

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

January 21, 2015

The second monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held January 21, 2015, at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: President Charles Krall; Roberta Teal; Andrew Raymond; James LeVan; Jason Wood; Donald Dixon; and Catherine Lockey

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; and David Bolton of the Adams County Boroughs Association

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on January 7, 2015, were reviewed. Donald Dixon requested that the location of the home break-ins mentioned in the Mayor's report be clarified as the Beaver Colony Development. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Roberta Teal; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for the end of January totaling \$11,433.96 was reviewed. Donald Dixon questioned the cost of "LED for Flood Light at Borough Hall" at \$248.75, and how long it would take to recoup this cost. President Krall explained that the cost is for an LED unit and not just a bulb. *Jason Wood motioned to pay the bills for the end of January; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: David Bolton introduced himself to Council as a representative of the Adams County Boroughs Association (ACBA). Mr. Bolton stated that he is accepting award nominations for the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) due by February 6, 2015, and noted that he would like to see a representative from every Borough in attendance at the April conference in Lancaster. Mr. Bolton explained the purpose of his visit to request support for ACBA Resolution 2014-2, Industrial Hemp Cultivation in Pennsylvania, and provided a history of the uses of industrial hemp as well as the environmental and financial advantages of reintroducing industrial hemp cultivation. Council thanked Mr. Bolton for his presentation.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Fire Company Report: President Krall noted that financial reports were received for November and December activities from Liberty Fire Company. Copies were provided to Council. President Krall noted that the December income amount was approximately \$4,000.00 with expenses over \$17,000.00, and asked Mayor Hoffman to explain several entries. Mayor Hoffman reported that the expense of \$3,114.84 to Hobart, Inc. was for dishwasher parts, and the payment to Susquehanna Bank in the amount of \$8,253.75 was payment for the tanker truck (Dec. – Jan.). Mayor Hoffman noted that the ambulance income helps to subsidize the fire company operation, and informed Council that Liberty intends to request that the Borough enact a fire tax. President Krall stated that a fire tax would not be considered until more detailed financial information is provided, and has suggested to Liberty that fees be charged for fire calls to accident scenes.

Engineer's Report: None.

Committee Reports:

Finance: President Krall requested that Council consider the proposed contributions per the 2015 Budget and 2014 year end revenue. *Andrew Raymond motioned to contribute Seven Hundred Fifty*

Dollars (\$750.00) to the East Berlin Senior Center; seconded by Catherine Lockey. Motion approved with all in favor. Roberta Teal motioned to contribute Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to Liberty Fire Company designated toward the payment of the new fire truck; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved with all in favor. Regarding a proposed donation to the Lions Club, President Krall stated his opinion that the Lions Club is a fundraising organization and he does not feel that a contribution from the Borough is necessary. Catherine Lockey motioned to contribute Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to the East Berlin Community Library; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.

President Krall noted that the 2015 Budget includes the expense of replacing Robert Meminger's computer with an updated version and requested Council's approval. *Roberta Teal motioned to replace Mr. Meminger's computer; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved unanimously.* President Krall requested that a meeting of the Finance Committee be scheduled to address updates to the Zoning Ordinance Fee Schedule. President Krall mentioned that he, Solicitor Battersby, and Jason Wood are scheduled to meet with Senator Alloway on Friday to discuss grant funding opportunities for the Park, and the issue of truck damage incidents at Sidney Restaurant.

Personnel: Regarding Officer Grim's upcoming retirement in mid-2016, President Krall suggested to James LeVan that the Personnel Committee meet with Officer Grim and Mayor Hoffman to discuss suggestions and options for his replacement. James LeVan reported that Herbert Walter, who was recently appointed by Council to the Board of the Community Center, has declined the position. Mr. LeVan noted that Mr. Walter enjoys his volunteer work for the Community Center, but after attending a meeting of the Board, does not wish to participate in the business decisions.

Unfinished Business: James LeVan discussed the issue of problems with truck traffic, including a recent incident of a tractor trailer hitting a house on Route 194 south of town, and the truck damage at Sidney Restaurant. President Krall reported that a letter was sent to PennDOT requesting assistance in providing options to deal with the matter, and that he will also be discussing this with Senator Alloway. President Krall discussed the possibility of adopting an Ordinance prohibiting truck traffic except for local deliveries in the Borough, which would likely prompt the attention of PennDOT.

New Business: President Krall reported that he and James LeVan attended a presentation by David Richards at the Community Center concerning rate structures of the Water and Sewer Authority. President Krall stated that some valid points were made, and that he contacted Mr. Richards to meet for further discussion. Gerald Mummert, Board Chairman of the Joint Authority, was also contacted regarding the issues and agreed that some adjustments are likely needed.

Correspondence:

Adams County Boroughs Association January Newsletter
Town Hall Meeting Hosted by Commissioner Marty Qually, 1/31/2015, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Library Receives \$5,000.00 Grant from Young Adult Library Services Association
Training and Webinars Available

James LeVan motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 8:17 PM; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council