

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

February 6, 2019

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held February 6, 2019 at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: President Roberta Teal; James LeVan; Charles Krall; Donald Dixon; Anne Geiger; and Jason Wood

Members Absent: David Meixner

Also Present: Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; and Jim Hale with the Gettysburg Times

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on January 2, 2019, were reviewed. *A motion to approve the minutes was made by James LeVan; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for February totaling \$31,255.31 was reviewed. *Charles Krall motioned to pay the bills for February; seconded by James LeVan. Motion approved unanimously.*

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: Jim Hale introduced himself as a reporter for the Gettysburg Times and stated that he is present to observe tonight's meeting. President Teal welcomed Mr. Hale to the meeting.

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

Solicitor's Report: Regarding drainage system repairs needed on Branch Circle, Solicitor Battersby reported that three (3) easements have been drafted and require the signatures of three (3) property owners. Robert Meminger is making arrangements with the property owners.

Committee Reports:

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

Streets/ Maintenance: It was noted in the maintenance report that the cost estimate for the Branch Circle Drainage Project is \$42,500.00 and may be put out for bid once the easements are signed. *James LeVan motioned to proceed with advertising for bids; seconded by Anne Geiger. Motion approved unanimously.* Charles Krall discussed his attendance at a meeting with Adams County to review watershed concerns including controlling nitrogen discharges in stormwater runoff. Mr. Krall also discussed recent traffic light repairs and problems with the response time and maintenance work of Swam Electric, and noted that Robert Meminger is researching a possible replacement company for this task.

Planning/Zoning: Council was provided the Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 20, 2018.

Personnel: James LeVan reported that Hanna Furst's membership on the Parks and Recreation Commission expired on January 19th, and that she is willing to continue in the role. *James LeVan motioned to reappoint Hanna Furst to another three (3) year term; seconded by Jason Wood.*

Motion approved with no dissenting votes. Mr. LeVan also noted that Hanna's position with the Joint Authority will end on June 1st and her replacement will be sought.

Parks and Recreation: Anne Geiger reported that Phil Keener will retire from his position as Chairman of the Commission in one (1) year. The basketball court and paved path project is not yet complete with some issues to be addressed by the contractor, and that the restroom project is still under discussion. The Commission is looking into some lower cost options for a Dog Park. There was also some discussion of cleaning up invasive plants in Kuhn's Woods as well as thinning the forest. A request was received from the VFW to utilize the Park for a Huey Helicopter event being offered by the Liberty Warbirds. Helicopter rides will be given to veterans and members to show their appreciation of the VFW's support for their project to restore the Huey. There was some discussion of the need for an insurance rider from the VFW to relieve the Borough of any liability. *Charles Krall motioned to allow the event at the Park if a liability insurance rider is provided; seconded by Anne Geiger. Motion approved with all in favor.*

Communications: Anne Geiger provided draft copies of an East Berlin Borough General Communications, Email, and Social Media Policies for Council's review. Mrs. Geiger also provided proposed updates to the Borough's website and explained the various changes.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: President Teal reported that the other members of the joint municipal contract with Waste Connections are organizing the quarterly electronic recycling events for 2019, and that East Berlin Borough will hold the fourth (4th) quarter event in the Park on December 7th from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Charles Krall requested that Council consider replacing the Borough's current Emergency Management Coordinator with a retired professional firefighter who is a Borough resident and has expressed interest in the position, noting that he would be more actively involved. Solicitor Battersby discussed the regional efforts of other municipalities to more effectively address the issue. Mr. Krall suggested that the Personnel Committee meet to discuss options. Anne Geiger reviewed her attendance of the recent COG meeting and noted that a Legislative Committee Forum will be held on April 5th. Mrs. Geiger reviewed her attendance of the PSAB Conference in October, 2018, including the discussions of expense difficulties faced by EMS facilities.

Correspondence:

- Response from PennDOT Regarding Request for Speed Limit Study
- Thank You Letters to VFW and Lions Club for Sharing Cost of Bulletproof Vest – \$785.85
- Thank You Letter from Library for Borough Donation
- Adams County Boroughs Association January Newsletter
- Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce February Newsletter
- Training and Webinars Available

In a discussion of the PennDOT response regarding a speed study, Charles Krall stated that he saw no evidence of a study and that no documentation was provided. Mr. Krall suggested that a Member of Council contact Representative Torrin Ecker for assistance with the issue. President Teal stated that she would contact Representative Ecker.

Donald Dixon motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 8:08 PM; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene McArthur, Secretary