

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

June 6, 2018

The monthly meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council was held June 6, 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; and Jason Wood

Members Absent: James LeVan; Anne Geiger; and David Meixner

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Secretary/Treasurer Darlene McArthur; and David Richards

Adoption of the Minutes: The meeting minutes of Council's Session on May 2, 2018, were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Charles Krall; seconded by Donald Dixon. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.

Payment of Bills: A summary of bills for June totaling \$25,116.88 was reviewed. Jason Wood motioned to pay the bills for June; seconded by Charles Krall. Motion approved unanimously.

Constituents Addressing Borough Council: On behalf of Historical Society Board Member Laura Ferrara, President Teal provided details of the proposed road closure for this year's Colonial Day event on Locust Street to address concerns voiced by Skip Coxon for plant traffic and safety issues at Pennwood Products. When all parties are in agreement, the traffic control plan will be reviewed by Council and approved by Mayor Hoffman to be enforced by Resolution.

David Richards addressed Council to remind them that a Borough Representative is needed to attend the meetings of the Adams County Tax Collection Committee and the York Adams Tax Bureau. Mr. Richards stated the possibility of a penalty imposed on those municipalities that do not appoint a Representative.

Mayor's Report: Council reviewed the May police report and Mayor Hoffman reported that the Memorial Day Parade went well. Mayor Hoffman presented two (2) certificates which were awarded to Police Chief Terry Seitz by VFW Post 8896. The first certificate dated February 14, 2018, is the John Radko Award Certificate of Recognition. The second certificate dated April 10, 2018, is a certificate of appreciation awarded from among fifty-eight (58) candidates in York, Adams, and Franklin Counties with a monetary prize of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The award is based on Chief Seitz' comprehensive military background, years of police service, and relationship with the citizens of our community.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Battersby reported that the proposed Lease Agreement with EBACC is under negotiation and will be addressed at the next meeting of Council. The revised Parklands Ordinance will be provided and considered for advertisement at the next meeting of Council. Solicitor Battersby suggested the possible necessity to address Airbnb (or similar lodging organizations) regarding restrictions and regulations.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Council reviewed the Previous Year Financial Comparison Report and Summary of Accounts. President Teal mentioned the higher than usual cost of snow removal in 2018 and the expense of installing three (3) new garage doors.

Streets/ Maintenance: President Teal reported that the Stoner Avenue Paving Project bid package will be ready for advertising by the end of next week. Jason Wood reported that a sinkhole resulting from a damaged stormwater pipe was excavated and repaired at 154 Aspen Drive in May, and a second sinkhole was repaired at 144 Branch Circle today. During their annual inspection and maintenance, John Wilhide Plumbing and Heating found that a valve will need to be replaced in the Borough Hall air conditioning unit for improved efficiency.

Planning/Zoning: President Teal reported that the Borough was contacted by York County Planning Commission regarding a closure study for two (2) bridges on Lake Road in York County. If implemented, the closures would affect Washington and Paradise Townships in York County and would reroute some traffic through East Berlin Borough. The three (3) municipalities were contacted to schedule a meeting to provide input on the matter. A request was made for a meeting location. President Teal suggested that East Berlin Borough Hall is of adequate size and conveniently located for the municipalities involved. *Charles Krall motioned to offer the Borough Hall for the requested meeting; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with all in favor.* President Teal discussed some of her concerns with the proposed bridge closure including loss of access convenience and an alternate route during flooding events on Route 234.

Personnel: None.

Parks and Recreation: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: President Teal reported that a request was received from Hans Koch, the landlord of a six (6) unit apartment complex on Third Street, for an on-street handicapped parking space to be allowed on Locust Street adjacent to the property for the use of his handicapped tenants. *Charles Krall motioned to allow the on-street handicapped parking space on Locust Street by Resolution; seconded by Donald Dixon. Motion approved with no dissenting votes.*

Correspondence:

- Auditor General Report for Liberty Fire Relief Association
- Thank You Note from EBACC for Assistance with Biggest Yard Sale Event
- Request for Sponsorship/Donation from Zwingli Christian School
- Adams County Boroughs Association May Newsletter
- Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce June Newsletter
- Training and Webinars Available

Charles Krall suggested that Liberty Fire Company should keep the Borough informed as to the status of the proposed Fire Company merger with Lake Meade Fire Company. Mayor Hoffman reported that he was informed that Hampton Fire Company was instructed by Reading Township to be included in the merger if they wish to receive continued funding. Solicitor Battersby suggested that research should be done to determine the impact of Workers Compensation insurance provided by the municipalities in the event of a merger. Secretary McArthur stated that she would make inquiries.

Charles Krall motioned to adjourn the meeting of the East Berlin Borough Council at 7:50 PM; seconded by Jason Wood. Motion approved with all voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene McArthur
Secretary/Treasurer of Borough Council