

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes July 12, 2021

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on July 12, 2021 in the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Karen Ersoz, Mike Holler, Adam Pavusik and Jessica Ibaugh. The following persons were also present: Joe Kistler.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the June 2021 minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors-

Correspondence

-2020 Audit

Borough Treasurer's Report

-Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by, the July 2021 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 2021 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam-6/21 High level. 6/23 Still high level, went through and checked everything thoroughly. 6/24 Very high level, was afraid of overflow, contacted Stan. 6/25-6/28 Still high level. Called Stan, about levels and high discharge rates and flows. 6/29 Met Stan at sewer plant and we were going to open train 2 due to the high levels but level went down overnight. -Met Walters to pump sludge. 7/8 Pumped out and cleaned chlorine contact tank. 7/11 Had bad rain storm and lightning stuck and melted cord and messed up the PLC. Cycled power on and off and it came back on line correctly. -Still need to test sludge return cycle to make sure it's ok functioning properly. -Meeting Stan on Wed to pull lift station pumps. There will be additional out of scope for Stan's extra visits.

-Post on Facebook page about checking toilets to make sure they are not running due to it adding large influx of usage at plant and creating high level issues and to maintain toilets to keep flow down.

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 – No meeting till September.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser – Reach out to guardrail companies to get estimates.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz – Wendy from Cocolamus message about overhanging trees on

High Street, -Send Watts Twp a letter about trimming trees.

Playground –

Ordinance Violations- Fence ordinance.

Rental –Send letter to Kelly about removing her items from the storage unit because it is in need of repair that is too costly.

NEW BUSINESS

-Dan spoke to Corporal Howell at the Newport State Police about noise, ATV and fireworks issues in town. If there is a noise issue and it is very loud and late at night it falls under disturbing the peace and they will enforce. With ATV's and motorbikes, it is illegal to ride on borough streets, but cannot be enforced unless the person is caught by the police, or is recorded and the person who recorded testifies in court. Same with fireworks, will be enforced by state police if caught in the act, or recorded and the person that recorded testifies. You can call the state police for any of these issues but it is very hard for them to catch people in action. They are also more likely to charge someone if they are doing something unsafe. Riding lawnmowers on the street is not a violation unless they are being unsafe and dangerous, then they could be charged.

-Is it worth creating a fireworks ordinance, even though we cannot enforce it? Can we hire a constable on Holiday's to investigate and fine people for setting off fireworks? And do we need an ordinance to enforce?

Borough Bills

-Upon motion of Adam Pavusik, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the July 2021 Borough Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

-Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the July 2021 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURN

-Plowing estimates-Shulls Landscaping, Gary Hilbish, Yard of Dreams, Wertz Lawncare.

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer