

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes January 14, 2019

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on January 14, 2019, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Mike Holler.

The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Ted Engle, Cory Engle, Mike Lowe and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the December 10th, 2018 minutes were approved. All in favor none opposed. Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the December 27th, 2018 minutes were approved. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Cory to discuss sewer bill. Mike and Dan visited Cory's property and verified he has a grease trap installed. Borough to credit Cory .25 EDU from Jan 2018 to present. Cory stated he may be able to produce document from dept. of Ag when they 1st inspected great trap when it was installed. Ted-previously advised Cory to put grease trap on. Online research was done to find a trap for the pizza shop and one was ordered. Cory said pizza shop was at 1 EDU in the beginning and penalty for no grease trap was .5 EDU. Cory says EDU is defined as gallons used. The addition of the .25 EDU was decided after the restructuring of sewer accounts by the borough. Cory stated that Dan was not sure what a grease trap looked like before entering the pizza shop. Cory asking for reduction in sewer rate due to the pizza shop only operating on part time hours W-Th 3-9pm, F 3-10pm, Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 1-8pm. Kim-borough to go back and look at other businesses and what their rates have been set as. Cory then produced a receipt for the grease trap when it was purchased in November 2013. All members of the borough council in agreement to credit the pizza shop from 1.75 to 1.5 EDU back from November 2013 to present. Council to further discuss the EDU rate for Cory's pizza shop. Adam-EDU was arrived because pizza shop is a business and our typically charged more in different municipalities. Dan-need to establish rate for "part time" restaurant based on how many hours of operation per week. Dan to discuss with Dennis Shatto if we can come up with a reduced rate.

Correspondence

- Municipal Emergency Service Summary 2018
- FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map & Flood Insurance Study- Dan previously attended meeting on flood plan map only thing changed was by sewer plant and is no longer in flood plain.
- Perry County Conservation District- Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program Applications- Contact Rick Levan about dollar amounts for grants.

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the January 2019 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the January 2019 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam-12/11 Set up samplers. 12/13 tried to decant pump. 12/14 disassembled pump. 12/18 pulled and cleaned flow meter. 12/19 replaced pumps 5 & 6 train 2, removed heater and noticed wall mount was bad. 12/22 shut air off to sludge processing tank. 12/25 stopped several time to monitor levels for the holiday. 1/2 set up sampler. 1/5 worked on heater install. 1/7 met Walter's to pump sludge. 1/8 new heater was not working, checked breaker and it had failed. Pump 6 was clogged, unclogged and replaced decant pump. 1/9 pumped out chlorine contact tank and man hole. 1/14 replaced ballast. Adam to order chlorine and lime.

Sewage Solicitor-Dennis Shatto-Borough is in need of rules and regulations for new sewer connection and reconnection fees, etc. Council to review copy of another municipality's sewer rules and regulations.

PCCOG-Dan Balthaser

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser –

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz – Send Cory final notice for dumpster payment.

Playground –

Ordinance Violations- re-do 39 Mill street, ordinance violation.

Rental –

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the January 2019 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the January 2019 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Borough Council Open Seats

There is currently one open seat on the Borough Council. Requirements of a Council Member - Must be a Borough Resident for at least 1 year and must be a registered voter.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer