

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

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Roberta Teal, James LeVan, Donald Dixon, David Meixner, Charles Krall, Mayor Keith Hoffman and Anne Geiger, present for the initial half of the meeting.

Members Absent: Jason Wood

Also Present: Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Smith

Also Present Remotely: Solicitor Matthew Battersby

Guests / Constituents present remotely: Walt Geiger, Jan Hoffman, Chris Warner – Borough EMC, Robin Heyser, Jim Hale – Gettysburg Times, Dylan Segelbaum – York Daily Record

Approval of Agenda: James LeVan motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented second by Donald Dixon. Motion carried.

Solicitor Battersby's Report:

- Solicitor Battersby met with the Offices of Adams County regarding tax implications of a Deed transfer to the East Berlin Community Center (EBACC). He also explained the rationale for inclusion of a reverter clause in the deed, to the East Berlin Borough.
- Solicitor Battersby is continuing work for plan acceptance of 429 West King Street (Old Nell's Building).
- Solicitor Battersby has followed up and received quotes for both the Appraiser and the Contractor in regards to the Old Firehouse.
- Solicitor Battersby is working with Cindy Smith, Right-to-Know officer regarding a request from Dylan Segelbaum, York Daily Record
- Charles Krall has requested that an Inter-municipal Agreement be drafted for sharing employees between EBAJA and the Borough.

Constituents Address Borough Council –

- Robin Heyser announced the EBACC Partnership Meeting will be Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6 PM.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Keith Hoffman read and reviewed the 16 incidents from the January Police report. The Mayor further addressed concerns regarding Disciplinary Action taken against the Chief of Police, Terry Seitz. Mayor Hoffman also made a statement addressed to Anne Geiger acknowledging her ongoing e-mail and communication inquiries surrounding those Disciplinary Actions taken against Police Chief and advised all that he would not be responding to her e-mails from that date forward due to her misuse of that information. Subsequent to a lengthy conversation a motion was made to remove Anne Geiger from both the Communications Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission by Donald Dixon and second by James LeVan. By roll call vote 4 yes, 1 no, 2 absent. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

- The December 2, 2020, meeting minutes were approved as presented with a minor correction by James LeVan with second by Donald Dixon. Motion carried.
- The January 13, 2021, meeting minutes were approved as presented with a minor correction by James LeVan with second by Donald Dixon. Motion carried.
- The January 27, 2021, meeting minutes were approved as presented with a minor correction by James LeVan with second by Donald Dixon. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance: -

Roberta Teal reviewed:

- Acknowledgement of Profit and Loss statement.
- Payment of Bills - A summary of the bills paid for January totaling \$ 14,155.27 was reviewed. A motion was made to pay the bills by James LeVan with a second by Donald Dixon. Motion carried.

Streets/ Maintenance:

- David Meixner read and reviewed the Borough Maintenance Report.

Planning/Zoning:

- David Meixner reported that the Planning Commission reorganized their members January 28, 2021.

Personnel:

- James LeVan motioned to reappoint Dolores Elicker-Bream to the Zoning Hearing Board for an additional 5 year term, second by Donald Dixon.
- Mayor Keith Hoffman accepted the position of Communications Committee Chairperson.
- James LeVan motioned to appoint Jodi Scheiterlein to the Parks and Recreation Commission. This position may be held by a Non-Borough resident. The motion was second by Charles Krall.
- Donald Dixon motioned to give Bob Meminger, Borough Maintenance a 3 percent raise effective immediately and second by James LeVan. By roll call vote - 5 yes / 2 absent.
- Donald Dixon motioned to give Don Myers, Borough Maintenance a 4 percent raise effective immediately and second by James LeVan. By roll call vote - 5 yes / 2 absent.
- David Meixner voiced his discontent with the decision to remove Anne Geiger from the Communications Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation:

- No report

Communications:

- No report

New Business:

- Charles Krall motioned to approve Resolution 02-2021-01 Handicap Parking Space, Alicia Charnigo – 325 Locust Street, East Berlin, second by James LeVan

Correspondence:

- Planning Commission Annual Report
- Training and Webinars Available
- Fire Department Reports

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall.
Donald Dixon motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by David Meixner at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer