

5. City Manager's Report

1. Berlin Emergency Medical Services informed that they have received three new defibrillators from Zoll, financed at 0% for the next four years. It is anticipated that the working life of these will be approximately 15 years. The new ambulance is in the company's possession and it should be ready to get on the road once the radio equipment is transferred from the retiring vehicle.
2. We expect the loaders to be shipped from the factory to Nortrax in Pembroke, NH on 11/22/19. The equipment will then be fitted with wings and plows before delivery to Berlin. This will take another few weeks. The new salt trucks are currently at Donovan Equipment in Londonderry, NH being fitted with wings and plows before being delivered to Berlin. They should be here soon when they will be fitted with salt boxes.
3. Pursuant to the October 8, 2019 letter authorized by City Council to seek ownership of the Berlin Armory building, the issue was heard and passed by the Legislature's Long Range Planning and Utilization Committee on 11/6/19. Chief Morency and I have a call scheduled this week with Warren Perry, Deputy Adjutant General, to discuss how the City and the Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services will pursue final approval from the Executive Council, discuss the needs of the NH Historical Commission, draft the deed for transfer, and any other actions that may need to occur.
4. With any luck, we will see our contractor taking a close look at the upper front right section of the Princess Theatre over the next several days. The work is being coordinated with Eversource due to the proximity of power lines.
5. Cleanout work at 469 Hillsboro Street has progressed significantly. The City's inspection team should be in a position to re-enter the property within a week.
6. We are happy to report that Chris Walters, who was hired as an operator apprentice at the Wastewater Plant, in May of 2019 achieved his NH Wastewater Grade I license on October 31st. The use of an apprentice program was suggested by Supt. Jon Goodreau as a means to develop needed operators. Congratulations to both Chris, Jon and the staff at the facility for making this work!
7. I plan to be on vacation during the week of Thanksgiving. As always, I will be available as needed.
8. Ambulance statistics are attached.
9. Property transfers for October are attached.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Higbee to accept the City Manager's Report and place it on file.

Mayor Grenier asked about the cleanup at 469 Hillsboro Street and how to be sure it does not happen again. City Manager Wheeler advised that neighbors and the police will need to keep an eye on it and if the owner begins to bring material there, the court will be contacted.

Councilor Rozek asked about Primex coverage for the liability of the wall at the old movie theater building. City Manager Wheeler will check on this.

So moved, the motion carried.

6. Mayor's Report

- a. Letter from Della Cartier

Councilor Rozek moved, with a second by Councilor Higbee, to accept the Mayor's nomination of Theresa Saucier to the Berlin Housing Authority for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2022. So moved, the motion passed.

Councilor Rozek moved with a second from Councilor Gentili to accept the Mayor's Report and place it on file. So moved, the motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no Public comments.

8. Council Comments

Councilor Otis commended the Berlin Recreation Department for the fine job they did prepping the field for the football game on Saturday. Councilor Otis stated that the Department has good employees who got a great field ready for the football game for the community. Councilor Otis advised that the Gladiators won 18-0 in this championship game.

9. Adjournment

At approximately 8:15 p.m. Councilor Rozek moved with a second by Councilor Higbee to adjourn the regular meeting. So moved, the motion carried.

A True Record, Attest:

Shellie Fortin
City Clerk

Note: Minutes are unofficial until they have been accepted by the Council by motion.