

East Berlin Borough Council

March 7, 2007

President Charles Eisenhart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of the Allegiance.

Members Present: President Charles Eisenhart, Janet Bollinger, Forrest Brehm; Gregory Green, Jacque Hoffman, Gerald Mummert and Rick Saxon.

Also Present: T. Michael Thoman, Borough Manager; Mayor Keith Hoffman; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Officer J. Michael Grim; Hanna Furst, Office Secretary; Julie Swanger, Secretary-Treasurer; Bruce Hulshizer, Buchart-Horn; Mike Quay, Evening Sun; Ken Furst, Ken Young, Sally Hoffman, David Richards, Beverly Judas, Bill Powell, Jan Hoffman, Dave Meixner, Greg Morehead, Charles Philips, Charles Bechtel, and Dave Woodward.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Mr. Brehm presented corrections to the Public Safety Report of the February minutes. Mr. Brehm announced that the faulty fire hydrant will be fixed by borough employees. *On a motion by Jacque Hoffman, seconded by Janet Bollinger and passed, a correction to February's minutes was approved.*

Mr. Brehm presented a correction to the Streets Report of the February minutes. As mentioned last month the Borough received a \$17,000 grant from the Community Revitalization Assistance Program for the Beaver Street Project. Property owners on Beaver St. were reimbursed based on the number of feet of sidewalk at \$4.96 per foot; that was an error in calculating and has been corrected as \$4.85 per foot. *On a motion by Gerald Mummert, seconded by Rick Saxon and passed, this correction to February's minutes was approved.*

Ms. Bollinger presented a correction to the Mayor's Report of the February minutes. Ms. Bollinger stated that she had in fact spoken with the Department of Transportation and the PA Police concerning golf carts on the roads. *On a motion by Gerald Mummert, seconded by Jacque Hoffman to amend with corrections was approved.*

On a motion by Gregory Green, seconded by Jacque Hoffman and passed, payment of the bills for the month of February was approved.

Constituents from the community that wish to address council are as follows with a five (5) minute allotment.

Ken Young, 203 Beaver St., felt that he was cut short at last month's meeting and questioned who the official time keeper is. Mr. Young spoke of previous discussions with Officer Grim and complaints with the Attorney General's office. Mr. Young gave Officer Grim information packet to file a criminal complaint. Mr. Young also expressed concerns over the bridge repair and Penn Dot follow up. Mr. Young stated he contacted the York Water Co. over his concerns about a water shortage due to drought. Mr. Young had work session questions from the prior meeting for Mayor Hoffman about police reports and the answering service.

Dave Richards, 202 Beaver St., questioned the CW Test agreement and the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Richards commented that the Act 537 plan has been devoid of cost information in his opinion. President Eisenhart stated that the plan has to be filed with Hamilton Township.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hoffman reported the Borough Police Department has been given a free lap top computer with the installation fee of \$650 and a \$50 per month wireless cost..

Solicitor's Report: To report with Water and Sewer Committee.

Engineer's Report:

Buchart-Horn- To report with Water and Sewer Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sewer & Water Committee: Mr. Mummert made a motion to accept Resolution 3-2007-1 whereas Buchart-Horn, Inc. has prepared an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan update for the Borough of East Berlin. Mr. Brehm seconded the motion. Mr. Mummert reviewed the resolution stating the updates to be: expansion and upgrade of the

Borough's treatment plant; extension of the public sewer service by the Borough system to the northwest portion of the Borough; replacement of the West King Street pump; and extension of public sewer service into adjacent Hamilton Township to provide sewer service to the Buttercup Farms development. *Motion was carried.*

Solicitor Battersby stated that Hamilton Township passed a similar resolution.

Mr. Mummert read a county review from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development offering comments and recommendations regarding the proposed Act 537 Plan. Mr. Mummert stated the cost to build would be approximately \$6 million but with the CW Test venture it should only cost the Borough an estimate of \$1.6 million.

Mr. Mummert made a motion to advertise Ordinance # 2007-1 with the intent to establish a Municipal Authority with Hamilton Township, seconded by Mr. Green and passed.

Bruce Hulshizer of Buchart-Horn, Inc. reported the Adams Co. Office of Planning & Development is in favor of and supportive for the development and expansion of the East Berlin Borough water and sewer plans.

Finance Committee: *Gregery Green made a motion to accept the proposal for engineering services for the Sewage Facilities Improvements Design-BH Proposal #19867, per agreement with CW Test concerning the bond, seconded by Jacque Hoffman and approved.* Mr. Green explained that although a motion was made to accept the proposal; they will not sign it until they verify the evidence and the bond from CW Test. President Eisenhart stated that the Borough is waiting for the paperwork.

Streets Committee: Nothing to report

Public Safety: Janet Bollinger contacted Mr. Phillip Brambringle, manager of the registration division of motor vehicles concerning Mr. Coxen's use of golf carts on the roadway. Mr. Brambringle responded that golf carts are not allowable on highways for vehicle use and only acceptable for off highway use; due to unsafe conditions for the road. Ms. Bollinger had a meeting with Mr. Coxen on March 2, 2007 to notify him of the response. Ms. Bollinger spoke with Judy Deihl concerning a dog problem in her neighborhood and would like someone to look into it further. Ms. Bollinger was notified of a noise problem from Jane Snyder and would like Officer Grim to patrol that area more.

Planning & Zoning: Mr. Saxon reported that the 6 (six) neighboring townships are in cooperation with the application for the Adams County Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Saxon stated this plan is to work on concerns surrounding transportation, recreation and tourism, land use, community centers, housing, history and conservation, and Route 234 traffic to control growth. He also reported these issues were discussed at the meeting. Mr. Saxon stated an application for a grant was submitted. President Eisenhart announced a zoning hearing is scheduled for Rutter's Farm Store for March 13, 2007 at the Borough Hall at 7:00 PM.

Personnel: Nothing

Parks & Recreation: Mr. Saxon reported continued fundraising efforts in support of the Community Park Project.

Unfinished Business: President Eisenhart stated that a letter was sent to the Historical Society with gratitude for their efforts in restoration to the community. Charles Bechtel contacted President Eisenhart to invite Borough members for an informal gathering and tour to be scheduled.

New Business: Nothing to report

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from Roy Chronister in response of the passing of his wife Nancy. A thank you note for the cleaning of the streets was received from the Hamon family.

President Eisenhart adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 7:30 PM, in the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Swanger, Secretary