**New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes**

**September 8, 2014**

**Call to Order**

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at: 7:00p.m. on September 8, 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: Janice Crouse and Dale Peterson.

**Reading of last Month’s Minutes**

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the minutes were approved as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

**Comments from Visitors**

None

**Correspondence**

Letter from Robert Womer following up on his delinquent sewer bills.

**Borough Treasurer’s Report**

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

**Sewer Treasurer’s Report**

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the September 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.

The relay system installed on the pumps performed as designed once again to prevent the overheating/burning up of one of the pumps.

Ralph Rudy sent a letter in response to the letter from Atty. Shatto addressing the issue of non-payment of sewer bills.

None of the six customers have responded with payment of their delinquent accounts as a result of the letters from Atty. Shatto.

Robert Womer also responded in writing to Atty Shatto and Dan Balthaser. The letter contained no indication of paying the delinquent charges.

**PCCOG**

Nothing to report.

**Beautification Committee**

Nothing to Report.

**Street Committee**

Jeff Woods has agreed to clean up areas along Front street. The pot holes on Front Street will be addressed in the spring. There are still multiple street sign that need replaced.

**Refuse Coordinator**

Nothing to report.

**Playground**

Dan Balthaser sprayed the weeds along the fences and those coming up through the rubber matting.

**Ordinance Violations**

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

Sixteen residences were found to be in violation of Ordinances 66 and 79/94.

Each residence found in violation was sent a letter, pictures of violation, copy of the ordinance and given 30 days to correct the situation.

The Borough Council members will take a follow-up walk around the Borough at 6pm on September 23rd to determine who has/has not addressed the ordinance violations.

**Rental**

Current residents are vacating on 9/19/14. There is a possible prospect for a new tenant.

**Watts Township**

Nothing to report.

**Fire Tax**

Upon motion of Michelle Shutt, seconded by Karen Balthaser a separate .5 mill designated fire tax will be advertised prior to and voted upon to enact at the November 10, 2014 Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed.

**Borough Bills**

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

**Sewer Bills**

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

**GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Judy Parrish will resign from the position of secretary/treasurer as of the beginning of 2015.

**ADJOURN**

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

Respectfully submitted by Judy Parrish

Secretary/Treasurer