

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

February 18, 2015

The second monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held February 18, 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 Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on February 4, 2015, were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by James LeVan; seconded by Roberta Teal. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for the end of February totaling \$11,451.70 was reviewed. There was some discussion of the \$2,000.00 cost of an insurance deductible to EMC Insurance for defending the Borough in the Tucker civil suit. It was noted that the cost of defense to EMC Insurance thus far is \$145,000.00. President Krall noted that the bills detail includes the cost of \$2,885.00 for replacing the heating unit in the garage. *James LeVan motioned to pay the bills for the end of February; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: None.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Nothing to report.

Maintenance: Andrew Raymond reported that a letter was received from PennDOT acknowledging the Borough's request for options to deal with truck damage incidents at the square. It was noted that the letter would be reviewed with Borough Engineer Eric Mains and a meeting would be scheduled with PennDOT. President Krall read the letter from PennDOT providing options referenced in the LTAP evaluation and the names of contact representatives at PennDOT. President Krall noted that similar incidents have been reported to PennDOT throughout the Commonwealth regarding hit and run truck damages. Andrew Raymond reported that Bob Gordon, President of the Adams County Council of Governments, will be discussing this issue with the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization.

Regarding the interior painting project at the Borough Hall, Mr. Raymond reported that the remaining offices would be painted when Officer Grim and Secretary McArthur are out on vacation. The Borough roads have been plowed twice and treated four (4) times for ice buildup so far this month.

Planning/Zoning: Nothing to report.

Personnel: James LeVan scheduled a meeting of the Personnel Committee to address the term expiration of Jason Wood on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and to discuss Officer Grim's upcoming retirement in 2016. The meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2015, at 6:00 PM.

Park/Recreation: Jason Wood mentioned grant options under discussion by the Commission.

Unfinished Business: President Krall presented Resolution 2-2015-2 in support of industrial hemp cultivation and noted that the Resolution drafted by David Bolton, Adams County Boroughs Association, has been amended to include a specific definition of industrial hemp. President Krall voiced his concern that supporting the Resolution would appear to be supporting Mr. Bolton in his candidacy for Adams County

Commissioner as he has made the Resolution a part of his campaign. President Krall suggested that the Resolution be tabled until after the primary election. Catherine Lockey disagreed and stated that supporting the Resolution does not show support of Mr. Bolton as a candidate. In the role of a school teacher, Donald Dixon stated that he would not support the cultivation of hemp in any form. *Catherine Lockey motioned to approve Resolution 2-2015-2; seconded by James LeVan. Per roll call vote, the Members of Council voted as follows: Andrew Raymond, yes; Jason Wood, yes; James LeVan, yes; Catherine Lockey, yes; Roberta Teal, no; Donald Dixon, no; and Charles Krall, no. Motion approved by a vote of four (4) to three (3).*

New Business: President Krall reported that Abbottstown Borough has inquired if the rate quoted to them last year for street sweeping would still apply for 2015. After some discussion of the wear on the equipment and the time of the Borough employees to do the work, President Krall suggested that further research of the cost is needed. The request will be addressed at the next meeting of Council.

President Krall reported that a request was received from Robert Lusk of 309 Locust Street for on-street handicapped parking due to the employees of Pennwood parking in front of his house. It was noted that both Mr. Lusk and his wife have significant difficulty walking and a copy of his handicapped placard was provided to Council. On the issue of other residents making a similar request, President Krall stated that they would be addressed on a case by case basis. It was noted that the Borough Ordinance regarding on-street handicapped parking may be amended by Resolution to add or remove additional areas, and that the Borough is responsible for posting and removing the signs. By a consensus of Council, Secretary McArthur was instructed to draft a Resolution to be addressed at the next meeting.

Each Member of Council was provided a Statement of Financial Interests form as required by the State Ethics Commission to be filled out and returned to the Borough office.

President Krall presented pictures and information regarding the replacement of the meeting room chairs, including those of Council and the gallery seating. It was noted that the Council chairs are forty (40) years old and showing wear, and the gallery chairs are much older and not comfortable. The cost of the new high-back swivel upholstered Council chairs is \$109.99 each, and the cost of the padded upholstered folding gallery chairs is \$22.95 each. Secretary McArthur stated that the sale of the old chairs will likely cover the cost of replacement as the Council chairs are vintage and the gallery chairs are antique. There are additional folding metal chairs available for the gallery if needed. *Roberta Teal motioned to purchase fourteen (14) gallery chairs and ten (10) Council chairs; seconded by Catherine Lockey. Per roll call vote, the Members of Council voted as follows: Catherine Lockey, yes; Roberta Teal, yes; Donald Dixon, no; Andrew Raymond, yes; Jason Wood, yes; James LeVan, yes; and Charles Krall, yes. Motion approved by a vote of six (6) to one (1).*

Correspondence:

Introductory Letter from Christina Simpson for Judge, Adams County Court of Common Pleas
Training and Webinars Available

Andrew Raymond reported that the Adams County Emergency Services will be performing a drill on April 15, 2015, and that sections of roadway throughout the County will be closed. Mr. Raymond also reported that he and Catherine Lockey attended the recent meeting of Liberty Fire Company.

Council entered an Executive Session at 7:59 PM to discuss a legal matter, and exited Executive Session at 8:02 PM.

Jason Wood motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 8:03 PM; seconded by Donald Dixon. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council