

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAY 28, 2010

As we enter the Memorial Day holiday weekend, I ask all Berlin citizens to take a few moments to reflect on what Memorial Day really means. This nation has over 400,000 active duty men and women and activated reservists in harm's way in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the DMZ in the Korean Peninsula. Although most come home unhurt, some come home injured and maimed, both physically and mentally. Sadly, some give the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and fellow soldiers. On Monday, May 31st at 10AM, the City of Berlin will dedicate Unity Street in memory of Sargent Randy S. Rosenberg. Sgt. Rosenberg gave his life in defense of our country on January 24, 2004 while manning a checkpoint in Khaldiya, Iraq. Sgt. Rosenberg was 23 years old at the time of his death. The dedication ceremony will take place at the Unity Street Botanical Gardens, and after the ceremony, Unity Street will become "Sargent Randy Scott Rosenberg Memorial Highway". I ask ALL Berlin residents to please give an hour of your time to attend this dedication and help the family celebrate Randy's life and accomplishments.

The City of Berlin is rapidly moving forward with quite a few construction projects this season. First, HE Sargent has been awarded the contract to install and connect the Federal Bureau of Prisons facility to our sewerage treatment plant. Part of the contract, although unrelated, will be the redecking of 12th Street Bridge. Last time I spoke to the HEB's engineers, the redecking project is expected to take about 8-10 weeks. The sewerage pipeline and related work is slated to be completed late spring early summer 2011. In the interim, a temporary service will be necessary for the BOP to begin manning and training people for the opening in late spring 2011. Also, Berlin Public Works Director Mike Perrault has announced that a big Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) removal project will get underway this summer as well. In order to except new customers to the waste water treatment system, Berlin is required by NH Dept. Of Environmental Services (DES) to remove from the treatment process water that is leaking into the system through cracked and broken service lines as well as roof drains. Right now, Berlin is treating this water (at a significant cost to us all), so any removal to add billable capacity immensely helps those of us who pay sewer user fees. AVRDD and Berlin are in serious discussions once again for the city to treat Mt Carberry landfill leachate. As some of you already know, the two parties had discussions on

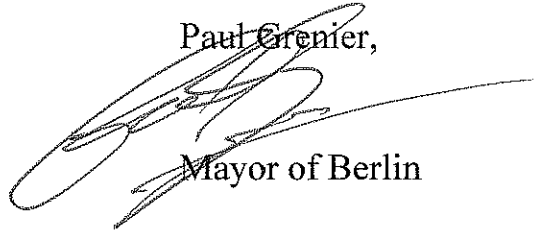
this issue about 18 months ago, but AVR RDD decided to build their own plant at a cost of a little over \$5 Million. With the addition of Ray Aube from Randolph to the AVR RDD board, there was a second look at the data that was collected. AVR RDD hired a "second opinion" consultant and new treatment data was realized. There will be about one fourth the volume that was initially anticipated as well as the strength of the leachate was not at the levels that would have necessitated additional pre-treatment activity. This too would be great news to both entities, AVR RDD could save well over \$4M in capital costs and Berlin could welcome a new customer that equals in volume to about 200 new homes. Berlin represents about half of AVR RDD's volume, expenditures and revenue.

On Wednesday the City Council held its public hearing on the proposed FY 2011 budget. Although there were many points of view on what the City Council is doing, I want to remind all that there remains work still to be done. This City Council takes public input very seriously and we hope that with city employees' assistance, we can pass a no tax increase budget with no one being laid off. The ball really is in some of the employees' unions court now.

This past Monday evening, I removed Clean Power Development's Bill Gabler from the City Council's work session. We have a lot of work on our plate and I don't believe it's appropriate to listen in on a sales pitch from a company that had its "hand caught in the cookie jar" with devious antics. It is becoming increasingly clear to me as your mayor that CPD's primary mission is to place undue hardships and roadblocks to both Laidlaw Berlin Biopower and PSNH. Laidlaw, on the other hand, has been extremely professional in their handling of all of the childish antics of CPD and their supporters. Since CPD has engaged the legal process to address their differences with PSNH, PSNH has respectfully complied and they appear to have no desire to open dialogue with CPD. Clean Power Development, in my opinion, should concentrate on developing and building their own project with a market for their power, not continuing their present course of the scorched earth tactics they are employing. It is both sad and pathetic, to the detriment of Berlin's taxpayers.

Finally, a tip of the hat to DRED Commissioner George Bald. Can we make George Bald Berlin's Honorary Citizen of the Year, AGAIN?? Also, all the members of Local 75 who are still working in Cascade, the next time you see "Spanky" Lozier and Ed Deblois, thank them with a sincere hand shake for their efforts to preserve your jobs. They both had many sleepless nights pondering a very uncertain future, but did everything responsible leaders can do to get Cascade to where it's at today. Along with Willis Blevens and Bill Manzer, Berlin thanks all of you as well. Until next time.....

Paul Grenier,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mayor of Berlin