

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes November 11, 2019

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on November 11, 2019, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Karen Ersoz and Mike Holler. The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Joe Kistler, Daren Miller, Dale Peterson and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the October 14, 2019 minutes were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

-Darren Miller New Buffalo Fire Chief-Concerns about the new radio system that was installed 2 years ago that is failing New Buffalo and Watts Township when it comes to emergencies. These portable radios get no coverage or reception in our area. The Fire company is trying to get this issue resolved with the county commissioners and is asking for our assistance in writing a letter to them for better fire and ambulance service in the borough and the township. Requested a copy of the audit and monthly treasurers report from the fire co which was agreed to by Darren Miller.

Correspondence

- New Buffalo Fire Dept Call Run Report 2017-2019
- NPDES Permit draft
- PCEDA Downtown revitalization roundtable discussions
- Certified taxable assessment & per capita totals
- Orrstown bank closing of locations

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the November 2019 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the November 2019 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam- 10/7 met Walters to haul sludge, low level condition. Pump # 5 quick disconnect came apart. 10/18 Cable broke on lift station basket. 10/25 Lift station alarm, overload pump #2 had been tripped. 10/30 Met Stan and pulled lift station pump #2 to check to see if it was clogged and it was. Put it back and it tripped the overload. 11/1 Stan was at plant, relay had failed on lift station pump

#2, the lift station pump was fine it was a control problem with the relay which was replaced.

-Ordered new DO meter, pump #3 in train 1 failed and needs replaced. -Need to order a backup pump. -Need more relays ordered, more cable clamps, ammonia test kits and alkalinity strips. -Still need to order chlorine and chlorine test packets.

-Dan to order gloves and pump from grainger.

-Stan would like lift station pumped out before winter, approx. cost of \$1,500 by Kline *Motion to pump lift station by Karen Ersoz, Seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

-Get pricing on taking trees down at sewer plant and rental house.

Sewage Solicitor-Dennis Shatto-Borough is in need of rules and regulations for new sewer connection and reconnection fees, etc. Council to review copy of another municipality's sewer rules and regulations.

PCCOG-Dan Balthaser -PCCOG meeting this Thursday, also Borough Assoc meeting after.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser –

-Have 1 stop sign to be installed.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz –

Playground –

Ordinance Violations- Get scrap yard numbers to send to Cory Wiltsie to help in the removal of vehicles from his property.

Rental – Lee Rogalski is moving by the end of November. Dan and Adam to do walk through. When the washer was disconnected the valves were leaking, need to replace valves and also the toilet refill valve needs repaired/replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the November 2019 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the November 2019 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Borough Council Open Seats

There is currently one open seat on the 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

-Fence issue in the Borough, do we need to have a fence ordinance? Or put setbacks on fences?
-Was questioned if having people staying in tents in yards for a long period of time poses a sanitary issue? -Check with PSAB for help with the fence and tent issues.

-Adam to look for maps of town at sewer plant.

-Bring a copy of the audit to next meeting.

-Need to send a letter about non flushable items being put into the sewer system to send out with the invoices at the beginning of 2020.

*Motion to advertise the proposed 2020 General Borough budget by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor none opposed.

*Motion to advertise the proposed 2020 Sewer budget by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer