

EAST BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL
128 WATER STREET
EAST BERLIN, PA 17316

July 1, 2019

Special meeting for the East Berlin Borough Council was called to order on July 1, 2019 at the East Berlin Borough Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:30 PM.

Members Present: President Robbie Teal; Vice President James LeVan; Charles Krall; Donald Dixon; Anne Geiger; David Meixner; and Jason Woods.

Also Present: Mayor Keith Hoffman; Acting Secretary Hannelore Furst; Solicitor Matthew Battersby; Rosann Hoffman; Rebecca Meixner; David Woodward; Jan Hoffman; Debra Sneed; Bev Jadus; Bill Powell; Liam Miriello; Walt Geiger; Emma Diehl; Stephanie Haley; and Jim Hale, reporter for the Gettysburg Times.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council member Anne Geiger read an excerpt of PA Code 1006 (2) ... Special meetings may be called by the president of council or upon written request of at least one-third of the members of council...Council may adopt rules relating to the calling and holding of special meeting. Solicitor Battersby responded that the President may call the meeting time and place.

Council immediately went into an Executive Session at 4:34 PM.

Council came out of the Executive Session at 5:18 PM.

The floor was opened for public comments with a reminder of the 5 minute allotments per person with a maximum of a total of 30 minutes.

The first speaker was Walter Geiger of 115 East King Street; he read his statement and mentioned this was his opinions of possible violations of state statutes, dysfunctional, possibly corrupt leadership, false accusations of harassment made towards his wife, and the possibility of actual, documented harassment of his wife. He continued with other accounts he felt were unwarranted. He stated he proposes that council rescind Resolution 6-2019-5; and stated that if Council did not rescind it would not go unchallenged. He also gave some recommendations in good faith to establish a civil, professional, ethical and respectful culture of governance.

The second speaker was Emma Diehl of 203 Beaver Street. She mentioned she has worked with many government agencies. She stated Resolution 6-2019-5 is form of maliciousness. She requested the resolution be rescinded also.

The next speaker was Jan Hoffman of 412 West King Street. She reiterated her concern about the meeting time, and that the special meeting should have also been placed on the Community Board one week in advance of the meeting.

Stephanie Haley of East King Street mentioned that she would expect all members to receive all communications. She stated the resolution was gate keeping, and she wants what is best for the residents.

A motion was made to rescind Resolution 6-2019-5 by Jason Woods with a second by Anne Geiger. By roll call vote the vote is as follows: James LeVan-No; Jason Woods-Yes; David Meixner-Yes; Charles Krall-Yes; Anne Geiger-Yes; Don Dixon-No; Robbie Teal-No. Tally: Yes-4, No-3 Motion passed to rescind Resolution 6-2019-5.

Motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by James LeVan, with a second by Jason Woods. Motion was approved with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Hannelore B. Furst
Acting Secretary