

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

November 16, 2016

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; and Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur

The second monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held November 16, 2016, at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on November 2, 2016, were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Charles Krall; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for the end of November totaling \$15,321.41 was reviewed. *Donald Dixon motioned to pay the bills for the end of November; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: None.

Committee Reports:

Finance: President Teal requested input from Council regarding the 2017 draft budget to be advertised for adoption. Catherine Lockey requested an explanation of the cable TV franchise listed as revenue on the proposed budget. Secretary McArthur explained that the Borough receives a percentage of revenue per the agreement with Comcast Cable for being the cable provider in the Borough. Jason Wood stated that the agreement allows a monopoly for the provision of cable service which is standard practice throughout the country, but does not exclude services such as dish networks. Ms. Lockey disagreed that this is standard practice and inquired why the Borough receives revenue for the monopoly. Charles Krall explained that the revenue is part of the agreement which has been in place for many years to allow only one provider to install cable in the Borough. Ms. Lockey expressly requested that the entire conversation be included in the meeting minutes. *Charles Krall motioned to advertise the proposed 2017 budget to be considered for adoption at the next meeting of Council; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Maintenance: Andrew Raymond reported that the F750 is prepped for snow removal and has been loaded with antiskid. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Company corrected a paving grade issue at the site of the Third Street and North Avenue storm drainage project. The area now has improved stormwater drainage along the curb. Mr. Raymond reported that a survey and design work is needed for proposed road improvements on Stoner, South, and Zinn Avenues. Having a blueprint of existing conditions will allow us to obtain more detailed estimates on construction options. Quotes were obtained from Buchart Horn at \$15,400.00, and David A. Hoffman (a local land surveyor) at \$11,803.00. *Andrew Raymond motioned to accept the quote of \$11,803.00 from David A. Hoffman for the survey and site design work; seconded by Donald Dixon. Per roll call vote, all Members of Council approved the motion.* Donald Dixon mentioned a worsening dip in the road on W. King Street near the old bank. Charles Krall stated that the area is the site of a Joint Authority project and that he would mention it to them.

Planning/Zoning: James LeVan reported that the Planning Commission will have a combined November/December meeting on December 8th.

Personnel: James LeVan stated that Parks and Recreation Commission Member Gerald Mummert is willing to continue his term which expired October 31, 2016. *James LeVan motioned to reappoint Gerald Mummert to a three-year term ending October 31, 2019; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.* Mr. LeVan reported that the East Berlin Community Library has requested Council's approval to appoint Borough resident Melissa Earp as an Associate Member of the Library Board of Trustees, and read to Council a letter of recommendation from Sandra Abnett, President of the Board, stating Mrs. Earp's qualifications. It was noted that the by-laws of the Library Board require the approval of the municipality of residence to appoint a Board Member. *Andrew Raymond motioned to approve Melissa Earp's appointment to the Library Board; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Park/Recreation: Council was provided the meeting minutes of November 10, 2016. Regarding the proposed installation of horse shoe pits at the Park, Charles Krall suggested that the Commission contact some horse shoe leagues rather than the Lions Club for assistance in the proper installation. Jason Wood agreed.

Unfinished Business: Council reviewed the draft of a letter to be sent to the Adams County Office of Planning and Development (ACOPD) stating Council's opposition to the proposed \$5.00 vehicle registration fee for transportation projects. President Teal reported that an email was received this morning from the ACOPD stating that based on comments received thus far, the Commissioners will not be moving forward with the proposal at this time, but suggested that Council's comments should be submitted regardless. *Jason Wood motioned to send the letter to ACOPD; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved unanimously.*

New Business: Charles Krall reported that he and Gerald Mummert went to Harrisburg to meet with members of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), and that the meeting went well. Mr. Krall stated that he supports their efforts and they will continue to have workshops, likely the result of complaints to legislators regarding their fees and requirements of water and sewer authorities in the region. Mr. Krall discussed the design of the Joint Authority's sewer treatment plant to accommodate the needs of a housing development in Hamilton Township (Buttercup Farms) that never materialized. The plant was also intended to provide sewer service to Laughman's Bottom and Conewago Park in Reading Township, which never came about. Mr. Krall stated that DEP is setting up a meeting next week between the Joint Authority and Reading Township to discuss connecting Conewago Park to the sewer system. Mr. Krall reported that Weis Market in Hamilton Township contacted the Joint Authority regarding sewer lines which may also include some of the businesses between the Borough and Weis Market, and noted that they are not required to connect. In response to Donald Dixon inquiry of the cost of the sewer lines, Mr. Krall stated that the cost goes to those connecting.

Correspondence:

Thank You Letter Regarding Chief Seitz' Assistance with the 10/9 CROP Walk
Donation Request from the East Berlin Senior Center
Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce November Newsletter
Training and Webinars Available

Donald Dixon reported that seventy-eight percent (78%) of eligible voters in the Borough voted in the November 8th election.

Charles Krall motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 7:45 PM; seconded by Andrew Raymond. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council