**New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

**February 10, 2014**

**Call to Order**

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at: 7:00p.m. on February 10, 2014, in 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, Dale Peterson, Glen Smithgall and Luke Roman (Perry County Times).

**Reading of last Month’s Minutes**

The minutes from January 13, 2014 were read. Dan Balthaser noted that under the sewage section they should read we are still approx. $40 short per month per EDU, instead of $20 short. Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, the minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor, none opposed.

**Comments From Visitors**

**Correspondence**

**Borough Treasurer’s Report**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, none opposed, the February 2014 Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

**Sewer Treasurer’s Report**

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, none opposed, the February 2014 Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Sewage/Sewage Authority Report**

Dan Balthaser sent a letter to William Bunt regarding the sewer plant, his response is attached.

Dan met with Adam to tour the plant operation. There are a total of 12 pumps, the catch basket is catching majority of fibers but not all. The blockage in the pipes burned up the motor. Bacteria being added is primarily for grease, it is added weekly but a bucket lasts about 3-4 months. Any course of action was tabled until next month when Adam is present to cover more details of the plant.

**PCCOG**

Next meeting is in February. Dan Balthaser will serve as Borough Representative in 2014.

**Beautification Committee**

Nothing to Report.

**Street Committee**

Charlie Louden had agreed to take care of streets from 2/7/14. He then canceled out. Amity Enterprises will resume at the rate of $200 per plowing. The borough is still in need of street signs and many streets are in need of repair.

**Refuse Coordinator**

Nothing to report.

**Playground**

Nothing to report. Table until spring.

**Ordinance Violations**

Ordinance #01-2011 – Tabled (new construction, etc..)

The issue of large amounts of garbage in residents yards needs to be addressed. The council will review the relevant ordinance and determine how to enforce the issue before a letter is sent out to inform residents in violation.

Borough members were asked to get ideas together for addressing the ordinance violations in the Borough. Ted Engle will be asked for copies of prior letters sent to borough residents.

**Barriers – Along Front Street**

Nothing new to report.

**Rental**

Nothing new to report.

**Watts Township**

The Borough’s responsibility of planting along boundary line will be addressed in the spring.

**2013 Audit**

The 2013 records are being prepared to turn over to Phyllis Krieger for auditing.

**Borough Bills**

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, the Borough bill list was approved for payment.

**Sewer Bills**

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, the Sewer bill list was approved for payment.

**GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jeff Woods is interested in doing the mowing/street maintenance in the Borough.

Dale Peterson reports on Gus’s property a little shed along Mill Street may contain a still, the state police have been notified. Dan will follow up with the state police to see what they are doing. Also, questioned what can be done about past due rents and expressed concern over the wages paid to sewer system personnel.

Glen Smithgall presented two bills (1/21 and 2/3) for snow removal. Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, all in favor none opposed the bills were paid.

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Parrish

Secretary/Treasurer