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To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 6-5-2017
Re: City Manager's Report

1. Vaillancourt Electric will once again be providing electrical services on a contract basis for the upcoming fiscal year.
2. The street light project along Main Street is nearly complete with one LED fixture remaining to be installed.
3. Memolo Construction performed the removal of highly degraded ridge poles on the 5 Heritage Park buildings and capped them with cedar boards.
4. The Public Works Department purchased a sidewalk tractor from the City of Portland ME with a v-plow, dump body and spreader. The final purchase price was \$38,400.
5. Sherry Young, who currently works as an account clerk, will be promoting to the Payroll/Benefits Specialist position at the end of July.
6. The Hillside Avenue Bridge design plans are currently being reviewed by NHDOT. Once the final review is complete we will make a determination on the prudence of bidding for construction this year or next year.
7. The PD statistic report and a PWD are report attached.
8. Recently, Councilman Rozek inquired about potential damage to 12th St Bridge decking. The current theory is that the damage was caused by chains on municipal equipment. PWD is systematically eliminating the use of chains and replacing them with tires that do not require chains. This should minimize damage in the future.
9. I will be at the NH Municipal Manager conference in Keene on June 14 through June 16.
10. Two decisions issued by the Supreme Court on Friday affirmed prior BTLA decisions related to the Appeal of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative and the Appeal of Public Service Company which questioned the municipal utility values assigned to their facilities in many communities. The decisions criticized the values calculated by the utilities expert as well as the DRA's value set for RSA 83F

purposes. These decisions are important in light of retained HB 324 which seeks to legislate that all municipalities use the DRA 83F utility values. The Assessing Standards Board is currently gathering information to provide the Science, Technology and Energy Committee regarding utility assessment practices.

11. SB38 which provides for increases in municipal highway block funding and SB57 which provides for state aid grant funds for water and wastewater projects have passed the House with slight amendments being made. The Senate may or may not request a Committee of Conference in light of the changes.
12. Attached is a summation of Presidential budget cuts provided by the National League of Cities including commentary on how the cuts may affect communities.
13. Given that the 4th of July falls on the first Tuesday of the month I thought it would be worth confirming the Council meeting date for that week.

Berlin Police Department
June 2017 Commissioner's Meeting
- April 2017 Activity Report -

	April 2017	Year To Date 1/1 - 4/30/2016	Year To Date 1/1 - 4/30/2017	Difference %
Total Calls for Service	1933	5855	7403	26.44%
Milan Calls for Service	88	206	299	45.15%
Total Arrests	61	231	220	-4.76%
Protective Custody Arrests	4	20	20	0.00%
Felonies	8	76	48	-36.84%
Misdemeanors	75	277	313	13.00%
Thefts	15	85	80	-5.88%
Burglaries	2	28	9	-67.86%
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	20	51	54	5.88%
Criminal Threatening	7	50	33	-34.00%
Sexual Assaults	2	14	19	35.71%
Assaults	15	36	35	-2.78%
Domestic Violence Incidents	24	55	63	14.55%
Verbal Arguments	7	30	20	-33.33%
Restraining/Stalking Orders	8	42	28	-33.33%
Drug Complaints	22	67	82	22.39%
Motor Vehicle Stops	353	700	1089	55.57%
Motor Vehicle Violations	32	92	113	22.83%
Motor Vehicle Warnings	201	500	756	51.20%
OHRV Complaints	4	17	15	-11.76%
OHRV Stops	3	11	10	-9.09%
OHRV Accidents	0	0	1	100.00%
DWI Violations	8	14	14	0.00%
Accidents	12	45	72	60.00%
Accidents Within an Intersection	3	15	15	0.00%
Parking Tickets	0	182	124	-31.87%
Dog Complaints	31	119	104	-12.61%
Animal Complaints (other)	18	39	38	-2.56%
Assists to other Berlin Departments	27	173	127	-26.59%
Assist to Berlin Ambulance	76	284	331	16.55%
Assists to Gorham PD	4	27	16	-40.74%
Assists from Gorham PD	4	16	10	-37.50%
Juvenile Incidents	13	43	41	-4.65%
Juvenile Arrests	1	31	8	-74.19%
Officers issued 0 parking ticket for the following reasons:				

City of Berlin Public Works Department
2017 Activity Report

Year	Year to	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016	Date 2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
	Total Service Requests	895	407	89	105	42	91	80					
	Administrative Service Requests	82	29	5	4	5	10	5					
	Cemetery burials	15	5	1	0	0	1	3					
	Maintenance:Bldg/Furniture repair, Fences/Railings/Walls, Lawns/Trees, Signs	221	52	8	12	6	17	9					
	Parks and Grounds	79	28	2	5	3	11	7					
	Refuse/Recycle/Yard Waste	62	20	7	5	3	3	2					
	Sanitary Sewer	108	23	3	2	4	7	7					
	Storm Drainage System	91	36	8	6	6	6	10					
	Streets and Highways: Repairs of curbs/sidewalks/streets, line painting, sweeping, sanding, sand barrels, paving and potholes	237	214	55	71	15	36	37					

City Owned Property Service Requests												
City Hall	64	23	3	8	6	2	4					
Recreation Dept.	18	12	1	2	2	5	2					
Library	9	4	1	2	0	1	0					
Fire Dept.	7	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Schools	7	5	0	2	0	3	0					
Parks/Fields/Other City owned	68	12	0	0	0	7	5					

President Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Proposal: How Cuts and Investments Will Impact Cities

Agriculture

- Eliminates \$500 million for the Water and Wastewater loan and grant program for rural water projects, which hurts small cities that utilize the program to maintain and improve water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, and storm water drainage efforts.
- Eliminates the Rural Business Cooperative Service (\$95 million).
- Eliminates and consolidates rural economic development and infrastructure grant programs under a new Rural Economic Infrastructure Grants program.
- Eliminates \$61 million for the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) rural single family housing direct loan program.
- Cuts the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$4.637 billion, encouraging a re-balancing of the Federal/State partnership.

Commerce

- Eliminates the Economic Development Administration (\$221 million), which impedes distressed cities from receiving funding support for public works grants, city planning strategies, and research and technical support
- Eliminates the Minority Business Development Agency (\$26 million), which could slow the growth of successful minority-owned businesses nationwide by defunding programs useful in the planning, marketing, and managing processes.
- Cuts \$250 million from coastal research programs, which forces cities to pause or ease-away from preparation efforts for rising sea levels and worsening storms.
- Eliminates the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which hurts small- and medium-sized businesses that are reliant on this public-private partnership to foster job growth and maintain stability.
- Cuts \$2 million (18%) from the BroadbandUSA program, which provides technical assistance to state and local governments on broadband development, deployment, and financing.

Education

- Eliminates 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC; \$1.2 billion), which negatively impacts children in general, and more specifically children in impoverished areas, by cutting afterschool and summer programs.
- Cuts \$2.3 billion from Title II, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which harms teacher quality and professional development efforts. The program is weighed heavily towards communities with high poverty.
- Proposes a \$1.4 billion investment in school choice, including a \$167 million increase for Charter School Program grants, \$250 million for a new private school choice program and \$1 billion for Title 1 to ensure "student-based budgeting," which follows the student to their school of choice.

- Proposes level funding (\$12.7 billion) for special education grants through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Environmental Protection Agency

- Proposes level funding for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) - \$1.393 billion for the Clean Water SRF and \$863 million for the Drinking Water SRF, for a total of \$2.257 billion.
- Proposes level funding for WIFIA, a loan and loan guarantee program for large water infrastructure projects, at \$20 million.
- Cuts \$326 million from the Superfund program and \$11 million from the Brownfields program. Both programs help communities clean up polluted lands and revitalized abandoned and vacant properties.
- Eliminates funding for regional ecosystem restoration efforts like the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative and Puget Sound, while maintaining strict EPA pollution reduction requirements, for a total cut of \$427 million.
- Eliminates funding for the Clean Power Plan, international climate change programs, climate change research and partnership programs, such as Energy Star, for a total cut of \$100 million.

Energy

- Cuts \$1.4 billion from the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and refocuses the priorities on early-stage R&D rather than development/deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.
- Eliminates the Weatherization Assistance Program (\$220 million), which stops states from improving the energy efficiency of low income households.
- Eliminates the State Energy Program (\$50 million), which strips state and local energy efficiency and renewable of energy programs.

Health and Human Services

- Eliminates the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), totaling \$3.384 billion, which helps low-income families with energy costs.
- Eliminates the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), totaling \$714 million, which diminishes available funding directed towards alleviating poverty.
- Eliminates the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), totaling \$1.393 billion, which is an important, flexible funding source that allows States and Territories to tailor social service programming to their population's needs.
- Reduces the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program by 10% and eliminate the TANF contingency fund, totaling \$1.785 billion.
- Proposes reforms to Medicaid by giving State choice between per capita caps and block grants beginning in 2020.

Homeland Security

- Cuts State and Local Homeland Security Grant Programs by 25% to \$349 million, the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program by 25% to \$449 million, the Emergency Management Performance Grants by 20% to \$279 million, and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund by 60% to \$39 million.
- Eliminates the National Flood Insurance Program's Flood Hazard Mapping Program, which puts many cities and towns that rely on maps when building homes outside of flood zones at risk.
- Proposes a 25% non-Federal cost match for FEMA preparedness grants, which will impact small- and medium-sized cities. Smaller cities and towns will not be able to meet the 25% cost match, which will likely lead to their exclusion from FEMA preparedness funding.

Housing and Urban Development

- Eliminates the Community Development Block Grant program, totaling \$3 billion in cuts, which hurts the most vulnerable communities that are already in distress.
- Eliminates the HOME program, totaling \$950 million in cuts, which decreases affordable housing options in cities.
- Eliminates the Choice Neighborhoods program, totaling \$125 million in cuts, which decreases opportunities in communities with public and federally subsidized housing.
- Reduces Rental Assistance Programs by \$1.9 billion. Rental Assistance Programs help approximately 4.5 billion very low income households.
- Eliminates the Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program, the Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing program, and the rural capacity building program (\$56 million).

Independent Agencies

- Eliminates 18 independent agencies, including the Appalachian Regional Commission, Delta Regional Authority, Northern Border Regional Commission, Denali Commission, Corporation for National and Community Service, Institute for Museum and Library, and Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

Justice

- Reduces Byrne Justice Assistance Grants by 25% to \$239 million and eliminates the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program.
- The budget also reduces Justice Information Sharing Technology Program by 50% to \$34 million, Juvenile Justice Grant Programs by 14% to \$230 million, Second Chance Act Grant Program by 27% to \$43 million, School Safety Initiative by 74% to \$18 million, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program by 8% to \$11 million and eliminates the State and Local Gun Violence Reduction program and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).
- The budget would increase COPS Hiring Grants by 10% to \$124 million and create a new \$65 million Protect Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program.

- The budget also contains proposed language for Congress to consider that would require DOJ and DHS to withhold grants from sanctuary cities that do not comply with 8 U.S.C. 1373 or honor DHS detainer request aliens suspected to be in the country unlawfully.

Labor

- Eliminates the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), totaling \$434 million in cuts, which aims to transition low-income, unemployed seniors to unsubsidized jobs.
- Cuts funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) job training and employment services programs by \$1.341 billion (39%).

Treasury

- Reduction of \$500 million (4.1%). The IRS accounts for 97% of Treasury's discretionary budget, which would have a lasting impact on the agency.
- Eliminates new grants to Community Development Financial Institutions (\$210 million), which expands availability of credit, investment capital, and financial services in underserved communities.

Transportation

- Eliminates the TIGER grant program (\$500 million), which has funded countless roads and transit projects since its inception in 2009.
- Eliminates \$630 million from long distance Amtrak routes.
- Cuts Army Corps of Engineers discretionary budget by \$1 billion (17%).
- Eliminates \$928 million from the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts grants program.
- Cuts \$175 million from the Essential Air service, which subsidizes commercial flights to rural airports.