

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

September 11th, 2017

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:01pm on September 11th, 2017, 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: Joe Kistler, Adam Pavusik, Harry Hockenberry, Ralph Rudy Jr and Jennifer Richard.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the August 2017 minutes were approved as corrected (change the word Borough to Township). All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Ralph Rudy is concerned with the condition of the road by the bridge.

Correspondence

- Dennis Shatto – lien satisfaction notice for Caldwell
- PIRMA Renewal Notice – pay and file our copy
- DEP Notice of Violation – email to Skelly and Loy and file our copy
- Perry Co Tax Assessment – Womer Assessment Appeal - file
- Perry Co Tax Claim – Tax Sale Ledger - file

Borough Treasurer's Report

- Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the August 2017 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.
- Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the updated numbers on the July 2017 Borough Treasurers Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the August 2017 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam reported that on the 8/8 they had a small foam overflow on # 2 & 4, 8/9 it was cleaned up and Stan was contacted and he called DEP. 8/24 Walters came out to pump the sludge tank. New pump is in but not yet installed, pump needed a shroud around it to draw the water up to the pump. The parts to complete the shroud were purchased from Lowes. John reported that our PH probe is not reading correctly, it is reading low, so we need a new probe.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser – Nothing new, next meeting in Sept., this Thursday

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser - Dan contacted Snyder Paving to get an estimate on Creek Rd to bridge, he uses State compliant materials. Dan will email estimate if received prior to next meeting so that a vote can be taken at the next meeting. Dan has not yet spoken to Rick Levan from PennDot.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz - Nothing new to report.

Playground – Nothing new to report, but getting mowed.

Ordinance Violations Toth property at 26 Mill Street has major growth along the road, send a letter regarding the ordinance to have it cleaned up.

Rental - Lee texted Adam last week, the numbers need to be replaced on the mailbox.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the August 2017 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the August 2017 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. Requirements of a Council Member - Must be a Borough Resident for at least 1 year and must be a registered voter.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Karen Ersoz reported that the smell from the sewer plant was terrible near the creek by her house this summer; Adam stated that the smell may be from the lift station lid, as it needs to be ajar to accommodate the cable.

- Dan received numerous phone calls about Arbor Manor to see if we have the ability to add the units to the sewer plant and the cost to do so. If we need to add Arbor Manors units our solicitor suggested that we then set up a Sewer Authority.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Richard
Secretary/Treasurer