

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

May 2, 2018

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held May 2, 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; Donald Dixon; Anne Geiger; and David Meixner

Members Absent: Jason Wood

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; John Wardle, Candidate for 193rd District; and Robin Heyser, EBACC Director

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on April 4, 2018 were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Donald Dixon; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for May totaling \$24,108.90 was reviewed. *James LeVan motioned to pay the bills for May; seconded by Charles Krall. Motion approved unanimously.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: John Wardle introduced himself as a Republican Candidate for the PA 193rd House of Representatives (Adams and Cumberland Counties) and reviewed his background and experience including thirty two (32) years with the Bermudian Springs School District and President, EMT, Volunteer Firefighter for Penn Township Fire Company in Cumberland County. Mr. Wardle stressed his belief in strong family and moral values. President Teal thanked Mr. Wardle for his presentation.

Mayor's Report: Council reviewed the April police report.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby provided a draft parklands ordinance and requested that Council review the document to provide input, requests, and suggestions at next month's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Council reviewed the 2017 municipal audit report provided by Rotz and Stonesifer. Anne Geiger made several inquiries including references to segregation of duties and financial operations on a modified cash basis. Secretary McArthur explained that these issues are very commonplace in small municipalities due to staff constraints, but must be stated in the report by the auditor. It was noted that these same issues are stated in every annual audit report to the Borough. Council reviewed the Previous Year Financial Comparison Report and Summary of Accounts.

Streets/ Maintenance: David Meixner reported that the new garage doors have been installed and are fully functional. Traffic sign replacement continues with a sign inventory in place listing the location, condition, and installation date of each sign. Snow removal equipment has been removed, cleaned, and stored for the summer. Plans are being finalized for the Stoner Avenue Repaving Project and a bid package should be ready soon. Charles Krall mentioned the possibility of relocating two (2) utility poles that are too close to Stoner Avenue.

Planning/Zoning: James LeVan reported that the Borough was contacted by the York County Planning Commission regarding the possible elimination of two (2) bridges on Lake Road in

Washington Township, York County. Input is requested from the Borough due to increased traffic resulting from the removal of the bridges. Mr. LeVan stated that members of the Borough's Planning Commission visited the site of the bridges and noted that the increase in traffic to the Borough would be minimal. The Commission would be agreeable to whatever decision is made for removal of the bridges.

Personnel: James LeVan reported that Stanley Hollenbaugh offered to serve as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board and noted that Mr. Hollenbaugh served previously on the Board. President Teal requested a motion for approval. No motion was made.

Parks and Recreation: Council was provided the meeting minutes of March 8, 2018 and April 12, 2018. Anne Geiger reported that the basketball court will be completed this month and the area designated for storing stone, dirt, and debris needs to be consolidated to hold the extra dirt from the project. The Commission discussed the proposed Dog Park Project with possible additional access through a wetland from the main Park area utilizing a boardwalk/bridge.

Unfinished Business: Anne Geiger reported her online research for better communications to the Borough residents and suggested a possible update to the Borough's website. Mrs. Geiger found a website service company that offers more advanced and user friendly features and noted that this company designed the website for Gettysburg Borough. In response to President Teal inquiry of the cost of this service, Mrs. Geiger stated that she didn't know. Solicitor Battersby proposed that Council consider its objectives and possibilities in updating the Borough's website.

New Business: President Teal relayed information received from Liberty Fire Company Board President Michael Thomas regarding their proposed merger with Lake Meade Fire Company noting that the name would change to North East Adams Fire and EMS, and would be known as Company 32 in both York and Adams Counties. Mr. Thomas stressed that neither station is closing or moving.

Anne Geiger reported on her attendance at the April 26th meeting of the Adams County Council of Governments (ACCOG). Topics included the creation of a Fire Committee to offer solutions and options, Community TV, and electronic recycling. Lieutenant Nickey of the PA State Police provided a report. The Legislative Committee reviewed an electronic recycling bill and the use of radar by local police bill, both supported by Senator Alloway. Council discussed the possibility of requesting another speed study from PennDOT to possibly lower the speed limit through the Borough on Routes 194 and 234.

Correspondence:

- Adams Rescue Mission Will No Longer Collect Curbside Recycling, Still Accepting Drop Off
- Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce May Newsletter
- Training and Webinars Available

Council entered Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss a proposed lease agreement with the Community Center. Council returned to Regular Session at 8:46 PM.

Charles Krall motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 8:47 PM; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council