

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

September 5, 2018

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held September 5, 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; Donald Dixon; James LeVan; Anne Geiger; David Meixner; and Jason Wood

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; Rocco Devita; Emma Diehl; Stephanie Haley; Greta Haley; and Robin Heyser

Bid Opening for Trash Contract: President Teal opened the sealed bids received for the advertised trash contract beginning October 1, 2018. Bids received at the previous meeting of Council were rejected and the contract bid was re-advertised. The envelope from Penn Waste contained a letter stating that they would not be submitting a bid, but they wish to remain on the bidders list for future opportunities. The bid for Commercial Service from Neiderer's Sanitation quoted \$6.70 per cubic yard for each of the three (3) years of the contract. The bid for Commercial Service from Republic Services quoted \$6.00 per cubic yard for the first year, \$6.24 per cubic yard for the second year, and \$6.49 per cubic yard for the third year. The only bid received for Residential Service was from Republic Services quoting a total of \$386,300.00 for the three-year service without recycling, and \$568,925.00 for the three-year service with recycling. It was noted that the cost to residents would remain at \$52.00 per quarter without recycling, and increase to \$82.00 per quarter with recycling which is not required by law in the Borough. In response to Anne Geiger's inquiry regarding negotiating the frequency of recycling, Solicitor Battersby stated that the contract was already advertised as weekly. James LeVan stated that he was out of his comfort zone in passing this significant increase to the residents. Charles Krall voiced his concern that many residents living on a fixed income may find this difficult to manage. Emma Diehl of 203 Beaver Street stated that she is in favor of recycling and considers it socially responsible. Stephanie Haley of 205 E. King Street agreed with Ms. Diehl. *Jason Wood motioned to accept the bid from Republic Services for Residential Service including recycling; seconded by Anne Geiger. A roll call vote was cast as follows: James LeVan, yes; Jason Wood, yes; David Meixner, yes; Charles Krall, no; Anne Geiger, yes; Donald Dixon, no; and Roberta Teal, no. Motion approved by a vote of four (4) to three (3). Jason Wood motioned to accept the bid from Republic Services for Commercial Service; seconded by Donald Dixon. Per roll call vote, all Members of Council approved the motion.*

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on August 1, 2018, were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by Charles Krall; seconded by Anne Geiger. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for September totaling \$76,939.71 was reviewed. President Teal presented Change Order #1 from H & H Excavating for the Stoner Avenue Paving Project which increased the total cost of the project by \$6,662.25. President Teal explained the cost increase was due to added materials for base repair, leveling, and overlay to complete turning radiuses. *Charles Krall motioned to approve Change Order #1; seconded by James LeVan. Per roll call vote, all Members of Council approved the motion. Jason Wood motioned to pay the bills for September; seconded by Anne Geiger. Motion approved unanimously.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: Emma Diehl and Stephanie Haley addressed Council previously regarding the Trash Contract. Rocco Devita inquired about fuel surcharges appearing on his

dumpster bill with Republic Services when fuel surcharges are not in the current contract. Secretary McArthur stated that she would contact our municipal representative for more information.

Mayor's Report: Council reviewed the August police report. Mayor Hoffman stated that Fire Police will be sworn in for the Saturday Fall Festival Event.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby discussed a recent increase in car robberies in Carroll Valley and Fairfield Boroughs, and reminded residents to lock their vehicles. In response to Solicitor Battersby's inquiry of the progress of the proposed merger of Liberty Fire Company and Lake Meade Fire Company, Secretary McArthur explained that the merger was not yet approved by the State and she would be contacted by Liberty Board President Mike Thomas when more information is available.

Committee Reports:

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

Streets/ Maintenance: Council was provided the Maintenance Report for their review.

Planning/Zoning: James LeVan reported the Planning Commission discussed the two (2) proposed bridge closures on Lake Road in Paradise Township at their most recent meeting.

Personnel: James LeVan reported that Dr. Michael Brown's membership on the Parks and Recreation Commission expired on August 31st, and that Dr. Brown is willing to continue in the roll. *James LeVan motioned to reappoint Dr. Michael Brown to another three-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission; seconded by Donald Dixon. Motion approved unanimously.*

Parks and Recreation: Anne Geiger reported that DCNR made a final inspection of the basketball court and walking path project at the Park, and the final \$4,000.00 in grant funds would be awarded. Mrs. Geiger discussed options for the proposed restroom facility project. A consensus of Council agreed that the cost of heat should be saved by closing the facility for the winter. Jason Wood suggested that the facility should be locked overnight. Mayor Hoffman stated that he visited two (2) public parks near Dover at night and both were unlocked with no sign of vandalism. President Teal suggested that the facility remain unlocked overnight, and that locks could be added later if needed.

Unfinished Business: Regarding the previous request from Hans Koch for an on-street handicapped parking space for his tenants at the Third Street apartment complex, President Teal reported that PennDOT requires the request to come from a resident possessing a handicapped placard and not from the landlord.

New Business: Council was provided a memo advising of the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the municipal and police pension plans totaling \$36,992.00 paid in part by State allocation. *Charles Krall motioned to accept the MMO; seconded by James LeVan. Per roll call vote, all Members of Council approved the motion.* EBACC Board President Robin Heyser explained a request for assistance from Council Members with activities at the Park for the Fall Festival Event on Saturday. Charles Krall and Jason Wood offered to assist.

Correspondence:

- Adams County Boroughs Association Meeting, 9/17 at 6:15 PM, Pike Restaurant, Gettysburg
- East Berlin Fall Festival, 9/8, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Training and Webinars Available

James LeVan motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 8:00 PM; seconded by Donald Dixon. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene McArthur, Secretary