

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

November 2, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held November 2, 2016, at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: President Roberta Teal; Charles Krall; Jason Wood; James LeVan; Andrew Raymond; and Donald Dixon (7:15 PM)

Members Absent: Catherine Lockey

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; Curt Mathews

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on October 19, 2016, were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jason Wood; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for the beginning of November totaling \$8,757.52 was reviewed. Jason Wood noted that the bills include a donation to Liberty Fire Company in the amount of \$5,700.00. *Charles Krall motioned to pay the bills for the beginning of November; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: None.

Mayor's Report: Council reviewed the police report for October. Mayor Hoffman reported that Trick or Treat went well and noted that compliments were received on this well-organized and safe event in the Borough.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby commented on the letter from the Borough Council to Representative Will Tallman and Senator Rich Alloway opposing PennDOT's requirement for Boroughs to maintain the stormwater infrastructure under state roads. There was some discussion of DEP's MS4 municipal stormwater program, not yet required in East Berlin Borough.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Council reviewed the Previous Year Financial Comparison Report and Summary of Accounts. President Teal requested that Council review the 2017 draft budget to approve advertisement for adoption at the next meeting on November 16th.

Streets/ Maintenance: Andrew Raymond reported that fall street sweeping is underway and that residents should not pile leaves on the street. The street sweeper cannot pick up piles of leaves like a leaf vacuum truck. Snow removal equipment was mounted on the F750 and antiskid will be picked up later in the month. A workshop is scheduled with Borough Engineer Vince Wayne on November 13th to review street paving options for South, Zinn, and Stoner Avenues.

Planning/Zoning: James LeVan reported that the Planning Commission met to discuss the Pennwood Warehouse Expansion Project and comments from Zoning Officer Robert Thaeler regarding landscaping and parking issues.

Personnel: James LeVan stated that he may attend the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to follow up on the expiring terms of three (3) of its members. Mr. LeVan commented that the members of the Commission work well together and have accomplished a great deal for the Borough Park.

Park and Recreation: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: President Teal reviewed a letter received from the Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD) proposing the implementation of a five dollar (\$5.00) vehicle registration fee to be used for transportation projects. President Teal noted her opposition to the fee which is basically just another tax on residents. Jason Wood commented that the revenue of this fee would cover less than twenty percent (20%) of the annual shortfall to fund transportation projects in the County. James LeVan noted the likelihood of future increases in the fee amount escalating to meet the shortfall in funds. President Teal reported that the revenue of the proposed fee would not be distributed to the municipalities, and could only be obtained through grant applications to the County. President Teal suggested that a letter be drafted stating Council's opposition to the vehicle registration fee. *Donald Dixon motioned to draft a letter to the ACOPD; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with all in favor.* Charles Krall requested that the letter be approved by Council prior to mailing.

Correspondence:

- Letter to Representatives Regarding Stormwater Maintenance on State Roads
- Training and Webinars Available

Donald Dixon reminded all that election day is Tuesday, November 8th, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Donald Dixon motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 7:25 PM; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council