

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes November 12, 2018

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on November 12, 2018, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Mike Holler. The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Joe Kistler, Bob Spicher, Emma Holler and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the October 2018 minutes were approved. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Joe Kistler-Cutting the grass on the backside of the borough building is difficult due to the slope of the hill. To remedy this situation some fill will be brought in to level out the hill.

Bob Spicher- Concerned that his 2006 borough taxes are still outstanding. Jessica to write a letter forgiving his 2006 borough taxes.

Correspondence

-Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the November 2018 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 2018 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam-10/19 Set up sampler. 10/19 Walters to come that following Friday, Stan to meet Walters to have sludge pumped. 11/2 pulled and unclogged pumps 3 & 4. 11/11 scraped screen and removed fibers and rags.

-Still need pump and gloves.

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.

-Miller property-Rachel Miller contacted Dennis and she has \$1500 for the borough towards her back sewer bill. Dan told Dennis to tell her to come to the meeting to discuss her overdue account. Rachel was not present at the meeting, and no one is in possession of the \$1500 payment. It was decided to not stop the sheriff sale for the Miller property unless the lien amount is paid in full upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

-Cory Engle property-Cory left a message for Dennis and also contacted Janie Crouse about grease trap in Pizza shop. Jess to email Cory, Dan's phone number to ask when it is good to visually inspect the grease trap with Mike Holler. If the inspection shows that the grease trap is installed, credit Cory back to when he was at the meeting back in January of this year from 1.75 to 1.5 EDUs.

PCCOG-Dan Balthaser There was a meeting last Thursday which Dan missed due to attending a church meeting.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser –

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz –

Playground –

Ordinance Violations-

-Witlsie property has multiple issues. In violation due to having multiple abandoned cars on property, also overgrowth of weeds and brush.

-37 Mill Street property –several cars and used tires on property.

-38 Mill Street –to be addressed by Dan Balthaser.

Rental –Adam Pavusik has not yet disconnected the electric to the storage unit, needs to talk to tenant in the trailer at 170 Oldtrail Rd to coordinate the disconnection and also to coordinate stone delivery.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

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

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the November 2018 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

ADJOURN

Motion to approve the 2019 Budget for advertising by Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed,
council adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh
Secretary/Treasurer