**New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

**January 10, 2011**

**Call to Order**

President Ted Engle called the meeting of New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. on January 10, 2011 in the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

**Roll Call**

Present were council members: Ted Engle, Dave Lesher, Dale Peterson, John Johnson, and Paul Krieger.

The following persons were also present: Laura Evans, Sally Lesher, Christian Holler, Dan Balthaser, Jeremy Rice, Janice Crouse, Ted Crouse, Ron Senior, John Kistler.

**Reading of last month’s minutes**

The minutes from December 06, 2010 were read with no additions or corrections. Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by Paul Kreiger, the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Lesher, the Treasurer’s Report was approved as presented.

**Sewage Report**

Two test runs were completed on the sewage plant, an electrician was present to review the process. Progress is now underway and there are two crews in town and the lateral hook up will take approximately two to three more weeks according to Ron Senior.

Billing will start at $42.00 per month for each lateral February 1st, 2011. Ted Engle will check with DEP to see if we are allowed to give any discounts for paying ahead as they set the $42.00 monthly fee.

The Borough has not set up a sewer authority or maintenance person (s) yet, Skelly and Loy will run plant for one year according to the contract. They will be at the plant daily for one year starting Tuesday January 4th. In this year timeframe the Borough will be responsible to train person(s) to take over when the year ends.

Application for payment #8 ($79,491.97) for the Treatment Plant for Gutelius was approved to submit to Sweetland for approval for payment. Dale Peterson motioned, seconded by John Johnson.

**Ordinance Violations**

Of the two vehicle violation letters that were sent out last month, only one was picked up, Corey Wiltsie did not pick his certified letter up. However, Ted Engle stated that both persons took care of moving their unregistered vehicles out of the Borough. Ted will do a follow up letter to both thanking them for taking care of this issue in a timely manner.

**Rental**

Dale Peterson will make sure that the electrician is called to finish the work in the rental house so that the Borough can get it rented. It was suggested that a small amount of monies be put into this house to make it more pleasing so that we can attract better renters, all agreed. All council members will take a walk thru the house to see what needs to be done and what can be done to make it more inhabitable. Dale will coordinate this.

**New Business**

Laura Evans from Joe Pierce’s office was in attendance to present to the Borough the Resolution to extend the maturity date of the Sewer Project Loan with Orrstown Bank. This Resolution will extend the date of the loan from December 31, 2010 to June 3rd, 2011. The Resolution states that all terms will remain the same as before with the only change being the maturity date.

Upon motion of Dave Lesher, seconded by dale Peterson, all in favor the Resolution was accepted.

Laura also presented the Borough with Joe Peirce’s bill for this service. The bill was $3500.00, motion to send bill back to Sweetland for grant approval, Dale Peterson, seconded by John Johnson. This bill will go on February’s bill list.

A memo from Ann Simonetti of the County Boroughs Association, asking each municipality in Perry County to agree on one night for Halloween was presented by the Secretary for review. Due to the huge number of children who participated in trick-or-treat night(s) this year, it has been suggested that the entire county decide on one night to hold the event. This will eliminate children visiting the various municipalities on several nights. The Borough Council agreed to always hold trick-or-treat on October 31st, unless the 31st falls on a Sunday, in which case, the Borough will hold trick-or-treat on the Thursday night prior to the 31st. Age limits should always be under twelve years of age.

All three lawn mowing bids were opened and reviewed. Council motioned to reject all three bids.

Council will review and determine what avenue to take at this point. Motioned by Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Lesher, Paul Krieger abstained.

Council agreed on tax reduction millage from 1.64 to 1.3010.

Act 32 Ordinance – all will review for next month to go over.

Ordinance #01-2011 was presented by Mike Holler. Council was instructed to take this home and read and be prepared to come to next meeting to review and discuss.

**Unfinished Business**

Prizes for Christmas decoration will be given to Rosemary Hippman, $50.00 for first place, $25.00 of that from the Borough and $25.00 from Peterson Automotive. Second place will be to The Kendalls, $20.00 from Millie’s Pizza.

Due to a computer glitch the Budget for 2011 the budget was re submitted. All were reviewed. Motion to accept Rental Budget by Dale Peterson, seconded by Paul Kreiger, all in favor. Motion to accept State Budget by Dale Peterson, seconded by John Johnson, all in favor. Motion to accept General Fund Budget with corrections made, by Dale Peterson, seconded by John Johnson, all in favor.

Refuse schedule in now on the Borough website for review.

The street light is out again on the playground building, Paul Kreiger stated he will check on this when the weather gets warmer.

**Bills**

Upon motion of John Johnson, seconded by Dale Peterson, the bill list was approved for payment.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion of Paul Kreiger, seconded by John Johnson, council adjourned at 10:20 p.m.