

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes May 11, 2020

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on May 11, 2020 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 and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes (No April Meeting)

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the March, 2020 minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Correspondence

PLGIT Proxy Ballot

Borough Treasurer's Report

-Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the April 2020 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

-Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the May 2020 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

-Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the April 2020 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

-Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the May 2020 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam- March, A lot of additional flow most likely due to kids not being in school and people staying home and using more cleaning agents than ever before causing more foam than we have ever seen. There was an overflow and DEP was notified. Skelly & Loy was also notified and helped with clean up. Tried to add defoaming agent and nothing could contain the foaming issues. Walters sucked up as much of the overflow off of the ground as they could and sludge overflow tanks.

April-Still seeing an increase in flow but not seeing increased cleaning agents like in March.

-Ordered Chlorine and buffer, and batteries for meters.

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 – Nothing until September

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser – Decided to wait until next year for paving projects due to corona virus closures.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz –

Playground –Research grants for playground.

Ordinance Violations- Fence ordinance workshop? Follow up next month. Schedule walk around for ordinance violations. Sent Strickland grass letter, also send Johnson grass letter.

Rental –

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

-Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the April 2020 Borough Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

-Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the May 2020 Borough Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

-Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Mike Holler, the April 2020 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

-Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the May 2020 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as presented. 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

When corona virus closures started our EMC contact came to Dan's house and had him sign an emergency declaration. Check to see if there are any relief monies to apply for overage costs due to overflow from increased cleaning agents and flow.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer