

# **New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

## **February 12, 2018**

### **Call to Order**

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on February 12, 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, Ted Engle, Mike Holler, Carol Holler, Jessica Derendinger and Adam Pavusik.

### **Reading of last Month's Minutes**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the January 2018 minutes were approved. All in favor none opposed.

### **Comments from Visitors**

Ted Engle has concerns with the grated drainage area adjacent to his house. The drain has been slowly collapsing over time and causing flooding in his basement. Penndot was notified and did put a new grate on the drainage area and also cleaned up some of the bricks and cleared the drainage to the river, but this did not fix the flooding issue. Penndot is not claiming responsibility for the drainage area even though it is in their right away.

Cory Engle expressing concerns over his sewer accounts.

Jessica Derendinger questioning how the billing for the sewer accounts were set up as one flat rate, instead of usage.

Dan requesting Skelly and Loy to pursue grant monies for improvement to the sewer plant for the Borough.

Joby from New Buffalo Fire Co updates on their financial status, services rendered in the Borough, and future improvements to be made.

### **Correspondence**

- PCBA; Quarterly meetings-Feb 8, May 10, Sept 13, Nov 8
- Perry County Electronics Recycling Collection Day; asking for a \$225 contribution-N/A
- Emergency Management- Contact Tim Moench about becoming the Boroughs emergency management representative.
- PA State Association of Boroughs; Nominations for Second VP-N/A
- Cocolamus Creek Disposal Holiday Schedule-Posted on website

### **Borough Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the Revised January and February Borough Treasurer Reports were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

### **Sewer Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the Revised January and February Borough Treasurer Reports were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Sewage/Sewage Authority Report**

Adam replaced discharge float. Walters removed sludge. Rope that secures lid froze and was replaced. On 1/17, Adam adjusted the timeline from 25 mins to 20 mins. On 2/2, Adam replaced the bulbs under the shed. On 2/12 the DO meter would not calculate, replaced membrane on meter probe. Skelly and Loy to renew Chapter 94 permit due end of March.

Adam asked Dan to order him gloves and cable for basket in lift station that needs replaced.

Adam also stated that more chlorine tables need to be ordered.

Concerns over having a replacement lift station pump, whether or not to purchase a new or rebuilt pump. Adam to contact Kohl Brothers to get pricing on a new pump and Keener Electric to check on progress of the rebuilt pump and to begin repair process if the cost to rebuild the pump is no more than 40% the cost of a new pump.

Adam on vacation week of February 18<sup>th</sup>, Stan from Skelly and Loy to service the sewer plant in his absence.

**PCCOG - Dan Balthaser** - Dan attended meeting, discussed the Emergency Management Contact position that needs filled.

**Street Committee - Kim Balthaser** - Dan to talk to Jeff Woods about plowing at Jessica Derendingers property.

**Refuse Coordinator - Karen Ersoz** -

**Playground** -

**Ordinance Violations**

**Rental** -

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Borough Bills**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the February 2018 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

#### **Sewer Bills**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, the February 2018 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.

**GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prepare paperwork for Phyllis for the 2017 Borough audit.

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Dan Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh  
Secretary/Treasurer