



OFFICIAL AND APPROVED MINUTES

BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL

October 1, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

1. The President calls the meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
3. President Kerrie Broderick offers a non-denominational prayer.

ROLL CALL

Barb Zerfoss
Thomas Fisher
Roger Clarke
John Harding, Jr.
Eric Glotfelty
Mayor Joseph Krause was absent
Brett Custer
Kerrie Broderick / President

Also in attendance were:

Terry Metzgar, Borough Executive Secretary

Members of the public:

See Attached Roster

Citizen Comments:

The following residents have asked to address the Council:

Jeff Broadwater

Mr. Broadwater expressed his concern about electric disconnect notices and was wondering why we are so prompt in disconnecting people for non-payment. Kerrie Broderick explained that the council was attempting to tighten the rules and assure timely payments.

Council Member Roger Clarke said that he believes that home owners should receive 60 days leniency.

4. Minutes of the September 3, 2015 Regular Borough Council meeting for review. (Exhibit P6)

Motion by Brett Custer and seconded by Tom Fisher to approve and accept the minutes of Berlin Borough Council Meeting dated September 3, 2015.

*Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Passed*

5. Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Special Borough Council meeting for review. (Exhibit P6)

Motion by Eric Glotfelty and seconded by John Harding to approve and accept the minutes of Special Berlin Borough Council Meeting dated September 8, 2015.

*Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Passed*

6. Minutes of the September 28, 2015 Special Borough Council meeting for review. (Exhibit P6)

Motion by Eric Glotfelty and seconded by Brett Custer to approve and accept the minutes of Special Berlin Borough Council Meeting dated September 28, 2015.

*Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Passed*

President's Report

Notable Upcoming Events:

Please note that the Halloween Parade is 102915 at 6:30 PM and Light-Up Night is 112015.

The Pious Springs Women's Club Christmas Tour is on 111415 and 111515.

The Daily American has requested permission to use the Borough's Community Hall for a Somerset County Commissioner Candidate Debate on October 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM. This is similar to the request that we received and approved last year.

Motion by Tom Fisher and seconded by Barb Zerfoss granting permission for the Somerset Daily American to use the Berlin Community Hall for a Somerset County Commissioner Candidate Debate on October 14, 2015 beginning at 6:00 PM.

*Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion Passed*

Our Solicitor has nearly completed the legal proceedings needed to purchase the Fieg Tract so that we might use this parcel of land for a number of future borough functions such as storage and electric generation using both diesel generators and solar panels.

Resolution 100115A

WHEREAS, the Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania owns and operates a Municipal Electric System and WHEREAS, additional land is needed for the purpose of solar and Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine electrical generation;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berlin Borough Council, Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania to purchase for a sum of \$60,000 a 4.787 acre tract formerly owned by Fieg Brothers Coal Company and defined as Lot No. 1 on the survey filed at the

Somerset County Courthouse in Volume 1647, Page 1022, Municipality S08, Tax Map 009, Parcel Number 173-00 on September 24, 2015 by Charles E. Rhodes, PLS.

Motion by Roger Clarke and seconded by Tom Fisher to adopt and approve Resolution 100115A approving the borough's purchase of the 4.787 Fieg Parcel in Brothersvalley Township for a sum of \$60,000 as specified in Resolution 100115A .

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Barb Zerfoss

Aye: Thomas Fisher

Aye: Roger Clarke

Aye: John Harding, Jr.

Aye: Eric Glotfelty

Aye: Brett Custer

Aye: Kerrie Broderick

Resolution 100115B

WHEREAS, the Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania owns and operates a Municipal Electric System and WHEREAS, the purchase of Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine Generators and associated switch gear are needed to produce electricity; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berlin Borough Council, Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania that the Executive Borough Secretary, in consultation with the Council President, is authorized to proceed with public bidding for the electric system generator project and to engage such consultants, engineers or other professionals as may be necessary to conform the Bid documents package drafted by Pwrngen Solutions, Inc., to the necessary terms and conditions to meet requirements of Pennsylvania law and to otherwise facilitate prompt and responsive bids meeting all applicable legal requirements.

Motion by Tom Fisher and seconded by Brett Custer to adopt and approve Resolution 100115B directing the Executive Borough Secretary to prepare, submit, and advertise Requests For Bids as specified in Resolution 100115B.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Barb Zerfoss

Aye: Thomas Fisher

Aye: Roger Clarke

Aye: John Harding, Jr.

