

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

September 25, 2013 – Work Session

The second monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held September 25, 2013, at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM. President Krall thanked Council for keeping things running smoothly in the Borough while he was out of town.

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

Members Absent: Charles Eisenhart

Also Present: Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; and Diane Weaver, Reporter for the Evening Sun

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: None.

Topics of Discussion:

- Regarding the cost overrun on the Schoolhouse Lane Drainage Project, Council Members James LeVan, Richard Cashman, and Andrew Raymond discussed their recent meeting with Mike Greenholt of Henson Paving. No change order was submitted for the additional cost prior to performing the work, but was submitted later with a separate invoice on the instruction of the Borough Secretary. Mr. Cashman reported that Mr. Greenholt stated that, even though the change in the scope of the project was conveyed to Robert Meminger, the cost increase was not discussed. In response to Mr. Cashman's proposal to pay half of the cost overrun, Mr. Greenholt would not agree. Andrew Raymond suggested that all future project contracts contain language detailing the requirement of preapproved change orders. Council concurred. James LeVan stated that Mr. Greenholt felt that he did nothing wrong. Roberta Teal commented that Henson Paving always submits a bid for Borough projects, and that they do quality work. *Roberta Teal motioned to pay the cost overrun in the amount of \$2952.00; seconded by Donald Dixon. Per roll call, votes were cast as follows: Donald Dixon, yes; Roberta Teal, yes; James LeVan, no; Andrew Raymond, yes; Richard Cashman, no; and Charles Krall, yes. Motion approved with a vote of four (4) to two (2).* President Krall instructed Mr. Cashman and Mr. Raymond to draft a policy stating that project contracts contain instructions requiring preapproved change orders for cost overruns. It was noted that the Streets and Public Safety Committee Members may approve change orders to expedite a project, and report their actions to Council.
- On the subject of crosswalk line painting, Council reviewed comments submitted by Robert Meminger noting that a decision is needed on the type of lines for the Borough Engineer to proceed with the traffic signal video detection plan. Roberta Teal noted that the traffic signal permit designates parallel lines, but could be amended to allow piano key lines which currently exist at the square. It was noted that repainting the piano key lines over remaining paint would result in a longer life span than painting new parallel lines where none exist. Ms. Teal reviewed the bids received for piano key and parallel lines with separate bids for thermo-plastic and regular paint, and suggested waiting until spring to complete the work to avoid damage by the snowplow blade. President Krall stated that a decision is needed on the type of lines, but the bids would be addressed at the next meeting of Council. There was some discussion of piano key lines being more visible to pedestrians and drivers. *Roberta Teal motioned to approve piano key lines in thermo-plastic paint at the square and on Route 194 at Locust Street; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Per roll call vote, all Council Members approved the motion.*
- President Krall inquired of the information obtained from James LeVan's suggestion to operate the traffic signal on a timing system. Mr. LeVan stated that PennDOT has restrictions, would require a traffic study at a cost of \$8,000.00, and likely would not allow the timing system. Comments were

reviewed from both PennDOT and the Borough Engineer explaining the necessity of a detection system at the traffic light.

- President Krall reviewed a letter from the Auditor General stating that Liberty Fire Company's Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association is in compliance with the recommendations of the recent audit and authorizes the release of the 2013 state aid.
- A request was received from the Founder's Day Committee to repeal Ordinance No. 2007-4 banning open/recreational burning so that a bonfire could be part of the New Year's Eve activities at the Park. It was noted that the Borough's adoption of the International Fire Code mandates the presence of a fire truck for such activities and should be sufficient in addressing safety issues. President Krall stated that the request would be discussed further at the next meeting of Council.
- Council reviewed the Adams County Council of Governments President's message urging that all municipalities enact a fire tax to support local fire companies. President Krall suggested that Council Members discuss the matter with Borough constituents to obtain their input, and noted that more adequate financial information is needed from Liberty Fire Company. Roberta Teal discussed her attendance at a recent special meeting of ACCOG addressing this issue and noted that she does not support the fire tax. President Krall suggested that representatives of Liberty Fire Company attend a Council meeting to discuss the matter.
- President Krall reported that the Wellspan Parking Lot Expansion Project Plans were received and being reviewed by the Zoning Officer and Borough Engineer.
- A donation request was received from the Senior Center. President Krall noted that donations would be determined by the Borough's revenue at the end of the year.
- The Adams County Boroughs Association September newsletter was received.
- A Boroughs Association meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 6:30 PM at Pike's Restaurant in Gettysburg. President Krall reminded Council that attendance at any meeting or training which will incur cost to the Borough requires preapproval as stated by Borough Resolution.
- The Adams County Office of Planning and Development in conjunction with Penn State Extension is hosting a live webcast, "Reinventing the Commercial Corridor," on October 1st from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center in Gettysburg. Representatives of East Berlin Borough are encouraged to attend due to the impact of planned commercial activity on Route 194 south of the Borough in Hamilton Township, and the Borough's current project to update the Zoning Ordinance. The workshop illustrates redevelopment strategies to create mixed use centers from existing highway strips.
- In response to President Krall's inquiry of the September 11th meeting of the Zoning Committee with Zoning Officer Robert Thaeler to update the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, Roberta Teal stated that both members of Council and the Planning Commission attended, focusing on signage among other topics.
- A Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce breakfast is scheduled for 7:30 AM on October 10th at the YMCA of Littlestown for \$15.00 per person.
- President Krall reminded Council of training opportunities and webinars available.
- President Krall reported that he and Robert Meminger would be attending a presentation by C.S. Davidson regarding new technologies to manage infrastructure.
- Donald Dixon inquired of the status of the drainage issue in the proposed playground area at the Park. President Krall stated that Robert Meminger is coordinating efforts to address the problem and has been allowed an increased spending cap by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council