

## **City Council Work Session**

**July 3, 2023**

Present were: Mayor Grenier, Councilors Robert Theberge, Higbee, Morency and Roland Theberge. Councilors Morgan, Remillard, Eastman and Berthiaume were absent.

Others present: City Manager Phillip L. Warren Jr., Dir. Of Strat. Initiatives and Asst. City Mgr. Pamela Laflamme, City Clerk Shelli Fortin, Kyle Lacasse, Andre Bergeron, Bill White and Lisa Connell, Berlin Daily Sun.

Mayor Grenier opened up the meeting at 6:30p.m.

### **Utility Abatement Recommendation**

Mr. Warren discussed the following utility abatement recommendations received from Sansoucy Associates;

1. **2022 Eversource**, Sansoucy Associates recommends denying this abatement due to lack of information or appraisal supporting their request. However, they recommend granting a partial abatement in the amount of \$938 for the reimbursement of the education tax paid to the City as the two disputed parcels have transferred ownership. The amount does not include interest which should be calculated by the City upon approval of this recommendation.

Councilor Robert Theberge moved to deny the abatement and grant a partial abatement in the amount of \$938 for the 83-F State education tax as recommended by Sansoucy Associates. Councilor Morency seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

### **Tax Deferral Discharge**

Mr. Warren presented a tax deferral discharge to Council. It is for Laura MacPherson, 286 Church Street (Map 342 Lot 120) in the amount of \$22,149.49. He recommends that Council accept the tax deferral as presented.

Councilor Higbee moved to approve the tax deferral discharge as presented. Councilor Robert Theberge seconded and the motion carried by all in favor.

### **Other**

Mr. Warren clarified with Council that Ordinance 2023-06 that will be first read during regular meeting this evening is not a duplicate. He missed a section when he last amended Chapter 2.

At 6:35 p.m., there being no further business in Work Session, Mayor Grenier recessed before moving on to the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Rioux

Executive Assistant

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