

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2015

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at: 7:00 p.m. on July 13th, 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, Carol Holler, George Lowe and Barry Schlosman.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the June 2015 minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor, none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

George Lowe voiced his opinions on the operation of the Sewer Plant. He pointed out that Adam Pavusik does not have a license to operate the plant and that it would be in the borough's best interest to have Adam start this process. Adam is interested in the process of becoming licensed. George also expressed that he does not think the sewer plant runs well and he believes that DEP will be vicious in dealing with the borough. Finally, he voiced his displeasure with the salary increase for the plant operator and the secretary, and he was not pleased with the increase in the sewer rates. He also requested that a separate invoice be sent for each property.

Carol Holler also expressed her displeasure concerning the increase in the sewer rate. Also, she brought to the borough's attention that bushes are overgrown onto River Alley.

Correspondence

Certificate of Liability Insurance
DEP Wastewater system 2015 Available Operator Report
International League Of Cities Annual Membership
Transfer of Residency from Max Naylor to Robert Derendinger
J.P. Harris Delinquent tax report
BIU Report – Cory Engle for Roof Mount Solar PV
Direct Energy – Credit due to the decrease in Network Integration Transmission Service

Borough Treasurer's Report

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

Sewer Treasurer's Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam reported two issues at the Sewer plant. There was an overflow due to heavy rain and a high inflow over the 4th of July weekend. By the end of the July, the plant will need lime and a delivery should last about a year. In addition, the sludge needs to be pumped out in order for the Generator to be serviced.

Sewer Solicitor – Dennis Shatto

Nothing to report

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser

Next meeting is in September.

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 July Borough bill list was approved for payment.

Sewer Bills

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

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan will check with Lowe's to see how we can have material delivered to fix the pot holes. The cost for the material is around \$600.00 per ton. After delivery, the material can last up to about a year before it breaks down and become ineffective. Dan will talk to Jeff Woods concerning this and the filling of the pot holes on Mill Street.

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, \$5,000.00 will transferred out of the Rental account and into the Sewer account.

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed, The final adoption of the new sewer rate of \$100.00 per edu becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barry Schlosman
Secretary/Treasurer