Aye: Eric Glotfelty

Aye: Brett Custer

Aye: Kerrie Broderick

Resolution 100115C

WHEREAS, the Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania owns and operates a

Municipal Electric System and WHEREAS, right-of-way is needed to construct a transmission line between the generation site and the Penelec Sub-station;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berlin Borough Council, Borough of Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania approving the right-of way agreement between JOSEPH C. BINGMAN and LUCRECIA L. BINGMAN, his wife, of Berlin Borough, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, hereinafter referred to as Grantors,

and

THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, a borough organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with its principal office in Berlin Borough, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, having a mailing address of 700 North Street, Berlin, Pennsylvania, 15530, hereinafter referred to as Grantee.

For and in consideration of the sum of \$500.

Motion by Brett Custer and seconded by Tom Fisher to adopt and approve Resolution 100115C establishing a right-of-way agreement over the Bingman Property for our electric generation project as specified in Resolution 100115C.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Barb Zerfoss

Aye: Thomas Fisher

Aye: Roger Clarke

Aye: John Harding, Jr.

Aye: Eric Glotfelty

Aye: Brett Custer

Aye: Kerrie Broderick

Mayor's Report: Mayor Joseph Krause

MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

For the month of September:

Police answered 66 calls.

1 person was arrested.

3 non traffic citations were issued.

9 Traffic stops were conducted with 6 being warnings and 3 citations

Several council members expressed concern about the perceived lack of police coverage on the weekends and at football games. The Police Committee will take this matter to the Mayor.

Motion by Barb Zerfoss and seconded by John Harding to approve and accept the Police Report as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Electric & Equipment

Brett Custer (Chair)

Internal Generation Update.

Regarding concerns about spending money for the peak shaving generator please consider the following:

If we had placed a 3.24 MW peak shaving generator back in 2007, we would have saved the following:

\$217,889.28 Transmission 2007 through 2015

\$1,739,907.74 Capacity 2007 through 2015

\$1,957,797.02 Savings missed by not having a 3.24 MW peak shaving generator in place from 2007 through 2015

That's money that could have stayed in the borough but instead was spent as an energy expense to Penelec and AMP.

At some point, we may wish to take a portion of the PLC generation project savings from next year and return it to the electric rate payers as a Generation Rebate.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE

Thomas Fisher (Chair)

Mr. Fisher mentioned that all accounts are in order and noting that the police department was well under their projected budget for the year.

Treasurer's Report and Bills:

Motion by John Harding and seconded by Eric Glotfelty to approve the bills and Treasurer's Report as specified on Exhibit P16.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Passed

Eric Glotfelty directed the borough secretary to check the condition of the front tires on Truck Two and the \$1900 tire bill from Somerset Tire.

FIRE & GARBAGE

Roger Clarke (Chair)

The packer leak on Truck Two has been repaired.

BUILDING PERMIT & PROPERTY

John Harding (Chair)

CCIS Activity Report. (Exhibit P17)

John Harding mentioned that we might want to revise our building permit policy to streamline the process.

HOUSE

Barb Zerfoss (Chair)

STREETS, STORM SEWERS & SIDEWALKS

Eric Glotfelty (Chair)

Upcoming projects are as follows:

Prospective water tap at the new Dollar General Site.

Water line replacement at Broadway and Fletcher.

Pad Mounted Transformer flood drainage ditch from Dave Countryman's yard into Bumble Creek.

Continued electric clearance trimming as time allows.

Our salt storage bin is full and ready for winter.

Eric Glotfelty asked the council for their thoughts on a movie night around Christmas?

POLICE

Brett Custer (Chair)

All is well with our Police Force operating in an exemplary fashion.

PLANNING & PROJECT

Barb Zerfoss (Chair)

At 08:28 PM the council adjourned to executive session to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law and quasi-judicial deliberations.

Motion by Eric Glotfelty and seconded by Roger Clarke to adjourn to executive session.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Motion Passed

Motion by John Harding and seconded by Eric Glotfelty to reconvene the regular meeting.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Motion Passed

The Council directed the borough Secretary to have all storm sewer laterals located by borough workers at those locations where new poles are to be placed.

The Council also directed the borough secretary to get prices on an updated locator.

At 09:18 PM, the council reconvened the regular meeting.

Motion by Eric Glotfelty and seconded by John Harding to adjourn this Meeting of the Berlin Borough Council at 09:20 PM.

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Motion Passed

Note: The next regular meeting of the Berlin Borough Council is scheduled for November 5, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Berlin Borough Council conference/meeting room, 700 North Street, Berlin, Pennsylvania.

Terry L Metzgar

Terry L. Metzgar
Executive Borough Secretary
October 1, 2015



Guest Registry

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