

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

July 11th, 2016

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:03 p.m. on July 11th, 2016, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, and Karen Ersoz. The following persons were also present: Ted and Janice Crouse, Adam Pavusik, Jennifer Richard, and Carol Holler.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the June 2016 minutes were approved with corrections. Karen Ersoz was absent from the last meeting and her name needs to be removed from the minutes. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Carol Holler commented that some kids tried to set fire to the trailer on the Gettle property, no one was injured. Janice Crouse commented that the tree on Mill Street needed to be cut back so that it isn't obstructing traffic, and that the garbage can at the playground is too heavy to lift when full.

Correspondence

- Letter from Atty. Shatto in regards to Robert Spicher
- BIU Letter – to be filed
- Letter from Bob Womer
- Tax exempt letter from Lowes

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the June 2016 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the June 2016 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam gave his report from June. We are down to 1 bucket of chlorine tablets, and were informed that we may no longer be able to buy from the pool company. We need to begin using

a new chemical composition. There was an overflow alarm on the 1st, and again on the 9th and 10th, Stan was called. Walters came out on the 11th to pump the sludge tank and distribution box. Possible water entering system via manholes that may not have gaskets, looking into which manholes may be causing issues. No foam issue this month.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser

The next meeting is in September. Dan may be unable to attend.

Beautification Committee

There is nothing new to report.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser

Jeff is to get the new stop signs installed.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz

There is nothing new to report.

Playground

There is nothing new to report.

Ordinance Violations

Ordinance #01-2011 – Tabled until the spring (new construction, revised set back boundaries, etc.).

Chad Kemrner called in regards to the ordinance letters that went out, he has a wrecked vehicle that he is eager to get rid of, however, the accident which wrecked the car involved an out of country motorist, there has been no settlement and his attorney advised him not to dispose of the vehicle.

Rental

On the 30th Adam was asked to replace the filter on the water, as there was a drop in pressure. The tax paperwork for Kittel was also filled out, and the gutters need to be cleaned again.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the June 2016 Borough Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Void the Skelly and Loy out of scope as it is a duplicate of last month. Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the June 2016 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Borough Council Open Seats

There is currently one open seat on Borough Council. Dan is to post information in the Post Office and a notice went out with each Ordinance letter.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audit is still moving forward.

Council would like to see a new resident letter created that will be sent out to go over the ordinances, trash pickup, when our meetings are held and where, and info regarding our website.

Karen Ersoz would like to see a noise ordinance put into place to prohibit late night fireworks and overall loudness. Jen is going to contact PSAB to see if they have any pre-made ordinance dialogue that addresses noise, and she is also going to contact the State Police to see if the county has any noise ordinance already in place.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Richard
Secretary/Treasurer