June 14, 2023 Berlin Economic Development Authority Meeting Berlin City Hall – Council Chambers

Present were: Vice Chair Peter Higbee, Dick Huot, Andre Duchesne, Dick Eastman, and

Amber Bachner, Paul Robitaille

Excused were: Steve Halle and Bobby Hill

Others Present: Pam Laflamme, Director of Strategic Initiatives; Lisa Connell, Berlin Sun

### Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at City Hall at 5:30 PM.

# **Approval of May 2023 meeting minutes**

Mr. Huot made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2023 meeting as presented. Mr. Robitaille seconded the motion. So moved, the motion passed with all in favor.

### **Financial Report**

Ms. Laflamme did a brief summary/overview of the May financials. Mr. Eastman made a motion to accept the Financial Report and Mr. Duchesne seconded the motion. There was no further questions or discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

### **Economic Development Strategy**

Ms. Laflamme reviewed the activity coming up for the downtown area. There was discussion about what this will mean for economic activity and what role the board wants to moving forward. No decisions were made.

The board welcomed Amber Bachner to the board at this time.

The board discussed the website and Mr. Higbee and Ms. Bachner volunteered to review it and make some suggestions for content development.

#### Other

Ms. Laflamme reminded the board that July is the month terms expire. There was also a decision about the timing of the July meeting which the board agreed would be on July  $19^{\rm th}$  instead of the second Wednesday that month.

#### **Member Comments**

Mr. Duchesne asked about the status of the National Guard project at the airport. He was told it is still in progress.

### **Public Comments**

None

# **Nonpublic**

Mr. Huot made a motion to go in to Nonpublic Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Land Matters, and seconded by Mr. Robitaille, roll call vote was taken, motion passed.

Mr. Eastman made a motion to exit nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Land Matters seconded by Ms. Bachner. A roll call vote was taken, the motion passed.

Land Matters were discussed, no votes were taken.

# **Other**

None

# **Adjourn**

Mr. Eastman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Duchesne seconded the motion. So moved, the motion passed unanimously.