

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes August 13, 2018

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on August 13, 2018, in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

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

The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Joe Kistler, Carol Holler, Emma Holler, Ralph Rudy and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

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

Comments from Visitors- Ralph Rudy, Carol Holler concerned about limiting the timeframe for Glenn to develop the empty lots he purchased on front street.

Correspondence

-US Dollar Libor Based Instrument Class Action Lawsuit-Inquire with William Blunt about information received.

-Pennvest Adverse Conditions 2016-Reply with letter explaining sewer rates were increased to cover increased costs.

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the August 2018 Borough 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 August 2018 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam-7/10 Set up sampler. 7/15 Controller locked up. 7/16 Controller locked up. 7/21 High level. 7/24 Controller locked up. 7/25 Met Walters to pump, Chlorine high level. 7/26-7/27 High level. 8/1, 8/5, 8/7, 8/9 Set up sampler. 8/9 Sample taken.

Temperature issues making controller lock up. Need to install air conditioner. Put a hole in block wall to install. Adam to purchase portable air conditioner and supplies to install AC in block wall.

Adam to purchase Chlorine.

Adam called to have dumpster pulled at sewer plant.

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.

-Rachel Miller was to be sheriff saled, but promised she would pay but did not. She is now being sheriff saled for taxes. Dennis to make sure lien is in correct amount for past sewer to collect if the house is sold.

PCCOG-Dan Balthaser – Next meeting September

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser – Motion to adopt PPL LED light conversion resolution by Karen Ersoz, seconded by Mike Holler, all in favor none opposed.

-Leaning trees on High Street-Check to see whose property trees are on.

Paving-get an additional price to do spots on Mill street. Does sod need to be removed from the side of the streets for paving?

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz –

Playground –

Ordinance Violations-

Rental -Dan spoke to Kelly and told her Adam may be interested in renting the trailer. Dan gave Kelly the price for the storage rental at \$150 a month.

Adam to clean gutters and trim trees.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

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

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Kim Balthaser, the August 2018 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

-Go Daddy Website Renewal-Renew website

-New Tax Collector, Judy Hart?- Judy has to complete schooling to be a tax collector.

-Add to future info letter to residents-Need to check sewer pipes to make sure no issues on property, also need to make sure pipes have proper capping. Homeowners are responsible if debris gets in pipes on property.

-Send thank you card to Ted and Janice for years of service to the borough.
-Amity Enterprises, Glenn Smithgall properties, reduction in sewer rates-The borough has revisited to reduction for the vacant properties Glenn owns on front street. It has been decided that the discount is only valid for 6 months starting beginning of September. Also need to let Glenn know he needs to maintain the trash and landscape of the properties.

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