



Official and Approved Minutes

BERLIN BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.

1. The President called the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
3. President offered a non-denominational prayer.

ROLL CALL

Barb Zerfoss	Present
Thomas Fisher	Present
Roger Clarke	Present
John Harding, Jr.	Present
Eric Glotfelty	Present
Mayor Joseph Krause	Present
Brett Custer	Present
Charles Rhodes	Present

Also in attendance were:

Cindy Flamm, Borough Treasurer

Members of the public: *Please see the attached list*

President's Comments:

***“Section 1006 of the Borough Code states “Special meetings may be called by the president of council or upon written request of at least one third of the members of council. Members shall have at least 24 hours’ notice of the special meeting.” Proper notice was given by Secretary Jones by placement of a notice of the meeting yesterday in the Legal Notice Section of the Somerset Daily American and also by email communication. This special meeting of the Borough of Berlin Council was requested by Council members Tom Fisher and Roger Clarke, specifically to discuss and reconsider the vote by Council on the type of sidewalk to be replaced under Phase 1 of the Berlin Revitalization Project on West Main Street from the Broadway Street to the intersection of High Street. That is the only topic that will be discussed and considered at this special meeting. Borough Council decisions and votes are to be taken seriously and in most cases, involves presentation of ideas, research on the issue at hand, discussion and deliberation and then a vote is taken. In most cases once a vote is cast and tallied, that ends the discussion and action is taken according to the vote. Although the reconsideration of a Council vote on a duly made motion, and a subsequent motion to rescind that vote does not happen very often, it is not without precedent. I urge caution to the Council to listen carefully to the information to be presented here this evening and no matter the outcome, act in good faith for the good of our residents and the Borough as a whole.*”**

After the Council meeting last Thursday, some members of Council have received comments and requests for the sidewalks in Phase 1 of the Revitalization Project to be of a stamped brick pattern. Some new information has come to light and I will turn the discussion over to Mr. Fisher. After he is finished, we will hear comments from the citizen's."

Council Member Tom Fisher - Mr. Fisher presented current information and history on the sidewalk project along with petitions for stamped concrete.

Citizen's Comments:

Mary Kreinbrook and Parke Kreinbrook - some pictures of stamped pavement and stamped concrete walks were presented. Mr. Kreinbrook is concerned about the elderly being able to clean the stamped concrete and being able to match future stain in the concrete.

Jeannie Johnson and Resident Tom Jones both questioned future maintenance on the stamped concrete.

Dave Countryman is concerned about shoveling of snow on the stamped concrete.

Matt Walker questioned the prior council meeting vote and the possibility of grant money.

Curt Glotfelty mentioned that Somerset Concrete can keep the color code to match different batches.

Matt Walker also questioned the log house on the west end of Main Street. (Who will benefit from the new sidewalk there?) Brett Custer stated that he owns the log house and that he has asked the Borough Council several times as to what the Council wants the sidewalk to be (stamped, what pattern, traditional poured, width, etc.). He has not received an answer to his multiple requests and that is the reason he has not replaced the sidewalk. He also stated that he has offered several times that he will pay for the section in front of his log house, and this is typically his responsibility as the owner of the property. All property owners, as well as the residents that use the sidewalks will benefit from the replacement of the sidewalks.

Motion by Tom Fisher and seconded by Eric Glotfelty to approve rescinding the motion approved by the Borough of Berlin Council by a vote of 5-2, at the Thursday, September 7, 2017 Borough Council meeting approving for the sidewalks to be replaced in Phase 1 of the Berlin Revitalization Project from Broadway Street to the intersection of High Street to be of (option a – traditional poured concrete with a brushed broom finish, with a finish sealer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

No : Barb Zerfoss

Yes : Tom Fisher

No : John Harding, Jr.

Yes : Eric Glotfelty

No : Charles Rhodes

Yes : Roger Clarke

Yes : Brett Custer

Motion Passed 4-3

Motion by Roger Clarke and seconded by Tom Fisher to approve rescinding the motion rejected by the Borough of Berlin Council by a vote of 4-3 at the Thursday, September 7, 2017 Borough Council meeting for the sidewalks to be replaced in Phase 1 of the Berlin Revitalization Project from Broadway Street to the intersection of High Street to be of a stamped brick pattern with batch dyed concrete, with an enhancer for color accents and with a finish sealer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

*No : Barb Zerfoss
Yes : Tom Fisher
No : John Harding, Jr.
Yes : Eric Glotfelty
No : Charles Rhodes
Yes : Roger Clarke
Yes : Brett Custer
Motion Passed 4-3*

NOTE: *Eric Glotfelty stated for the record that he changed his mind because at a prior council meeting, the engineer estimated the cost for bath dyed, stamped brick pattern concrete to be 30-40% more expensive than traditional poured, however, at the September 7th Council meeting the engineer revised the difference in cost estimates to approximately 10% - after the vote had already been taken.*

Motion by Roger Clarke and seconded by Tom Fisher to approve for the sidewalks to be replaced in Phase 1 of the Berlin Revitalization Project from Broadway Street to the intersection of High Street to be of a stamped brick pattern with batch dyed concrete, with an enhancer for color accents and with a finish sealer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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President Custer asked the Council if they opposed getting bids for both styles of sidewalks. There was no opposition from Council to have the engineers get bids on both the stamped and unstamped sidewalks. If there is a big difference, Council may have to decide which style is in the best interests of the Borough.

Motion by Roger Clarke and seconded by Eric Glotfelty to adjourn this Meeting of the Berlin Borough Council at 5:12 P.M.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Motion Passed

Note: The next regular meeting of the Berlin Borough Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Berlin Borough Council Conference/Meeting Room, 700 North Street, Berlin, Pennsylvania.



Thomas D. Jones
Executive Borough Secretary
September 13, 2017



Guest Registry

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Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Mark DeMarchi	313 Main St	267-5721	
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Dylan Johnson	Daily American	444-5989	
Mary Kreinbrook	207 Main St	267-4883	
Brian Loughenour	602 Diamond St.	267-4232	
Karl Frick	689 Lehigh	267-4075	
Tom Jones	Diamond Street	267-5618	
Donna McQuade	1683 MAIN	267 4496	
DAVE Countryman	130 Long View Dr	267-3057	
PARKA Kreinbrook	212 Broadway St	267-7344	

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Name	Address	Telephone	Email
CURT GIOTFELTY		267-5273	
E. WAYNE SHaulis		267-6173	
Matt Walker		267-5384	
Jane Scurfull		267-3778	
Stephen Custer		267-3086	

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