

## CommUnity Team

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

City Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present: Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Tim Ludolph, Planning & Development; Carl Cartwright, Berlin Schools; Chris Kalupa- Berlin Public Library Sue Trampf- ABC Group and Lions Club, Jen Moen, Fortifi Bank, Rebecca Bays- City of Berlin

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Tim Ludolph. Sue Trampf made a motion to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, Ron Harke seconded the motion, which was carried by a voice vote.

### Reports:

Sue Trampf reported the ABC Group would be participating in the roundup charity at Crossroads market March 1<sup>st</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Brat Fry is planned during the summer from July through September with more details to be determined. The group is scheduled to meet on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Food for Musicians in the Park is to take place June 28<sup>th</sup>. The July 3<sup>rd</sup> big event is still in need of volunteers to help with the cash raffle, bounce house, cornhole/bags, and scavenger hunt. After explaining the mechanics of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July event it was emphasized volunteers are what makes these events happen.

Jan Griedl reported Advocap had hired a new Executive Director who had already stimulated change in both initiatives and use of space. Advocap has an initiative to reposition itself as a larger part of the community and is looking to utilize the cleaned out back room with a complementary use. New grants and programs are on the horizon for summer and the organization still emphasizes the availability of the student assistance programs for retooling skills. Ron Harke asked about the job center and Jan Griedl said Advocap is working to have that use return independently of state and federal job center programs.

Timothy Ludolph reported that Berlin Community Development Corporation re-opened the second round of the Microenterprise Grant program on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. These had been submitted to USDA for review and they required more applicants. In other news, the BCDC was on the lookout for new applicants to utilize the revolving loan funds.

Ron Harke of the Berlin Boat Club reported about the Berlin Boat Club that new board members were elected including Jerry Martens as Commodore and Vice Commodore Jerry Parsons who would be charged with maintaining the Eureka locks. They also elected Kimberly Hameister as secretary.

The numbers came in for 2021 and there were 883 boats total for the year and their animals that went through the locks. The group sees itself as one drawing people regionally who come for entertainment and have expressed enjoying patronizing Eskimo Comfort and Ripon Jacket as destination retailers. The club is looking to find ways to promote these and other local businesses in the form of a brochure and advertisement compliant with the DNR for the Fox River and still looking for volunteers and ideas. Upcoming items of note include:

Open of the Lock a week before Memorial weekend,

Corn Roast 2022 on August 12 and 13th,

CLUB Events

July:

July 3 lighted boat parade (ABC Event).

Club Meeting first Thursday of each month, Locations TBD (To Be Determined) email to Members

Berlin School District Superintendent Cartwright had nothing to report though Rebecca Bays noted the Indoor Pool is closed with hopes to be open by the 28<sup>th</sup>.

There were no updates for the Boys and Girls Club though Jennifer Moen said there would be "Wearing and Sharing" on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March.

Tim Ludolph reiterated there would be ribbon cuttings for the new business (es) Gretchen Willis to be March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. and to be determined openings for Super 8 and Arpeggio Music and the Vapor shop. Multiple group members stated it was rumored the Diedrich Agency office in Berlin would be possibly closing due to staffing shortages.

The Historic Society's monthly meeting is at the library's upstairs meeting room, Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Carl Nehring was elected President, Don Fink the Vice President and Chris Kalupa the Secretary/Treasurer. Ron Harke talked about innovative displays.

Tim Ludolph updated regarding GLCVB.: the Discover US and Fun on the Fox guides are out and about in the community. Anyone needing some can pick them up at the office in City Hall.

Chris Kalupa had distributed the Library update by email.

Sue Trampf reported that the Lions Club had met the previous night. The event Unimaginable Hope was scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roses would be sold at the corner by Farmer's and Merchant's Bank May 6 and. The new ownership at the Berlin Shell Gas Station has reaffirmed support of the Lions Club. A Brat Fry is scheduled at Crossroads Market June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Lions Club will host a training event for visioning screening on March 8<sup>th</sup> and a zone meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>- that is a social event. Vision screening 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Child Development Networking . Green Lake and Princeton schools would have the vision screening March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Local Media- There was no-one present to report. The group urged making sure someone from the paper be present.

Rebecca Bays reported Parks and Recreation were wrapping up the publication of the Rec-Book and were looking for any notable events to be added, though emphasizing being selective as there was limited space. The programming would be muddling through a "Rebuilding Year"

Rebecca Bays reported the Senior Center was fully open the last month (FEB) 8:30 thru 4PM. She reminded there is free Wi-Fi, in house dining, and field trips all published in the Berlin Journal and the newsletter "What's New at 142?"

For New Business Jennifer Moen asked for the city-wide Garbage Pick-Up date- multiple group members answered that would occur the first weekend of May with the City-Wide Rummage Sale the week after.

Tim Ludolph also added there would be the ribbon cutting at Gretchen Willis photography 6pm March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. The group discussed keeping the meeting place at council chambers for the next few, so any potential guests could easily find the location.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Harke 9:01 a.m. by and seconded Jen Moen. The motion carried by an affirmative voice vote.

Tim Ludolph