

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

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held Wednesday, March 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, Jason Wood, Mayor Keith Hoffman and Anne Geiger - departed the meeting early.

Members Absent: N/A

Also Present: Solicitor Matthew Battersby / Secretary -Treasurer Cindy Smith

Guests / Constituents present in person & remotely: Walt Geiger, Chris Warner – Borough Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), Alice, Pam Lady and Robin Heyser – EBACC, Rebecca Meixner, Emma Diehl, Chris Teal and Rose Hoffman.

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

Solicitor Battersby's Report:

- Solicitor Battersby reviewed the tax implications if the Community Center deed transferred to the East Berlin Community Center (EBACC) and the rationale for inclusion of a reverter clause in the deed, to the East Berlin Borough. After discussion, James LeVan motioned with a second by David Meixner directing the Solicitor to draft a "Letter of Intent" for transfer of the EBACC building. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.
- Solicitor Battersby reported the plan finalization of 429 West King Street (Old Nell's Building).
- Solicitor Battersby presented the Old Firehouse estimate for repair / patch of the Bell Tower in the amount of \$1,370.00. Don Dixon motioned to accept the estimate for repair / patch, second by Charles Krall. Motion carried.
- Solicitor Battersby is drafting an Inter-municipal Agreement to be drafted for sharing employees between East Berlin Area Joint Authority (EBAJA) and the Borough.

Constituents Address Borough Council –

- Robin Heyser clarified that as discussed earlier in the meeting regarding EBACC and the future and pending Letter of Intent / Agreement of Sale would be between the Borough and the EBACC Joint Commission.
- Rebecca Meixner stated that the Police Chief's recent actions were stupid and that the response from the Borough Council was even more stupid. She stated that there was no follow-up inclusive of all Council Members, with regard to the agreed upon disciplinary actions against the Chief of Police. Ms. Meixner also stated that disciplining Anne Geiger, Council Member, was an obvious case of "punish the whistle blower", by removing her from Committee's that she donates countless hours to. Mrs. Meixner stated to the Mayor that people are shocked when she re-iterates the story of when her husband, David Meixner was running for Borough Council, that the Mayor told her he was surprised Dave was running because the town is not growing and his wife would do a really good job. Mrs. Meixner stated her and her family spends basically the entire summer at Lake Meade. She would like to see the Borough of East Berlin be more progressive and a functioning government body. She stated that Anne Geiger donates countless hours of volunteer time, delivering food to people with COVID, donates her stipend to the Park and remains a hero to her family, friends and neighbors.
- Emma Diehl stated and elaborated on the fact that she has lived in the Borough her entire life and her extreme discontentment with the recent actions of the Borough Council in regards to the removal of Anne Geiger from Borough Committees.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Keith Hoffman read and reviewed the 16 incidents from the February Police report.

Approval of the Minutes: The February 10, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented by James LeVan with second by Donald Dixon. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Committee Reports:

Finance: -

- Roberta Teal reviewed and the Council acknowledged the Profit and Loss statement.
- A summary of the bills paid for February totaling \$ 22,368.32 was reviewed. A motion was made to pay the February bills by James LeVan with a second by Donald Dixon. Motion carried.

Streets/ Maintenance:

- David Meixner read and briefly reviewed the Borough Maintenance Report, commenting that the report was very thorough.

Planning/Zoning:

- David Meixner reported that the Planning Commission has had discussion regarding the increasing the number of members from 5-7 people.

Personnel:

- James LeVan reported that no action was required at this meeting by Borough Council. He had received an application from a Borough resident to fill the vacancy on the East Berlin Area Joint Authority board. It was confirmed by Charles Krall that the vacancy was for a Borough resident position.
- James LeVan stated the long time Planning Commission Member, John Schlaline's term is ending and he will be confirming that John is willing to serve another term, prior to the April Council meeting.
- Per Anne Geiger, Andrea Everhart is not serving again on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation:

- Mayor Keith Hoffman reported the Parks and Recreation Commission had a re-organization.
- The Mayor also reported that a pavilion rental application had been submitted for a Prom Celebration. After discussion the Council agreed on terms for allowing the Prom with adult supervision and allowing the celebration until 10 PM. The Mayor will be working with the applicant to ensure trash clean-up, noise levels are not disruptive to the community and restroom facilities are adequate.
- The Mayor also reported a request for approval of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. A motion was made to approve the request by Donald Dixon with a second from Charles Krall. Motion carried.

Communications:

- Dave Meixner requested that the Council begin receiving the meeting minutes from the East Berlin Joint Authority. Charles Krall reported that he would request Melissa Earp, EBAJA Secretary e-mail them on a monthly basis to the Borough Secretary for inclusion in the monthly meeting packets.

New Business:

- Chris Warner, EMC gave a brief presentation of the Adams County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Subsequent to that presentation, Charles Krall motioned to approve Resolution 03-2021-02, second by James LeVan. By roll call vote 6 yes, 1 absent. Motion carried.
- Chris Warner, EMC shared with the Council that Adams Regional EMS has donated 4 AED Units to the Borough.

Old Business:

- Roberta Teal requested the Council Members review the proposed "Chicken Ordinance" at home for discussion during upcoming Council meetings.

Correspondence:

- Training and Webinars Available
- Fire Department Reports

Closure:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 7:00 PM at the Borough Hall. Donald Dixon motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by James LeVan at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer