

# **New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022**

## **Call to Order**

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on November 14, 2022 in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

## **Roll Call**

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Adam Pavusik, Mike Holler, and Jessica Ibaugh. The following persons were also present: Joe Kistler, Jason Foster, Rob Megonnell, and Irene Conjar.

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

Upon motion of Adam Pavusik, seconded by Mike Holler, the October 2022 minutes were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

**Comments from Visitors-** Rob & Irene convey that Lloyd's property next door is still in violation of some ordinances. If still in violation next meeting, look into taking further action to enforce ordinances. Contact Lloyd to find out what his future plans and timeline are for this property. Check with Dennis Shatto about inspecting sewer connections on people's properties. Check with Bill Bunt to see if there are any PA nuisance property laws. Irene interested on being a council member. Jason Foster- interested in being a council member.

**Correspondence-** Perry County Tax Assessment- Certified Assessment

## **Borough Treasurer's Report**

-Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Adam Pavusik, the November 2022 Borough Treasurer report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

## **Sewer Treasurer's Report**

- Upon motion of Adam Pavusik, seconded by Mike Holler, the November 2022 Sewer Treasurer report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Adam-Walters coming tomorrow. Heater failed in shed so need to buy a new one. Need to order USA-Blue book re-agent and sample jars. Past month struggled with high levels. Stan believes back wash valves have been leaking. Ordered rebuilt kit for valves. Did find spool was jammed up, Stan to order parts. Around \$600 pre valve for rebuilt kit, and we have two of them. Thinking that's what has been causing the high levels. Have seen a couple days of high flow but nothing as bad as before. Have seen a reduction of flow since Stan worked on valves. -Will be keeping pumps submerged in the future to hopefully prevent them from failing all at once again in the future. -Finally received relays.

**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. -Get everyone a copy of the sewer ordinance after revised.

**PCCOG-Adam Pavusik** –

**Street Committee** – Get tape from Hershocks to measure Front street for paving repair. Get pricing for each side and also all together.

**Refuse coordinator** –

**Playground** –

**Ordinance Violations**-Dan received a call about someone inquiring to purchase Andy Stricklands property (old school house by post office) They asked about turning into apartments. Dan believes there is a square foot minimum requirement for apartments in New Buffalo (ordinance).

**Rental** – Change filters prior to winter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

-LPA program (Picture Perry)

-H2O Grant -Will this grant be available next year?

-Skelly and Loy maintenance agreement -\*Motion to contract with Skelly and Loy for \$1815.00 per month for 2023 by Mike Holler, seconded by Adam Pavusik, all in favor none opposed.

-Budget-\*Motion to accept revised general and sewer budgets to advertise for review by Adam Pavusik, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor none opposed.

-Dan and Kim Balthaser resign from their council positions as of this November 14, 2022 meeting. Jason Foster and Irene Conjar are interested in taking their positions. Irene has been a member of the community for many, many years, and Jason has 12+ years working as a building and code enforcement inspector and also Emergency Coordinator.

\*Motion to appoint Irene Conjar, residing at 18 Front Street, New Buffalo, PA, until the next municipal election by Adam Pavusik, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor none opposed.

\*Motion to appoint Jason Foster, residing at 22 High Street, New Buffalo, PA until the next municipal election by Adam Pavusik, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor none opposed.

\*Motion to transfer \$2400 from rental to sewer account for sewer payments for two borough owned properties by Mike Holler, seconded by Adam Pavusik, all in favor none opposed.

## **Borough Bills**

-Upon motion of Adam Pavusik, seconded by Mike Holler, the November 2022 Borough Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

## **Sewer Bills**

-Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Adam Pavusik, the November 2022 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

## **GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURN**

\*Adam still having issues with voting location being correct. -Contact Bonnie Delancey with the county voter registration.

Upon motion of Adam Pavusik, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor none opposed, council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer