

**NEW BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

A regular meeting of the New Berlin Borough Council was held on January 6, 2014, at 7:00 pm at the New Berlin Borough Community Center located at 318 Vine Street, New Berlin, PA. Present were President Julianne Finkbiner, Vice-President, Betty Kratzer, President Pro-Tem Jeffrey Swanger, Councilman R. Kurt Zimmerman, Councilwoman Barbara Stamm, Councilman Jason Frederick, and Councilwoman Lynda Frederick. Lester Hummel, Street Department Supervisor; Edward C. Greco, Solicitor; Melissa Frederick, Mayor; and Rebecca Witmer, Secretary/Treasurer were also present. Eric Hassenplug, OIC of the Police Department was absent from the meeting.

The meeting was brought to order by President Julianne Finkbiner with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 2013** - Discussion was brought regarding the December 2013 meeting minutes. Betty Kratzer made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeffrey Swanger made a 2nd to the motion. Vote was taken to approve the minutes. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - There were no committee reports given.

**POLICE REPORT – Police Report** - Council reviewed the monthly police report. No questions were raised.

**STREET SUPERVISOR REPORT - Salt** - Mr. Hummel reported he received a load of cinders last week. He is currently trying to get a load of salt ordered and delivered.

Council discussed the holiday lighting billing mistake PP&L made last year and discussed how long the lights were up this year.

**MAYORS REPORT** - Melissa Frederick had nothing to report.

**SOLICITORS REPORT** – Solicitor Greco received a proposed deed for the Jackson Township Property. Solicitor Greco will do a title search and schedule a closing as soon as is possible.

**NEW BERLIN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Minutes** – Mr. Zimmerman inquired if there were any questions regarding the November minutes.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT - Balance – General Fund** - Rebecca Witmer reported the balance in the General Fund is \$102,626.45

**Payroll Audit** - Ms. Witmer reported she will be having a payroll audit on January 13th.

**Website** - Ms. Witmer inquired if council wanted to continue the page on website about the energy project since that project has since ended. Council wished to discontinue that page on the website.

**Motion to Pay Bills** - R. Kurt Zimmerman made a motion to pay the bills with any additions. Jeffrey Swanger made a 2nd to the motion. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

**BILLS TO BE PAID FROM M&T GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT**

Berkheimer - Online	279.97
PA UC	9.45
Curt Keister	42.88
<del>Daniel Jacoby</del>	<del>436.33</del>
Dennis Creamer	520.79
<del>Jay Walter</del>	<del>149.81</del>
Leif Hassenplug	366.58
Lester Hummel	392.64
Rebecca A. Witmer	976.09
Rodney Styers	28.84
Association of Mayors of the Boroughs of PA	50.00
Phillips Supply House	85.00
Law Office of Edward C. Greco	516.50
Eastern Industries	234.57
Fisher Auto Parts	18.74
Hometown Disposal, lp	64.50
M&T Bank	1,683.38
Verizon Wireless	50.06
Wal-Mart Community	23.90
Windstream Buffalo Valley, Inc.	230.43
Kim Barton	35.00
M&T Bank	1,994.26
Daniel Jacoby	528.12
Jay Walter	223.71
H.A. Thomson	300.00
Immix Wireless	82.14
PIRMA	8,356.00
PP&L	1,700.58
Barbs Bouquet & Gift Basket	51.00
Betty Kratzer	30.65
Computation	26.95
Daniel Jacoby	30.43
Donna Boop	37.16
Zechman's Farm Supply, Inc.	69.05
HAB-LST	104.00
TOTAL	\$19,143.37

**Letters Regarding School Property** - Ms. Frederick inquired if Ms. Witmer send out letters to Senator Yaw and Representative Keller as requested by Council. Ms. Witmer confirmed that the letters were sent out.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS - Letter Regarding Municipal Water and Sewer** - Barbara Stamm inquired about the email from PA American Water. Ms. Witmer stated it was forwarded to council and the municipal authority since it was addressed to council. Council discussed the email and operations of companies such as PA American Water. Solicitor Greco explained how the buying of debt and customers would take place. Solicitor Greco explained that the decision would be that of the municipal authority.

**ADJOURNMENT – Motion** – Jeffrey Swanger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynda Frederick made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca A. Witmer,  
Secretary/Treasurer

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MAYOR