

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes May 14, 2018

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on May 14, 2018, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

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

The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Joe Kistler, Adam Pavusik, Glenn Smithgall, George Lowe, Christian Michael Holler, Dave Leshar.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the April 2018 minutes were approved. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Glenn Smithgall purchased the property previously owned by Womer and is inquiring about possibly building rental units and/or operating a small store/laundromat/carwash. In his efforts to improve the property for the Borough, Glenn is asking for a temporary adjustment in sewer payments. Dan to talk to attorney about this matter.

George Lowe inquiring on the borough visiting his property to conclude if it has been converted from 2 units to 1 unit. Dan to meet with him this week.

Dave Leshar inquiring about large trees leaning towards properties in the Borough on High Street. He did get a quote from Nathans Tree service for the cost of taking these trees down. Glenn Smithgall to talk to Watts Township supervisors about these trees and possibly splitting cost with New Buffalo.

Correspondence

- Quickbooks Renewal-Borough to purchase renewal for Quickbooks
- PIRMA Liability loss controls
- PLGIT Annual Report
- PEMA Appointment of Tim Moench as EMC
- FEMA revised Flood Insurance Rate Map & Flood Insurance Study
- PA BIU monthly permit and inspection report for New Buffalo Borough

Borough Treasurer's Report

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

Sewer Treasurer's Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

4/18-Walters pumped out plant, 4/25- remove clump of rags, 4/28- four feet of foam in the whole system, added defoamer. 4/29-High level condition. 5/1-set up samplers, 5/4-low level condition removed debris off of float, 5/5-solids visible in sight glass. Dan asked about adding defoamer on a maintenance schedule, Adam is still trying to figure out if defoamer is effective.

Sewage solicitor- Dennis Shatto to Sheriff sale 4 properties for non-payment of sewer bills. The Borough to pay the \$2,500 deposit for each of the properties from the sewer account funds upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

PCCOG - Dan Balthaser -

Street Committee - Kim Balthaser - Paving Bids- Borough to get 3 bids for paving work. PPL LED replacement-to schedule light replacement on PPL website.

Refuse Coordinator - Karen Ersoz - Sent Corey notice about Dumpster payment.

Playground - Concerns raised over fence surrounding playground.

Ordinance Violations- Send notices to Strickland and Toth for high grass violations.

Rental - Adam to clean gutters.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the May 2018 Borough Bills, were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the May 2018 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Borough Council Open Seats

There is currently one open seat on 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

Appointment of Christian Michael Holler as a New Buffalo council member until the next municipal election at the end of 2019, upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor none opposed.

Joe Kistler to mow the park and the two strips between front street and 11&15 for \$15 each mow and the sewer plant for \$20 each mow.

ADJOURN

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh
Secretary/Treasurer