

# **New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

## **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

### **Call to Order**

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at: 7:00 p.m. on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

### **Roll Call**

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Karen Ersoz and Michelle Shutt. The following persons were also present: Ted Crouse, Janice Crouse, Joseph Baker and Barry Schlosman.

### **Reading of last Month's Minutes**

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

### **Comments from Visitors**

None

### **Correspondence**

Capital Tax Collection Bureau Report  
PA State Association of Boroughs Subscription Invoice  
New Bond Issued for Barry Schlosman  
Statement of Financial Interests - Ethics Committee reports for each board member  
County EMA Coordinator – Hazardous Chemicals  
Building Inspection Underwriters monthly report – no permits issued or inspections conducted  
Pennsylvania Borough Councils Association – Awards and training  
Backdraft Excavating – Advertisement for Excavating Services  
Perry County Conservation District – Dirt and Gravel road maintenance training  
Watts Township newsletter

### **Borough Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, the March 2015 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 March 2015 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Sewage/Sewage Authority Report**

Adam Pavusik reported that the sewer plant had many pumps trip during the past month. Pumps #2, 4, & 6 have been the main problem during the month. Overflow #1 and pump #9 were not operational due to possible debris causing it to clog up. In addition, the winter months had caused pipes to freeze, leaving the supply hose useless. Before next winter, we need to install power to the faucet to allow for the use of heat tape to keep the faucet flowing during the winter months. Walter's came to pump the sludge from the plant and got their truck stuck in the ice and snow. Adam also informed us that the test kits he purchases from Pet Smart are being discontinued and he will need to find a new supplier.

Dan is working with Dennis Shatto on changing the ordinance for the borough's sewer rates. Dan has calculated the previous year's expenses and determined that we spent \$82,300 to run the sewer plant. At 73 edu's, it would take a monthly sewer rate of \$93.95 per month to cover our annual cost to operate the plant. With our current rate set at \$63.00, we are losing money each month. Therefore, we need to increase our sewer rates accordingly.

Upon a motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the sewer rate will increase to \$100.00 per edu. All in favor, none opposed.

### **PCCOG - Dan Balthaser**

Nothing to report.

### **Beautification Committee**

Nothing to report.

### **Street Committee – Kim Balthaser**

Nothing to report

### **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**

Nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Borough Bills**

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

### **Sewer Bills**

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

## **GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joseph Baker, representative from the New Buffalo Volunteer Fire Company, gave the borough council their financial report for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They have \$36,460.54 of current funds available with expected revenues of \$8,890.03 in the near future. They also have over \$300,000.00 in current loans, which they plan to satisfy in an aggressive manner. In addition, Joseph informed us that the Fire Tax collected by Barb Hamilton will be sent to us, and we are to turn it over to the fire company. He also informed us that we will be receiving funds for the fireman's relief fund during the fall, and again we are to turn that over to the fire company.

The historical sign that will be placed at the corner of Market and Mill streets will be placed on the Mill street side between the utility pole and the stop sign. This prevents anyone reading the sign from trespassing on the property. Since the sign will be on the borough's right of way it will be our duty to dig two holes to place the sign in.

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed to digging two holes for the placement of the new historical sign located at Market and Mill streets.

## **ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barry Schlosman  
Secretary/Treasurer