

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes JULY 8, 2019

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on July 8, 2019, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, and Mike Holler. The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Joe Kistler, Karen Anderson, Ben Carrahar, Megan Carrahar, Karl Raudensky, Steve V and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the June 10, 2019 minutes were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Karl Raudensky- Raudensky asked what the cartway is on High street in regards to the trees that need taken down. -To get map of cartway.

Karen Andersen- Running for commissioner, came to meeting to introduce herself. She is from Loysville and trying to learn about the surrounding municipalities and about their communities.

Ben & Megan Carrahar- Sewer bill is 25% higher than normal residents and they have been paying the \$125 vs the regular sewer rate of \$100 since they took possession of the property 20 months ago. Would like bill reduced to regular rate and credited back to when they bought the property because they are not operating any type of business from their residence.

Correspondence

Borough Treasurer's Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam- 6/13 pumped tank. 6/14 backwash pump alarm. 6/15 solids on chlorine contact tank. 6/19 decanted. 6/20 lift station alarm. 6/25 level was very low, Stan came to check later in the day. 6/26 set up samplers. 6/29 loaded new PLC program. -Solids clogged filter due to PLC not operating correctly on train 2. -Were sent a new program that did not function at all. 6/29 evening-system was overflowing after program loaded was not working. Opened up train 1, pumped some of train 2 into train 1 and some into sludge holding. Stan came up to plant late that night and nothing was reading. He made a temporary change and came back Sunday late morning and chlorine contact tank was

contaminated. 7/1 Working with Chromaglass to try and get system working correctly. They came from Williamsport with new program and reloaded and gave us a copy of new program. End of day everything was working correctly. 7/4 Lift station alarm, parts on order. 7/8 Walters came to pump out sludge holding. –Did have an overflow which Stan reported to DEP.

-Ordered chlorine this past week from USA Bluebook (had to order a different chlorine because they no longer have the same tablet we were using)

-There were several alarms on the lift station this past month, 1st time there was a little bit of debris on the pump.

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.

*-Motion to reduce Carrahar rate from \$125 EDU to \$100 EDU and credit for 20 months against their account in the amount of -\$500, by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor none opposed.

PCCOG-Dan Balthaser –PCCOG meeting in September.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser – Have stop sign to be installed.

–Steve came to borough council about grandson who is hearing impaired. He provided an official doctors record letter to have signs put up. Need to put signs up, 2 on front street and on the 2 alleys on each side of property and needs posts to mount signs to be paid for out of the general account fund

* Motion to proceed with purchasing and installing 4 hearing impaired signs, by Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

-In regards to trees in the borough, it has always been the boroughs position they are not responsible for trees, but the trees in question on high street seem to be a safety issue. It was mentioned that George Lowe has trees he wants to take down, Dan to contact him to see what they cost may be to cut trees down.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz –Trash is limited to 4 – 32 gallon cans.

Playground –

Ordinance Violations- To walk around and check properties July 18th at 6 pm.

Rental –

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the July 2019 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the July 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 Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer