

## **CommUnity Team**

April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

City Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present: Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Bobbie Erdmann- City of Berlin  
Tim Ludolph, Planning & Development; Carl Cartwright, Berlin Schools, Sue Trampf-  
ABC Group and Lions Club, Jen Moen, Fortifi Bank

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Tim Ludolph. Ron Harke made a motion to approve the March 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes with the addition of Rebecca Bays as in attendance, Bobbie Erdmann seconded the motion, which was carried by a voice vote.

### Reports:

Carl Cartwright reported the School District was in the process of taking state examinations the first week of April. There would be an ongoing operation referendum the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of April to discuss the issue of declining enrollment due to an aging community. There would likely have to be shrinkage of the budget to keep fiscally responsible while keeping an acceptable student to staff ratio. “Community Information Sessions,” will commence to engage about these initiatives before decisions are made. The school musical of the Little Mermaid, hosted the first weekend of April, was a major post-pandemic success. The recognition celebration of staff is to take place the 22<sup>nd</sup> at City Inn.

Sue Trampf reported the ABC Group would be working on pulling together another awesome July 3<sup>rd</sup> event with the help of volunteers. The group is working to drum up support with some new ideas in the pipeline to have sponsored private donations. The ABC Group has Cash Raffle like in the last month report at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Sponsor letters were sent out for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event and with hopes for some new ones. 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.

ABC group is going before Common Council April 12<sup>th</sup> to make the annual request for coordinating with the City’s Fireworks. The group is to meet the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup> in the “Eastridge” Hillcrest Terrace Apartments. They will participate as the food vendor at the Farmer’s and Artist’s Market & Musicians in the Park June 28<sup>rd</sup> at Nathan Strong Park. Also, upcoming is the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Brat Fry at Crossroads Market in Green Lake. Event posters have been drafted to go up shortly.

Nobody was present to report on Advocap.

Timothy Ludolph reported that Berlin Community Development Corporation is on the lookout for new applicants to utilize the revolving loan funds.

Ron Harke of the Berlin Boat Club distributed the calendar for upcoming events and reported action stage started yesterday with information to be updated on the boat club website. He discussed likely scenarios of flooding at lock and how the group is planning to strategize to keep navigation going, the flood stage would be at 3 to 4 inches above the

level as of April 6<sup>th</sup>. The events discussed are below though emphasis was made to the Lighted Boat Parade.

#### 2022 Club Calendar

##### The 2022 Berlin Boat Club Calendar

*(as of January 2022, the calendar is tentative and subject to change)*

May 21st – Opening of the Lock (1 week before Memorial Day weekend)

##### BBC Events

February 3 – All members and Board Members voting – location TBD

March 12 – Commodores Ball – Location- Berlin Lanes (time, menu and cost TBD)

July 3 – Lighted Boat Parade – Riverside Park during ABC Group Independence Day Celebration

August 6 – SandBar Bash – Lake Poygan TBD

August 12 & 13 – 2022 Corn Roast – Annual Fundraiser (Lock will be open Friday Aug 12)

August 20 – Race the Fox – Fox Valley Paddlers

September 10 – 12 – Last weekend for Lock operation seasonal shut down

September 17 – 18 – Finalize Lock clean-up

November Community Holiday Parade – Theme is “Storybook Christmas”

##### Thanks

Ron Harke

Bobbie Erdman reported the elections resulted in two new alderpersons; respectively Luke Dretske for wards 1 and 7 and Samantha Stobbe for Ward 4. The Community Economic Development and Housing Meeting occurred Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and was a major success. There is hope the momentum maintains and a follow up event will be included as soon as possible. The survey should be getting distributed Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> as follow up.

\$1.125 million has been received by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to assist all replace the lead line portion on their property. Berlin has ranked among the top recipients, especially per-capita, for this assistance. 41 households have signed up and ongoing investigation looks to include about 140 more. Committee of the Whole discussed old signs and murals with planning and development budget fund a program talking state how to promote new business.

There were no updates for the Boys and Girls Club.

Tim Ludolph reported there is a new Downtown Business of T-Bird Aviation LLC where the overhauling and engine maintenance is to take place. The group discussed feedback about the storefronts of Ted Slaton next to riverside and the vacancy of the former Déjà Vu and Barry Abbot’s corner building.

Tim Ludolph updated regarding GLCVB the current initiative is to utilize social media mediums to promote tourism in area communities and had said he would forward the contact of Bri for having Berlin able to show up on official Tiktok and Instagram/Meta. Bobbie Erdmann asked if this was all the city was getting for the \$1250 a year and the group conceded the other receivable was the visitor guides. Ron Harke stated the social media team should be actively looking for sturgeon fishing spots on the Upper Fox River.

The Historic Society's monthly meeting is at the library's upstairs meeting room the second Wednesday of each month. Ron Harke stated the city is invited to connect more with this group.

The group discussed the Library updates are typically on their webpage in full.

Sue Trampf reported the Lion's Club's large event coming up is the Mother's Day Rose Sale with sales occurring May 6<sup>th</sup> 9-5 and 7<sup>th</sup> 9-noon at Farmers and Merchants Bank corner. Curbside pickup and free delivery in town. Among new ownership, the Berlin Oil Shell Gas Station will continue to also sell the Roses on behalf of the Lions Club. Also, the organization is participating in Rooster Roundup at Crossroads Market in Green Lake with a corresponding Brat Fry scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Lions Club meets the first Tuesday of each month and have elected new officers. They serve 1400-1500 kids with the vision screening. The planning of the annual Cheese Sale Fundraiser has already begun with a necessary shift from Rosendale's Star Dairy to Weyauwega Star Dairy for supplier as they have stood behind consistent quality standards.

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

Rebecca Bays emailed this update regarding Park and Rec: The playground at Longcroft has been removed. It was beyond repair and was more cost effective to just replace it. We are in the process of doing that. The 2022 summer recreation booklet will be out in Billboards starting next week Tuesday (4/12). We will be doing online registration with a new website that will go live May 1st

Rebecca Bays emailed this update about the Senior Center: More and more people are being more comfortable coming back. We are getting there.

For New Business

Tim Ludolph reiterated there would be a ribbon cutting at Super 8 April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. <https://cityofberlin.net/events-activities/> will be periodically updated to include upcoming events, any additions are welcome.

Jenn Moen brought up All Saints hosted the Polish Lunch and Dinner event with proceeds to be sent for Ukraine relief. This event sold out prior to the Dinner portion and was encouraged by Fortifi Bank.

Next meeting will be May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. The group voted for the minutes to be published as soon as drafted, so people may be informed prior to a month after.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jenn Moen 9:03 a.m. by and seconded Sue Trampf. The motion carried by an affirmative voice vote.

Tim Ludolph