

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

August 8th, 2016

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 8th, 2016, 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, and Ralph Rudy.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the July 2016 minutes were approved with corrections. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Janice Crouse commented that the drain at the top of the hill is in need of repair, Dan noted that this is ours to repair not the township.

Correspondence

- PIRMA – renewal notice
- PA Chapter 302 annual fee

Borough Treasurer's Report

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

Sewer Treasurer's Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam gave his report from July. The past month was reasonably quiet; we are dealing with setability and getting good samples, but no increased water level issues this month. There was discussion of checking the manhole covers and the vent lines to see if they are responsible for allowing surface water into the system during heavy rains. The screen that was sent back to Croma Flow is not repairable, and the model has been discontinued, he has a quote from Croma Flow to get a replacement. The quote is for the new screen with programming included in the

cost, \$3078.80. Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the new screen will be ordered. All in favor none opposed.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser

The next meeting is in September. Dan will be able to attend.

Beautification Committee

There is nothing new to report.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser

Jeff is to get the new stop signs installed. Jen is going to find out who approves “Deaf Child Area” signs for the state.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz

There is nothing new to report.

Playground

The fence around the playground was discussed; it is in disrepair, talk was of repair or removal. The removal could cause a liability issue for the borough so it was decided to try to have it repaired.

Ordinance Violations

Ordinance #01-2011 – Tabled until the spring (new construction, revised set back boundaries, etc.).

Ordinance violation update – it has been 30 days since the letters were sent, a second walk through has been scheduled for the 16th of August to see if the violations have been removed, if not pictures will be taken to document and a final letter will then be sent. This will give residents an additional 15 days before the violations are turned over to the DJ.

Rental

The water issue seems to be fixed by Adam replacing the filters. The gutters still need to be cleaned and Adam is going to take a look at the tree to see if it would be wise to either cut it back or have it taken down.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

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

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the July 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. Dan is to post information in the Post Office and a notice went out with each Ordinance letter.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is nothing new to report.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Richard
Secretary/Treasurer