

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

April 15, 2015

The second monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held April 15, 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 (7:17)

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Borough Engineer Eric Mains; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; and Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Phil Keener

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on April 1, 2015, were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Roberta Teal; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for the end of April totaling \$4,367.27 was reviewed. *James LeVan motioned to pay the bills for the end of April; seconded by Roberta Teal. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: Phil Keener, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission addressed Council to discuss the installation of electricity at the Park pavilion. Mr. Keener noted that the Park is designated to be open from dawn to dusk, and that the Commission recommends the installation of a dusk to dawn light on the pole near the pavilion, but no fluorescent lights inside the pavilion due to concerns of vandalism. Other considerations include whether or not to lock access to the electricity in the pavilion, and with an independent electric meter, would the cost be paid by the Parks and Recreation Commission or the Borough's General Funds. President Krall requested input from Council. Roberta Teal mentioned a new Civil War re-enactment group interested in utilizing the Park and commented that interior lighting would be useful in the pavilion. Mr. Keener suggested that temporary lights be erected in the pavilion as done for the previous re-enactment group. Regarding the option to offer a pay-per use of electricity, President Krall noted that a rental of the pavilion should include electricity. President Krall stated that the Borough would be responsible for the cost of electricity, and that he would prefer the access be locked. Both Jason Wood and President Krall agreed that there should be no interior lighting at this point, but could be added in the future if needed. Mr. Keener stated that a dusk to dawn light would be installed on the pole.

Mr. Keener reviewed the current grant application process with DCNR and requested Council's approval of a resolution page naming the authorized signer of the grant agreement, and noted that the grant application is in the name of the Borough of East Berlin. *Jason Wood motioned to authorize the Council President as the authorized signer of the grant agreement; seconded by Roberta Teal. Per roll call vote, all Members of Council approved the motion.* In Council's review of the grant agreement signature page, James LeVan voiced his concern that the specific responsibility of the Borough is not shown. Mr. Keener explained that the grant would provide \$40,000.00 with the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide \$20,000.00 for the project completion, and noted that the agreement document is thirty-two (32) pages long. Mr. LeVan stated that he would not be comfortable approving the grant agreement unless he can see it in writing. Eric Mains suggested that Council's motion be amended to reflect the Borough's portion of responsibility at \$20,000.00. *Jason Wood amended his previous motion to authorize the Council President as the authorized signer of the grant agreement with the Borough's portion of the project funding up to \$20,000.00; seconded by Roberta Teal. Per roll call vote, all Members of Council approved the motion.*

Engineering: President Krall stated that Borough Engineer Eric Mains is present to answer questions regarding truck damage incidents at the square. President Krall reviewed his discussion with Officer Grim that reducing the speed limit is not an option per past traffic studies at the square, and that there have been no accidents caused by speed in his thirty-plus years as an Officer for the Borough. Mr. Mains commented that reducing the speed limit

would not affect truck turning issues. President Krall discussed the option to back up the traffic stop bars to allow a wider turning distance for trucks.

President Krall presented a 2008 trucker's guide/map that illustrates restrictions on state routes throughout Pennsylvania. According to the map, fifty-three foot (53') trailers are prohibited through East Berlin. President Krall noted that verification of the map's validity was obtained from PennDOT. The map shows that Route 234 from Route 94 in Reading Township to Route 462 in West York, and Route 194 south to Route 30 in Abbottstown are limited to forty-eight foot (48') trailers. Enforcement in this area falls to East Berlin Borough Police Department, Reading Township Police Department, Northern Regional Police Department, West Manchester Police Department, and the Pennsylvania State Police. President Krall stated that enforcement would require a coordinated effort and suggested that the State Police Truck Enforcement Task Force should be involved. President Krall proposed to send a letter requesting assistance from the Truck Enforcement Task Force, and copy the letter to all the Police Departments covering this area, and noted that the topic would also be discussed at the April 22nd meeting of the Adams County Transportation Planning Organization. Eric Mains stated that a letter would be effective in documenting the campaign to address this issue. Regarding the issue of moving back the traffic stop bars, Mr. Mains stated that PennDOT must approve the changes and would require proof of a viable truck turning path based on an engineering study at a cost of \$350.00. It was noted that moving back the traffic stop bars would eliminate right turns on a red light.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Nothing to report.

Maintenance: Nothing to report.

Planning/Zoning: Nothing to report.

Personnel: James LeVan stated that Planning Commission Member Louise Harrington has not determined if she will continue in her position which expired March 31, 2015, and that he will speak with her at the next meeting of the Commission on April 23rd.

Park/Recreation: The meeting minutes of March 12, 2015, were provided to Council.

Unfinished Business: President Krall reported that the street sweeping agreement was sent back to Abbottstown to be signed and returned to the Borough. Finance Committee Chairperson Roberta Teal reported that she sent three letters of request for audit quotes as instructed at the last meeting of Council. A response was requested by April 20th. Catherine Lockey presented to Council several copies of an audit quote from a friend of hers at an auditing firm. President Krall reminded Ms. Lockey that she was not authorized to obtain the quote as this task was assigned to the Finance Committee, and that the quote would not be considered.

New Business: Andrew Raymond discussed several road repairs needed in the Borough. President Krall stated that Robert Meminger will be reviewing this with Borough Engineer Eric Mains.

Correspondence:

2013 Liquid Fuels Audit Report Received
Letter from Adams County Library System Regarding the Use of Hanover Public Library
YATB Open House/Information Session 5/11 in York and 5/12 in Gettysburg
Training and Webinars Available

Donald Dixon motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 8:11 PM; seconded by Catherine Lockey. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council