**New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

**August 11, 2014**

**Call to Order**

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at: 7:00p.m. on August 11, 2014, in the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

**Roll Call**

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Karen Ersoz and Michelle Shutt.

The following persons were also present: John Kistler, Janice Crouse and Dale Peterson.

**Reading of last Month’s Minutes**

Michelle Shutt’s name was misspelled two places in the July minutes. Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Michelle Shutt, the minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor, none opposed.

**Comments from Visitors**

None

**Correspondence**

Rural Perspectives July/August 2014

PSAB Upcoming Events

New PSAB Webinars

PSAB Classes

**Borough Treasurer’s Report**

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Kim Balthaser, none opposed, the August 2014 Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

**Sewer Treasurer’s Report**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Sewage/Sewage Authority Report**

Adam Pavusik was unable to attend meeting.

A substantial reduction in problems was noticed this past month after seeding the system with the mixture from Hershey.

Marc Austin Neville, Water Program Specialist, with DEP sent a letter detailing all of his findings while monitoring the plant in late June and July. Stan at Skelly and Loy was copied on Marc’s letter.

Another of the recently installed pump overload relay tripped and saved a pump. Train 2 is all wired and Train 1 is still being wired up for installation of the relays.

**PCCOG**

Nothing to report. September is next meeting.

**Beautification Committee**

Nothing to Report.

**Street Committee**

Some street signs are missing and there are pot holes that need addressed. A bank on the back side of town needs to be sprayed to kill the poison ivy.

**Refuse Coordinator**

Nothing to report.

**Playground**

Grass growing up through rubber and along fence needs to be sprayed and killed.

**Ordinance Violations**

Ordinance #01-2011 – Tabled (new construction, revised set back boundaries, etc..)

The Borough walk through was done and pictures taken. Letters along with the pictures and a copy of the ordinance will be sent to all properties found to be in violation.

**Rental**

Nothing new to report. Rents continue to be paid on time.

**Watts Township**

Nothing to report.

**Fire Tax**

The fire company can insist on 1 mil, in past they had agreed to .5 mil. The .5 mil was added into the municipal tax but not set up as a separate tax. Judy will contact New Bloomfield to find out the procedure. The council would like to have a separate .5 mil. designated fire tax.

**Borough Bills**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, the Borough bill list was approved for payment with an additional payment of $65 to Jeff Woods, 38 Front Street, New Buffalo for May-July mowing.

**Sewer Bills**

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, the Sewer bill list was approved for payment including an additional payment of $65 to Jeff Woods, 38 Front Street, New Buffalo for May-July mowing.

**GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Parrish

Secretary/Treasurer