

Memo

To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 5/4/2020
Re: City Manager's Report

1. We received bids for heating oil for the upcoming heating season. Prices last year were 2.059 for bulk and 2.189 for local delivery. CN Brown was the low bidder with a price of 1.249 for bulk and 1.369 for local. This is expected to reduce heating fuel cost in the School system by approximately \$144,000.
2. We are continuing to conduct City business despite the changes in the work environment.
 - The City Hall lobby remains closed; however citizens can make an appointments to register their vehicles. Payments for sewer bills and taxes can be mailed in or they can be paid on line via Invoice Cloud.
 - The City Clerk's office continues to register dogs and provide vital records by mail or by appointment when necessary. Appointments can also be made for things that must be done in person, such as marriage licenses and registering to vote.
 - The Recreation Department and Library remain closed to visitors.
 - Public Works is fully staffed but is starting work in staggered shifts to reduce employee interactivity.
 - In light of the Governor's Order #40 and Universal Guidelines for Employers and Employees we are looking at what the future of operations for the City looks like and expect, like others, we may make changes in the coming weeks. Most of what I have seen from other communities is that no one is rushing to relax current measures they have put in place. Rather, they want to monitor the next few weeks to see how limited "opening" goes.
3. During his press briefing today the Governor announced \$40M in funding that will be available to municipalities for COVID-19 expenses. He also announced \$300/week stipend for first responders including municipal first responders.
4. During next week's City Council Meeting, we expect to take up the issue of when the City streets should be opened to ATV's
5. An EMS Report is attached. BEMS reports that they have seen a drop in calls they are attributing to COVID-19.

2020 BEMS Call Log SUMMARY

	Calls	Emergency	Non E.	LD	ND	NT	Gorham	Milan
January	108	77	10	12	75	21	2	2
February	142	98	22	18	102	22	1	1
March	120	80	11	8	83	29	0	1
April	111	66	12	12	66	33	1	2
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
	481	321	55	50	326	105	4	6

2015 1748

2016 1721

2017 1771

2018 1787

2019 1884

Calls=Total number

Emergency= Calls that require a trip to the Emergency room, or another hospital

Non Emergency= Calls that require a patient to be brought from the local hospital home, or to a local nursing facility.

LD= Long Distance transport

ND= Normal distance transport

NT= No transport, a non billable call, either refusal of care, cancellation, no patient, ect.

Gorham and Milan calls represent a responded call from that community.