

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2017

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on December 11th, 2017, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Michelle Shutt.

The following persons were also present: Jennifer Richard, Jessica Ibaugh, Joe Kistler, Robert Spicher, George Lowe and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the November 2017 minutes were approved. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Joe Kistler asked about abandoned cars around the borough-cannot do anything about a vehicle be out of inspection and without registration stickers cannot tell if a vehicle is registered or not. Robert Spicher asked why people with 1 person in a household pays the same as 5 people in a household. Dan to talk to solicitor about how sewage works. George Lowe sewer 2 to 1 for 2 apts back into single family home.

Correspondence

- Skelly and Loy 2018 Services Contract-Rate to increase to \$1450.00 for 2018 from \$1405.00 in 2017 approved upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed.
- Act 42 Resolution-Opt out of having Casino in New Buffalo Borough. Can opt back in at any time. Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed. Paper work to be filed with gaming board to opt out.
- PIRMA Annual Election-Candidate for election, three people running for the position for a 5 year term, Dan Anderson, Nicholas Hiriak and Nevin Scholl. New Buffalo voted for Dan Anderson and Nevin Scholl upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed.
- Perry Co Planning Commission-non applicable
- 2018 Millage Rates-Maintain current millage rates upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor, none opposed.
- Perry Co Conservation District-Grant applications, to be reviewed by Dan Balthaser.

Borough Treasurer's Report

The EIT payment was low in December compared to November. Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the November 2017 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 November 2017 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Pump failed on 11/14/2017. New pump installed on 11/15. On 11/23, Adam unclogged the pump. On 11/26 there was a lot of foam. On 11/28 there was a high chlorine level of 2.21 (1 is the max). 24 hours the chlorine level was back to normal. On 12/6 there was a clog. First time there was an underground clog. Walters pumped out sewer on 12/12. Adam to order stone from Pennsy supply.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser – Next meeting is in February

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser -

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz – Text from Irene about trash at Wolmer's property. Dan called cocalamus and they have been taking 4 cans per week.

Playground –

Ordinance Violations

Rental - Adam installed new mailboxes for Borough rental.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Collector: Contact county to see what steps are needed to appoint new tax collector. Contact Teresa Carroll who is tax collector for Watts Township to see if she will be the new tax collector for New Buffalo Borough.

Borough Bills

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

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the November 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.

Advertise for open council seats.

Jessica Ibaugh to take over as Borough Secretary/Treasurer from Jennifer Richards.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, council agreed to advertise the 2018 meeting dates. All in favor none opposed.
- Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, council agreed to adopt the 2018 Borough General and Sewer Budget. All in favor none opposed.
- Special Thank you to Michelle Shutt and Jennifer Richards for their years of service with the borough.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh
Secretary/Treasurer