

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

July 1, 2015

The first monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held July 1, 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; and Donald Dixon

Members Absent: Catherine Lockey

Also Present: Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Mayor Keith Hoffman; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; and David Richards

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on June 3, 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 beginning of July totaling \$25,671.53 was reviewed. President Krall noted that the higher total of the bills detail is due to the cancellation of Council's June 17th meeting. *James LeVan motioned to pay the bills for the beginning of June; seconded by Roberta Teal. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: None.

Mayor's Report: The police report for June was provided to Council.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported that he met with Senator Alloway at his Gettysburg office to discuss incidents of truck turning damage at the square and the considerable cost incurred by the Borough to address the issue. Engineering studies, turning templates, and site observations are required by PennDOT for proposed revisions to the traffic signal permit plan. With costs running into thousands of dollars, Solicitor Battersby requested that Senator Alloway obtain some assurance from PennDOT that there would be no further expenses to amend the permit plan. After Senator Alloway's phone call to PennDOT, Solicitor Battersby was assured that no additional costs would be incurred. President Krall explained that per PennDOT's processes, it is the responsibility of the municipality to provide the required information.

Regarding the roof project at the Community Center, Solicitor Battersby suggested that funding options would be more readily available after the State's budget is adopted and will continue to research the matter.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Council reviewed the Previous Year Financial Comparison Report and Summary of Accounts.

Streets/ Maintenance: Andrew Raymond reported that shoulder stabilization work to prevent erosion from undercutting the road surface on North Avenue was completed on June 16th. Robert Meminger attended two (2) meetings at Tyrone Township to explore the possibility of a joint municipal project to produce and distribute brine for winter snow removal activities. Reading Township is willing to consider providing brine to the Borough

as discussions about the joint venture continue. Further information will be provided as it develops. PennDOT Representative Ricky Barnett is reviewing the Borough's traffic signal permit revision request and has consulted Borough Engineer Eric Mains to answer his questions. An inquiry was made today to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the continued restrictions on fishing, swimming, and boating in the Conewago Creek due to contamination from the Miller Chemical fire. DEP responded that the restrictions are still in place, but new information may be provided tomorrow. Solicitor Battersby stated that waterways throughout Pennsylvania are under the authority of the State.

Planning/Zoning: James LeVan reported that a meeting of the Planning Commission was held on June 25, 2015. The meeting minutes of April 23, 2015 were provided to Council.

Personnel: James LeVan reported that the police employment application is being updated with input provided by Solicitor Battersby. A proposed advertisement for the position of police officer was provided to Council for review.

Park and Recreation: Jason Wood reported that the Evening in the Park event on June 28th was successful.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: President Krall presented a proposed advertisement for the upcoming trash contract and pre-bid conference. Solicitor Battersby suggested that the advertisement should include Council's right to award separate contracts for residential and commercial services. *Donald Dixon motioned to place the advertisement as amended; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with all in favor.*

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Andrew Raymond invited all to attend the VFW Car Show on July 2, 2015, and reported that the tank at the VFW has been refurbished by the Army National Guard.

There was some discussion of posting signs needed to restrict tractor trailers over forty-eight feet (48') in length in the Borough as mandated by PennDOT's trucking guidelines, or to restrict turning at the square. Regarding similar issues in Gettysburg Borough, Mayor Hoffman stated that he would contact the Gettysburg Police Chief.

James LeVan motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 7:48 PM; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council