

EAST BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL
128 Water Street
East Berlin, PA 17316

June 26, 2013 – Work Session

The second monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held June 26, 2013, at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: President Charles Krall; James LeVan; Roberta Teal; Charles Eisenhart; Donald Dixon; and Andrew Raymond

Members Absent: Richard Cashman

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; Mary Kay Marzani; Dr. Chad Buohl; and David Richards

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: Dr. Chad Buohl addressed Council on the subject of mailboxes belonging to neighboring residents installed at the curb line of his property. The neighboring residents were instructed by the Postmaster to place the boxes on the yellow curb line to insure postal delivery in the no-parking zone. Dr. Buohl stated that he objects to the placement for aesthetic reasons and concerns of liability, and suggested that even though this practice seems to be commonplace in the Borough, Council should consider addressing the issue with a Resolution. There was some discussion of the previous comments of the Borough Solicitor stating that the mailboxes are placed in the right-of-way of a State road, and that the Postmaster has authority in this matter. President Krall stated that further research would be done, and that Dr. Buohl would be informed of any possible action or available options.

Topics of Discussion:

- Regarding the concerns of Council in adopting proposed construction specifications, Borough Engineer Eric Mains provided comments in an email response. President Krall stated that the matter would be discussed with Mr. Mains when he is available to attend Council meeting.
- David Richards provided Council with a documented report on his attendance at the meeting of the Adams County Tax Collection Committee on June 5, 2013. The report included a summary of earned income tax receipts provided by the York Adams Tax Bureau. On the subject of the adoption of an agreement for proxy voting, President Krall stated that this would be addressed at the next meeting of Council.
- Council was provided a zoning enforcement notice from Zoning Officer Robert Thaeler addressing the current use of the former Nell's property on West King Street. It was noted that the violation is not the storage of trailers on the property, but the extended industrial use by Zeigler Brothers in the Residential/Village Trade District as determined by Mr. Thaeler. President Krall mentioned a possible request for special exception by the Nell's property owner for this use, but no application has been received.
- In response to Council's letter of support for restored funding to the Adams County Conservation District, a letter was received from Representative Will Tallman stating that the State budget has reinstated the funding for all Pennsylvania Conservation Districts.
- A survey request was received from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development regarding a countywide Economic Development Plan. Input is requested from municipal officials, residents, and businesses. Secretary McArthur noted that the survey

was also forwarded to the Planning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the East Berlin Area Joint Authority.

- A request for a letter of recommendation was received from the East Berlin Community Library in its efforts to obtain grant funds for the expansion project. By a consensus of Council, President Krall stated that a letter of support would be provided to the Library.
- James LeVan requested that Council address the issue of Kenneth Kauffman's application for membership to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and noted that the Personnel Committee proposes to approve the appointment. It was noted that Mr. Kauffman has attended the last four (4) meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Commission also endorses the appointment. *James LeVan motioned to appoint Kenneth Kauffman to the Parks and Recreation Commission; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Per roll call vote, Council unanimously approved the motion.*
- President Krall reported that the 2012 Annual Financial Report has been received from the Joint Authority and is available for review in the Borough office.
- The Pennsylvania Council of Governments' Summer Newsletter was received, and Council was advised to be aware of training opportunities and webinars available.
- An invitation was received from Bernie Tucker for Council to attend a Press Event on July 11, 2013 at his North Avenue facility. The event is sponsored by the Manufacturers' Association of South Central Pennsylvania in conjunction with BAE Systems to focus on funding issues in manufacturing the Bradley Fighting Vehicle production line.
- Andrew Raymond presented a sample trophy to be awarded at the Car and Bike Show to be held at the VFW on July 3rd from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Mr. Raymond stressed the importance of the many donations made by the VFW to local nonprofit organizations as part of its small games of chance program.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:32 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Council exited the Session at 7:55 PM.

The meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council