

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

Open nominations- Kim Balthaser nominates Dan Balthaser for council President and Karen Ersoz as council Vice President. Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, all in favor none opposed. **Close of nominations.**

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on January 8, 2018, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser.

The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Joe Kistler, Cory Engle, Racheal Engle, Maggie Byerly and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the December 2017 minutes were approved. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Cory Engle concerned over the lien placed on his property. Cory states that he had an agreement in 2013 if he installed a grease trap in his pizza shop that he would be charged only 1 EDU for the shop, he states that the rate set in 2013 before the grease trap was installed was at 1.5 EDUs. Cory states that he ordered a grease trap and installed it a couple weeks later. He wants the pizza shop to reflect the reduced rate for the grease trap installed. Cory wants an agreement for the pizza shop to be at 1 EDU as of this meeting and his rental apartments changed from separate EDUs to 1 EDU.

Per Dan Balthaser Cory's pizza shop was set at 1.75 EDUs from 1.5 EDUs after a conversation with the attorney as to what a business should be charged for sewer. Dan also stated that he will credit Cory back to when the grease trap was installed if he can produce a receipt for when the grease trap was purchased. An agreement could not be reached between Dan and Cory for different rates for sewer payments for Cory's pizza shop and apartments.

Correspondence

- Notices were sent to everyone that has a lien placed on their property for delinquent sewer bills.

- Bob Wolmer requested information on the multiple EDUs he is being billed for, wants a breakdown per address. Any objection on producing documents requested by Wolmer, motion by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed.

-Cory Engle requesting information from letter dated 1-8-18.

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the December 2017 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam met with Walters on 12/12. On 12/28 there was an issue with frozen pipes, on 12/29 there was an issue with high levels which may have been partially due to frozen pipes. On 12/30 there was an issue with the heater in the shed, on 12/31 a new heater was purchased. On 1/8/18 Adam met with Cory at the sewer plant.

Skelly and Loy out of scope, Oct 8 to Nov 8th, motion to approve by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, all in favor none opposed. To bring paperwork to next meeting to go over with Adam.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser – Next meeting is in February

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser - Snow plowing has been taken care of, need to contact PennDOT to look at streets to fix problems.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz – Wolmers garbage is has been all picked up.

Playground –

Ordinance Violations

Rental - Adam submitted bill for repairing mailbox and to check filters and expansion tank.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the December 2017 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the December 2017 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Borough Council Open Seats

There are currently two open seats on Borough Council. Requirements of a Council Member - Must be a Borough Resident for at least 1 year and must be a registered voter.

Have advertised on Blueridge cable channel for open council seats.

Tax Collector

-Teresa Carroll appointed as New Buffalo tax collector, motion by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, all in favor none opposed. Teresa will be paid normal percentage to collect taxes and additional fees schedule to be posted on website.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh
Secretary/Treasurer