

CommUnity Team

January 4th 2023

City Hall- Council Chambers

Members Present: Sue Trampf- ABC Group and Lions; Emmett Durtschi- Berlin Area School District, Chris Kalupa- Berlin Library and Historic Society; Jennifer Moen- Fortifi Bank

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 A.M. by Tim Ludolph.

The October Minutes were reviewed and discussed. Sue Trampf made a motion and Chris Kalupa seconded the motion to approve the minutes as provided.

Sue Trampf reported the ABC Group's activities were taking down the trees and other decorations for Light the Park, urging the volunteers to remove their decorations promptly. The group is already piecing together the 3rd of July Event, with the Theme of Let Freedom Ring, to begin at 11 AM with music beginning at 1 PM. Information for this should be distributed soon.

Dr. Emmett Durtschi, the Berlin Area School District Superintendent reported on the possible Referendum to go before the Citizens of Berlin. This is following a Survey which was detailed; including the three options to be voted on and the presumed outcomes based on a high degree of certainty from the survey. Dr Durtschi also discussed when School Board was to meet and the day-to-day operations of planning staffing and capital improvements in the near future.

BASD:Possible Referendum Reviewed Community Survey

Timothy Ludolph reported that Berlin Community Development Corporation was retooling the marketing of the USDA Loan Fund and stated there were plans to promote to small businesses. Also, Ludolph gave a quick summary of the Housing and Economic Development Plan, to go before Common Council for approval; discussing how this goes hand in hand with the BCDC initiatives.

Chris Kalupa distributed the January Newsletter and discussed these materials. Link and Facebook. Updates for the Library included there will be a regional Quilt Show as mentioned on the Newsletter. The Library has a new source pilot program for Digitization, and is hopeful the community will embrace this resource to preserve slides and other physical materials in timeless discs and flash drives. The Library will be hosting the 120th year anniversary celebration in April, concurrent with National Library Week, celebrating how the original Carnegie Library was built in 1903.

Chris Kalupa reported the Historic Society will be embracing the possibility of the Digitization and will be hosting Open Houses the first Saturday of January through May before going into the regular Summer Schedule. The Ghost Walk committee is already planning to have the postponed 2022 theme with another year of preparation to have a successful event for 2023.

The group discussed for the Downtown; El Charro is a new business where the CommUnity Team will discuss hosting a Ribbon Cutting when more of the group is gathered. There was discussion of the former Bug radio station building. The group also collectively discussed thinking about revising and updating the online directories and considering a project like attracting known desired businesses with the social capital of a community group.

The meeting adjourned around 9:30 AM