

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2015

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at: 7:00 p.m. on May 11th, 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: Janice Crouse, Adam Pavusik, Adam Pavusik Jr. and Barry Schlosman.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

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

Comments from Visitors

Janice Crouse asked the current board members, who were going to be on the ballot for this year's election. Karen Ersoz' position and the unfulfilled seat will be the only open ballots this year. Also it was noted that the playground needs to be mowed.

Correspondence

PA Dept of Environmental Protection – Notice of Violation elevated Fecal Coliform
Off-Site Hazardous Materials Response Planning Questionnaire
Letter to PLIGIT to be signed by Dan Balthaser
Letter from County Commissioners- Solid Waste plan is open for public comment
BIU Inspection report – no new permits nor inspections conducted during March 2015
New Contract for PIRMA

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the May 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 May 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 a good month operationally. The only issue is the use of adult wipes in the sewer system; it clogs the system up on a regular basis. In addition, a DEP report was received showing elevated levels of fecal matter, but Adam had known about this problem for a while and had taken care of it. Therefore, Dan is to contact Skelly & Loy to question them concerning the length of time it took for the borough to be issued this report. Finally, the goal for the upcoming month is to wire the Sampler and get Train #1 operational.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser

Dan will be attending the May meeting that will include training.

Beautification Committee

Nothing to report.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser

There is a need for a stop sign to be placed on Front Street (north bound) at the intersection of Market Street. Currently there is only one stop sign at this intersection, which opens up the possibility of a collision.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz

Nothing to report.

Playground

The playground is a mess including a Television left there.

Ordinance Violations

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

The borough council conducted a borough walk-through to determine if there are any violations. They discovered a few violations. Dan will email Barry the pictures of the violations, and Barry will then send the violators a letter along with a picture showing the violation. The following is a list of violations:

- Andy Strickland – Broken TV
- Cory Wiltsie – Vehicles without registration
- Jeff at 38 Front Street – Tires
- Nick Mavropoulos – Travel trailer in disrepair, can't tell if it is registered. This will be a battle, therefore the board has determined to let this one go for the time being.
- Millie's – Cory Engle Van
- Michael Gochnauer – 32 Mill Street – Unregistered vehicles

Rental

Adam Pavusik reported that the gutters have been cleaned and that he found roof and tree debris in the gutters. The Chestnut tree growing on the property may need to be cut down in the near future to prevent the gutters from becoming clogged. In addition, water leaked into the basement but it was immediately drained into the pit underneath the house, therefore there was no damage to the interior. The black corrugated piping that was to direct the water away from the house is missing. Michelle Shutt offered to donate any corrugated piping she has at her home. Also, water filters will be replaced in the interior of the home.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, the May Borough bill list was approved for payment.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, the May Sewer bill list was approved for payment

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, the new PIRMA contract was approved to be signed by council president, Dan Balthaser.

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed, Barry is to transfer \$5,000.00 out of the Rental account and into the Sewer account.

Karen Ersoz and Janice Crouse reported that the Capital Tax Collection Bureau's meeting in New Bloomfield was of no value to the borough.

Karen reported that the pot holes on Mill Street are getting larger. She volunteered to purchase the supplies to fill them.

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed, President Dan Balthaser has been appointed as the authorized person to sign the closeout request for the borough's PLGIT - State account.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barry Schlosman

Secretary/Treasurer