

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

December 14th, 2015

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at: 7:03 p.m. on December 14th, 2015, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, and Michelle Shutt. Karen Ersoz was absent. The following persons were also present: Janice Crouse, Adam Pavusik, Ralph Rudy, Kathy Riggs, Mr. Riggs, and Barry Schlosman.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the November 2015 minutes were approved with corrections. All in favor, none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Mr. & Mrs. Riggs – Dan and the board explained to the new couple the difference between their physical address and their mailing addresses. They also questioned about the problems with the Sewer plant, Dan offered to bring them up to speed after the meeting.

Ralph Rudy – Questioned Dan about contacting the engineer and the attorney that offered to help. Dan has not got anything back from him yet.

Correspondence

- General Liability Declaration Sheet
- County Assesments
- Tax Rates for 2016

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the December 2015 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, the December 2015 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam reported that there was an issue with solids due to the wide fluctuation in the temperature. He also had to order a new pump motor, clean the floats and take samples.

Adam confirmed that we don't need to change the bugs we use at the plant.

Adam met with Alan who took pictures, samples, and drawings from the sewer plant to allow him to investigate a fix for the plant. Alan is also looking into grants to cover all the cost of any modifications made. Adam also discussed our issue with fiber getting into the system with him .

Ralph Rudy believes that Alan will be downsizing the operation of the plant to the size the borough needs, therefore making the system more efficient. Adam countered that the state required the current size for a sewer system.

Dan did not hear from Dennis Shatto.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser

Nothing to report – Next Meeting is scheduled for February

Beautification Committee

Nothing to report.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser

Must get the stop signs ordered this month. Dan commented on the poor condition of the roads in the borough and the need to look into grants to repair the roads.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz

Nothing to report.

Playground

Nothing to report.

Ordinance Violations

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

Rental

Jim Kittell asked Adam if he can have a month to remove the trailer on the property. Adam said it was ok, but if it would remain there longer, a rental fee may apply.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, the December Borough bill list was approved for payment.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed, the December Sewer bill list was approved for payment

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, the 2016 budget was adopted.

The EDU list was discussed and approved.

Dan went over the drawings that we received concerning changes to the bridge.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barry Schlosman
Secretary/Treasurer