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**TOWN OF BERLIN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
Town Council Chambers (in person)
Remote Meeting
6:45 P.M.**

A special meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Berlin, will be held at the Berlin Town Hall, Council Chambers, 240 Kensington Road, Berlin, CT on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. for the following purposes:

To approve a non-budgeted appropriation of \$509,000 from the Municipal Revenue Sharing account to the Vehicle Reserve account, both in the General Fund.

Additional information for the public:

Public Act 22-118 included a provision for a payment to municipalities at 6/30/2022 and 6/30/2023 from any remaining balance in the Municipal Revenue Sharing account after all required payments are completed. In January 2022, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) notified municipalities, at that time, payments were not expected for the biennium (FY22 & FY23) but if revenues exceed their estimate, grants will be re-evaluated. In September 2023, OPM notified municipalities that the State Comptroller's Office was reviewing final fiscal year 2023 accrued revenues. Based on final fiscal year 2023 revenues, the State remitted \$509,953.55 to the Town of Berlin on 10/20/2023 under the provisions of PA 22-118. Based on the direction provided by OPM in 2022, the adopted FY24 Town of Berlin General Fund budget did not include this revenue.

After a few years of production and parts delays, several vehicles in the town fleet need replacement. The latest FY25 capital plan includes \$925,000 for vehicles see below). This motion to appropriate \$509,000 would fund 55% of the latest FY25 vehicle capital plan - almost all priority 1 requests. The approach will also allow vehicles to be moved between departments to address low utilization vehicle requests.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Priority</u>
Highway	Small dump truck w/ plow & sander	\$110,000	1
Public Grounds	Dump Truck (with plow & sander)	\$110,000	1
Public Grounds	Pick Ups (with utility body & plow)	\$80,000	1
Highway	Pickup Truck w/ plow	\$70,000	1
Municipal Garage	Pool Cars	\$70,000	1
Public Grounds	Pick Ups (w/o utility body & plow)	\$70,000	1

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Public Buildings	Facilities - Van	\$50,000	1
Highway	Flatbed Truck with power lift tailgate	\$75,000	2
Animal Control	Animal Control Van	\$70,000	2
Police Department	Vehicle - Pickup Truck	\$60,000	2
Municipal Garage	Flatbed	\$60,000	2
Fire Marshall	SUV	\$50,000	2
Public Buildings	Facilities - Truck	\$50,000	2
		<u>\$925,000</u>	

Dated at Berlin, Connecticut this 13th day of December 2023.

Mayor Kaczynski called the Special Town Meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Kaczynski asked if there were any nominations for Moderator.

Charles Paonessa moved to nominate Mayor Mark Kaczynski as moderator. Seconded by Donna Veach.

Mayor Kaczynski asked if there were any other nominations, there being none, he closed the nominations.

MOTION CARRIED.

Moderator Kaczynski explained the eligibility to vote at Town Meetings.

The Clerk of the Meeting read the following Legal Notice:

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The Town Clerk stated that the additional information for the public will be attached to the minutes in its entirety.

Moderator Kaczynski asked if there were resolutions to come before the Town Meeting.

Charles Paonessa moved the following resolution:

RESOLVED: To approve a non-budgeted appropriation of \$509,000 from the Municipal Revenue Sharing account to the Vehicle Reserve account, both in the General Fund.

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Seconded by Donna Veach.

Moderator Kaczynski asked if there were any comments or questions on the resolution. Town Manager Jayawickrema explained that these funds were received from the State because of excess sales tax revenues collected in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and pertains to PA 22-118.

Staff reviewed highest priorities and determined that these funds would cover 55% of the fiscal year 2025 vehicle capital plan, almost all priority one requests.

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kathryn J. Wall
Clerk of the Meeting

Mark Kaczynski, Moderator

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