



Borough of Berlin  
Approved Council of the Whole Meeting minutes.  
April 21, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.

This meeting was called to order by President Charles Rhodes at 4:00 p.m. Charles lead the pledge of Allegiance.

Council attending - Charles Rhodes, Vice-President-Michael Lottig, Thomas Fisher, Stephen Custer, Marshal Engelka, Clifford Horner, Mayor Joseph Krause. Absent - John Harding.

Others in attendance were Cindy Flamm, Borough Treasurer; Brian Coughenour, Tom Smith, Nancy Merrill. Nancy Merrill wanted to inform the council that she believes the community will be very receptive to trees along the sidewalks. Tom Smith questioned the minutes on the Borough's website. March minutes are missing.

The park on Diamond Street is to be maintained by the Borough per the agreement with UPMC.

Charles Rhodes gave information from Custom Iron Works Metal Fabrication on an estimate of \$1,825 to fabricate a Kiosk for the park on Diamond Street. This is only for the frame, no powder coating or plexiglass. Costs are needed for those items.

Charles Rhodes is to check with Jimmy Snyder about building a crib for metal recycling of items such as appliances and other metal recyclables.

Council agreed to advertise for the Executive Secretary position. Advertisements are to be placed in the Johnstown and Cumberland newspapers plus advertise on indeed.com.

Mike Lottig made a motion, seconded by Cliff Horner, to hire Edward Slifco as the Outside Supervisor at a rate of \$25.00/ hour. Motion carried.

Gale Shaffer of the Somerset County Bookmobile requested to use the upper parking lot this Summer every other Wednesday for up to one hour each time @ 9:15 a.m. No one on Council had any objections.

Mayor Joseph Krause is to check on the scheduling status of part-time Officer Karl Kinkopf.

The new sidewalk installation from Ash Street to Valley Road is to be raised to the curb. Tom Fisher, Marshal Engelka and Cliff Horner are to review this area as well as the property owner's sidewalks.

Marshal Engleka is to provide a list of streets for possible paving at the next meeting.

Tom Fisher made a motion, seconded by Marshal Engelka, to tar and chip the Borough portion of Shady Lane in conjunction with Brothersvalley Township. Motion carried.

There are inquiries about residents installing residential solar panels. It was suggested to contact AMP (American Municipal Power) for documents or procedures on solar panels. Steve Custer to look into this.

The electric at 178 Vine Street was disconnected in July of 2019. The electric meter is located inside the porch. Mr. Younkin would like to have the power restored, but due to new Borough regulations the service needs to be inspected and moved outside the porch. Mr. Younkin expressed that he doesn't have the funds to move the service at this time. Michael Lottig made the motion, seconded by Marshal Engelka, to have Wiedenhoft Electric move the service and to be charged to Mr. Younkin's utility account in 12 equal charges. Motion carried.

Charles Rhodes gave an update on the Municipal Authority. The sewer line has another pipe drilled through it, between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> street. The Authority would like the Borough crew to excavate and investigate the situation. Charles also mentioned the new water line project is to start May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Charles gave info from the Authority about extending their life another 50 years. More than a resolution is needed. Charles suggested referring this to the Borough Solicitor, Brad Allison.

No executive session was needed.

Michael Lottig made the motion, seconded by Steve Custer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled Berlin Borough Council meeting will be May 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Cindy L. Flamm  
Temporary Borough Secretary