

## **New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes March 8, 2021**

### **Call to Order**

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on March 8, 2021 in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

### **Roll Call**

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Karen Ersoz and Jessica Ibaugh. The following persons were also present: Adam Pavusik, Michelle Jones (PCEDA), Tim Moench, Ben Carrahar, Glenn & Tammy Smithgall.

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

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the February 2021 minutes were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

### **Comments from Visitors-**

Ben Carrahar-He teaches band at Susquenita and would like to do volunteer cleanup work at the park.

Tim Moench standing in for Clarke Steel who is running for Magisterial District Judge.

Michelle Jones with Economic Development-She would like to help New Buffalo apply for different grants her association is seeking for Perry county.

\*Motion for PCEDA to write letters for the Borough to apply for three specific grants, USDA rural development grant, Keystone communities program and Penndot multimodal, but not limited to additional new grant opportunities they feel would be beneficial upon motion by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

Glenn Smithgall-Asked if trash collection was paid with sewer, answer is no, it is paid through taxes. Per agreement with Cocolamus you are allowed 4 trash cans per property. If the properties on Front street have separate deeds, then technically would be allowed 4 cans per property, if they are not deeded separately, then would only be allowed 4 cans total.

Sewer issue on the 4 separate sewer hook ups, if it would be decided to disconnect service to any of them, the borough would need an engineer to establish a reconnect fee. The concern Glenn has is that if he drops any EDU's, being able to add them back in the future because the sewer plant does have a capacity. The borough is willing to drop the EDU's from 4 a month (\$100 per each EDU) to 2 a month for the buildings that are still on the property, but Glenn would have to pay, as of now, the undetermined reconnect fee to hook the other 2 EDU's back up in the future. This reduction would be retro-ed back to January. Waiting to hear back from Glenn if he wants to drop the 2 EDUs and if he wants an engineer hired to determine reconnect fees..

### **Correspondence**

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

-Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the March 2021 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

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

- Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the March 2021 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Adam-2/28 Decanted. 3/3 Pumped chlorine tank. 3/4 Set up samplers. 3/5 Took samples. 3/6 Decanted. While Adam was on vacation, Stan stated that things ran great.

**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** – February meeting was cancelled.

**Street Committee – Kim Balthaser** – Dan and Kim did a walk around to look for spots that need fixed on the roadways. Two problem areas for repaving or resurfacing- Rock Fish to Mill and Mill to Locust. Rick Levan from PennDOT came to look at these areas, and also suggested to patch and tar & chip by Karen's house (Buffalo creek Rd by small bridge).

**Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz – Playground –** Ben Carrahar would like to bring a group of band member volunteers to clean up the park this summer. To check with insurance company to see if there are any liability concerns.

**Ordinance Violations-** Fence ordinance.

**Rental –**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Motion to appoint Adam Pavusik, address 168 Old Trail Road, Duncannon, PA as a New Buffalo council member for the rest of the 2021 until the next municipal election by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

### **Borough Bills**

-Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the March 2021 Borough Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

### **Sewer Bills**

-Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the March 2021 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

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

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer