

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2017

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm p.m. on January 9th, 2017, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Michelle Shutt and Karen Ersoz. The following persons were also present: Janice Crouse, Adam Pavusik, Jennifer Richard, Ralph Rudy, Irene Conjar, Robert Megonnell, and Carol Holler.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the December 2016 minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Irene Conjar is having issues with some of her neighbors, she has called the police and problems are continuing. She came to ask the Borough if we have a nuisance ordinance.

Carol Holler has issued concerns in regards to the same property.

Correspondence

- Letter from Corey Engle – to be sent to Dennis Shatto
- Tax Assessment Tax Bills for Review – no millage increase
- Municipal Lien Paperwork for Robert Mitchell - to be sent to Dennis Shatto
- Letter from William Bunt – issue of first responders tabled for now

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the December 2016 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Michelle Shutt, the December 2016 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam gave his report for the month. There will be some out of scope charges in the upcoming month. There were some foam issues and a frozen pipe. Stan gave Adam the name of a slower dissolving chlorine tablet. Adam is going to order 4 buckets to compare how they work to the quicker dissolving ones we have now, as the price is comparable.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser

Next meeting is in February.

Beautification Committee - There is nothing new to report.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser - New stop signs to be installed.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz

Karen is going to get the CCD schedule to Ted for the website.

Playground - There is nothing new to report.

Ordinance Violations

Ordinance #01-2011 – Tabled until the spring (new construction, revised set back boundaries, etc.). We are going to check with Mr. Bunt to see if we can use the County guidelines.

Ordinance violation update – Dan is going to take the unclaimed certified letters to the DJ. Corey Engle said that he intends to get the van registered.

Rental

Adam swept the roof, trimmed the tree and cleaned the gutters. Inside the property the o ring filter was leaking on the water tank, Adam repaired the leak and adjusted the pressure. Tenant is happy with the results. Adam also got concrete and put up the new mailbox.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the December 2016 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the December 2016 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Borough Council Open Seats

There is currently one open seat on 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

Dan would like to see about the streets being maintained with funds from the Rental Account. It is something to think about for the future.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Richard
Secretary/Treasurer