**New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

**February 15, 2011**

**Call to Order**

President Ted Engle called the meeting of New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:35 p.m. on February 15, 2011 in the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

**Roll Call**

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

The following persons were also present: Sally Lesher, Christian Holler, Dan Balthaser, Janice Crouse, Ted Crouse, Ron Senior, and Dave Sweetland.

**Reading of last month’s minutes**

The minutes from January 10, 2011 were read with no additions or corrections. Upon motion of Paul Krieger, seconded by Dale Peterson, 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/Sewage Authority Report**

Skelly and Loy submitted their fee for monthly services to check on treatment plant. It is $875.00 monthly. Ted will check and verify that we are liable to pay this. Council will also check with a man that Ron gave the Borough his information. He is certified and we should be able to use his services to do the same things that Skelly and Loy will do but perhaps a lot cheaper cost.

Dave Sweetland explained that there is a shortage of monies from the original information. SEC is not sure of the exact amount but will continue to research and try to obtain an accurate figure. Dave state that Jim is currently searching for more funding so that the Borough will not owe more money at the end of the project.

Ron Senior stated that the final completion date is when the yards are all finished as they were before the project. The one year warranty will be one year from that final date. The Treatment plant was finished February 2011. The warranty is for 18 months.

Paul Krieger asked if all testing was completed and Ron said yes all testing is finished on the Treatment Plant.

Ron also let the Borough know that when the fence was put in around the Treatment plant the pipe was nicked. This has already been fixed and is working fine.

Ted Engle let the Council know that the Ulrich’s now want to be hooked up to the Sewer Plant, after previously refusing to allow access to their property to put in the lateral hookups and piping needed for same. Emily Ulrich is now stating that they did not receive any such letter. Ted Engle, Dale Peterson, and Ron Senior all spoke specifically to this letter to Emily and she responded will full knowledge of same. She also stated that they would not sign anything because there was not a place to check ‘no’. If someone did not see the letter this is not something you would have knowledge of. The Borough nor Bill Bunt did not receive any letters back from the Ulrich’s or postmaster for undeliverable mail. Bill Bunt’s office mailed more than one letter to them and not one of them came back for being undeliverable. Bill Bunt feels it would be cheaper for the Borough to just hook them up. However, council’s consensus was they had sufficient opportunities to comply as did the rest of the Borough. They should be given the fee to pay for their hookup and be asked to pay it in a reasonable time, but ultimately they are at this time now responsible for the entire hook up costs. Ted Engle stated he would have Bill Bunt compose a letter to the Ulrich’s stating these facts, and have Bunt mail it to them.

Ron will provide Ted with the exact date he and Ted spoke to Emily about this matter.

Ted Crouse stated that since DEP is the one that is mandating this Sewer System that they should at this point, handle noncompliance. Ted stated that he will contact DEP to see if they will get involved and what they will do.

**Ordinance Violations**

None at this time.

**Rental**

Dale Peterson will get with Adam to finish the electrical issues. Dale will also obtain an estimate to fix the ceilings in the rental house.

**New Business**

Application for payment #9 22115 – 2008-02 for $10,417.65 and #6 22114 – 2008-01 for $236,595.21 for Gutelius was approved to submit to Sweetland for approval for payment. Dale Peterson motioned, seconded by Dave Lesher. Paul Krieger is opposed, as he does not feel Borough should owe more money for a project that went over the original bid.

**Unfinished Business**

Rentals – Dale Peterson will get with Adam to finish the electrical issues. Dale will also obtain an estimate to fix the ceilings in the rental house.

Ordinance #02-2011 – Act 32 – Board agreed to advertise ordinance and vote on next meeting.

Ordinance #01-2011 – building ordinance. Secretary will attempt to find a canned ordinance for PSAB and bring to next meeting.

**Bills**

Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Lesher the bill list was approved for payment, excluding the last five items which were Sweetland billings.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Lesher, council adjourned at 9:20 p.m.