

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

February 14, 2018

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council previously postponed from February 7, 2018 due to inclement weather was held February 14, 2018 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; James LeVan; and Donald Dixon

Members Absent: Jason Wood; Anne Geiger; and David Meixner

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; John Schlaline; and Thomas Burger

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on January 8, 2018 were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by James LeVan; seconded by Charles Krall. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for February totaling \$46,858.50 was reviewed. President Teal explained that due to the length of time elapsed since the last meeting of Council, some monthly bills including Advanced Disposal are listed twice. *Donald Dixon motioned to pay the bills for February; seconded by Charles Krall. Motion approved unanimously.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: Planning Commission Chairman Thomas Burger addressed Council to provide the Commission's 2017 annual report. Projects and issues reviewed include an onsite follow up of the Pennwood Warehouse Expansion Project, a land swap request on W. King Street, and the ongoing issue of the former Nell's Market building on W. King Street to find a viable entity to occupy the property. Two Commission Members attended an informative training seminar in Gettysburg on May 31, 2017 in order to enhance the effectiveness of the Planning Commission in assisting the governing body. President Teal thanked Mr. Burger for his report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hoffman reviewed the police report for January. There was some discussion of a newspaper article regarding an alleged stabbing incident in the Borough, which Chief Terry Seitz feels unsure of the accuracy of the report with the scant details provided by the supposed victim.

Solicitor's Report: None.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Council reviewed the Previous Year Financial Comparison Report and Summary of Accounts. Secretary McArthur noted that the month of January had five payroll periods versus the four payroll periods of 2017 causing an offset to the cost comparison.

Streets/ Maintenance: Council was provided the Maintenance Report for February.

Planning/Zoning: James LeVan reported that King Street Partners, the owners of the former Nell's Market property at 421 W. King Street, have tabled their request for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance while they seek a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board to allow an interior storage rental facility, not currently allowed in the Borough Core District. With no intention to influence the decision of the Zoning Hearing Board, Charles Krall suggested that Council address the issue of tabling the amendment request. *Charles motioned to dismiss the textual amendment request as*

submitted by the applicant and the recommended Planning Commission version of the amendment; seconded by James LeVan. Per roll call vote, all Members of Council approved the motion.

Personnel: James LeVan reported that the Zoning Hearing Board needs two (2) members and two (2) alternate members to fill vacancies on the Board. It was noted that two (2) possible applicants will be submitting application forms for these positions. Also, with former Council Member Andrew Raymond no longer filling the position of the Borough's representative to the Adams County Council of Governments, a new representative is needed. This will again be discussed at the next meeting of Council.

Parks and Recreation: None.

Unfinished Business: Regarding the 2018 budgeted donations tabled at the last meeting of Council, President Teal requested a motion from Council. *Charles Krall motioned to issue budgeted contributions to the East Berlin Senior Center in the amount of \$1,200.00 and the Trone Memorial Library of East Berlin in the amount of \$2,000.00; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with all in favor.*

New Business: President Teal reviewed Resolution No. 2-2018-2 opposing House Bill 1620 which would abolish municipal zoning authority over wireless antennae in the Borough rights-of-way. The Adams County Boroughs Association supports this Resolution. If adopted, it will be forwarded to the State and appropriate leaders. *James LeVan motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2-2018-2; seconded by Charles Krall. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

The Trone Memorial Library's Board of Trustees has requested the Borough's support to appoint a resident to the Board as required by the Library's Constitution and Bylaws. Approval is sought for Sandra Abnett of 360 Beaver Street to serve on the Library's Board of Trustees. *Charles Krall motioned the Borough's support of Sandra Abnett; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved unanimously.*

Correspondence:

- Thank You Card to Lions Club for Providing Holiday Lanterns
- Thank You Card to Sandy Cashman for Decorating the Square and the Borough Park
- Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce February Newsletter
- Adams County Boroughs Association January Newsletter
- Training and Webinars Available

Charles Krall motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 7:33 PM; seconded by Donald Dixon. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council