

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes December 9, 2019

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on December 9, 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, Glenn Smithgall and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the November 11, 2019 minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

-Glenn Smithgall was approached by a billboard company and wanted the boroughs input on installing one on his 12N Front Street property. It was agreed that as long as the lights do not affect any neighbors there is no issue with the billboard being installed.

Correspondence

-Skelly and Loy 2020 Proposal-*Motion to accept their 2020 proposal of \$1535.00 per month by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor none opposed.

-Perry County Tax Assessment Office Tax Rates *Motion to keep tax base the same by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

Borough Treasurer's Report

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

Sewer Treasurer's Report

*Motion to move \$2400 from rental account to sewer account to pay \$100 a month for 12 months for sewer usage of the two rental properties by Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor none opposed.

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the December 2019 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as corrected. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam- 11/12 Decanted. 11/13 Three way valve was not working, clogged pump #3 in train 1, also issues with pump #7 when Walters was there. 12/3 High foam level.

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 – Dan attended meeting, discussed about what Tri-county is planning for the future.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser – Look at streets and signs to see what needs fixed in the near future.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz –

Playground –

Ordinance Violations-

Rental – A walk through was done of 168 Old Trail Rd rental property and there were a few issues found that needs fixed, the paneling separating in a corner by the bathroom, washer valves need replaced, toilet refill valve needs replaced, chimney brick needs taken down. *Motion to replace the valves on the washing machine, fix toilet, remove the chimney brick and cap, and fix the paneling by the bathroom by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor none opposed.

*Motion to pay back Lee Rogalski for his \$1500 security deposit by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

*Motion to rent 168 Old Trail Rd to Adam Pavusik for \$650 a month plus a \$650 security deposit by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

*Motion to adopt the 2020 sewer and borough budgets by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

*First 2020 borough meeting to be January 6, 2020-Motion to advertise 2020 meeting dates by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor none opposed.

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the December 2019 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

-Move \$13.30 from rental to sewer for toilet and washer repair supplies that were paid for out of the sewer account.

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the December 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

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer