mentioned 2nd annual Quilt Week is over and 200+ people participated. 27 quilts were in contest compared to 15 last year. Library week is the same week as spring break and has many activities for families and kids.

Peg Veseley wanted to thank the local organizations for planning events in the downtown area for the businesses.

No reports were available at this time for Real Estate, Banking, UWEX, TheDacare, and TREDC, ABC Group, and Lions Club

There were no Old or New Business discussed.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. and was carried unanimously.

Lindsey Kemnitz, City of Berlin