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To: Berlin City Council
From: Jim Wheeler, City Manager
Date: 1/18/2021
Re: City Manager's Report

1. Cross Excavation has is moving on to 758 Second Avenue. They are scheduled to begin demolition tomorrow.
2. The Board of Tax and Land Appeals will continue its evidentiary hearing for Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in accessing the hearing, should call the board's office prior to the hearing at (603) 271-2578.
3. Multiple City employee inboxes with were hit with a malicious email last week. Our IT contractor was contacted, we were able to respond and there appears to be no lasting interference.
4. The AV COVID-19 Community Working Group reviewed the BHS Gym and locker rooms as well as the Brown School building on Friday January 15th to assess their suitability as a High Throughput Site for vaccine administration to the public. After a walk-through of each building, the group decided that Brown School offered the best attributes for this purpose for several reasons, not the least of which is that the building is currently unoccupied and using Brown will not interfere with ongoing school operations. The building is secure and can be dedicated to this all important effort. The Working Group is currently preparing the building and designing patient flow in, through and out of the building.

I want to emphasize that No Vaccine will be stored on site. Vaccine will be stored properly in the hospital pharmacy and will be delivered to Brown School on a daily bases as the vaccine is administered.

Attached to this report is a DHHS Health Alert which is titled: [Instructions for Healthcare Providers to Register Medically Vulnerable Patients](#) on the DHHS website. This document provides more detailed information regarding the Phase 1b Vaccine Allocation and would benefit the public as well as providers. Our Fixed Site and efforts will use these guidelines as we go forward. It is hoped that the site will be ready for vaccinations on January 26, 2021. Given recent reports about reduced Federal vaccine reserves, there may be some delays in this schedule. Hopefully any delay will be measured in days or weeks and not in months. In addition to the vaccine supply, the Working Group is also concerned about the method(s) of registering for a vaccine that will be required. Hopefully, these will be resolved soon as well.