**New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

**May 19, 2011 – Special Meeting**

**Call to Order**

President Ted Engle called the meeting of New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 8:15 a.m. on May 19, 2011 in the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

**Roll Call**

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

The following persons were also present: Laraine Gingrich, Branch Manager, from First National Bank of Mifflintown.

**Reading of last month’s minutes**

The minutes from May 9, 2011 were read, upon motion of John Johnson, seconded by Dave Lesher, the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Short Term Loan/Bank Discussion**

Ted Engle explained that the reason we need to obtain a loan in the amount of $60,000.00 is because we need to close out the Orrstown loan by 06/03/11. If we are unable to do so, we could receive a bad mark on the Borough’s credit for not doing so. The reasoning that we need this is unfortunately, in a grant process, the monies are needed faster than what the grant monies are coming in. Ted Engle will research other banks and make a determination which bank to use or to stay with Orrstown.

Laraine Gingrich of First National Bank was present and submitted to Borough the rates that First National could give the Borough, they were 3.25% or 4.25% depending on collateral Borough could provide. The bank will need that last two years audits and a commitment letter from grant sources. Ted Engle stated that Jim Kello is working on getting the Borough these letters of commitment. Laraine also provided Borough with account information for a NOW account and a Super NOW account. Also a Value Money Market account. All of these accounts give interest at .10% except the Value MM which gives .75%. All of these interest rates are better than what we are getting from Orrstown and also PLGIT.

See below rates for First National Bank of Mifflintown.

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|  | **Minimum to earn interest** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Deposit Account** | **Interest Rate** | **APY** |  | **Interest Rate** | **APY** |
| N.O.W. Checking (effective 03/10/09) | $1,000.00 | 0.10% | 0.10% |  |  |  |
| Super N.O.W. Checking (effective 03/10/09) | $1,000.00 | 0.10% | 0.10% | $5,000 & over | 0.55% | 0.55% |
| Value Money Market (effective 07/01/10) | $100.00 | 0.75% | 0.75% | $10,000 & over | 1.00% | 1.00% |

There was no other representatives from any other banks that attended the meeting. No other rates were provided for Council to look over.

**Three issues for review.**

1. The Sludge Tank for the Treatment plant needs to be pumped. Ted has one estimate to pump for $660.00. Ted will call around for the best pricing. To pump this you need a special permit, Council prefers to use someone local. Motion to spend money to have it pumped, Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Lesher, all in favor.
2. Dan Balthaser filed a complaint pertaining to his topsoil being removed and not returned before seeding. Ted Engle stated that the specifications were followed precisely – the seed mixture is mixed by a certified lawn care corporation etc. Ted contacted County Agriculture office and for $9.00 Dan can buy a lawn test kit and send back to them and they will analyze the soil to make sure all standards are being met. If Gutelius did not follow the specifications then they will be liable to correct.
3. Borough must hire a controller for the Treatment plant. We must start looking now, there are a couple local people, and again council would like to keep/employ a local person. They would need to check for approximately an hour of work every day.

**Adjourn**

Upon motion of John Johnson, seconded by Dale Peterson, council adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia A Raudensky Bierma

Secretary/Treasurer