

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

Call to Order

President Dan Balthaser called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00pm on March 9, 2020 in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Dan Balthaser, Kim Balthaser, Karen Ersoz and Mike Holler. The following persons were also present: Jessica Ibaugh, Glenn Smithgall, Joe Kistler and Adam Pavusik.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the February, 2020 minutes were approved as corrected. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors

Glenn Smithgall- States that he does have a permit for work that was already completed at the store on his property. He is proposing to add 3 houses to his properties and would like to know if it is possible to reduce sewer payments until the houses are built. *Motion by Kim Balthaser, seconded by Karen Ersoz to accept Glenn's 3 house dwellings as purposed on drawings, all in favor none opposed. Reduction in sewer rate decrease denied. Secretary to furnish a letter for Glenn stating the borough has accepted his preliminary house dwellings for BUI.

Correspondence

Borough Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Kim Balthaser, seconded by Mike Holler, the March 2020 Borough Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the March 2020 Sewer Treasurer Report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam- 2/5 Set up samplers. 2/6 Took samples. 2/10 Test ran generator. 2/15 Pulled pumps 2 & 3 and unclogged. 3/3 Low level. 3/5 Met Stan to do a confined space entry on space 1 & 2, cleaned and unclogged pumps and screens. Walters also came that day.

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 –PCCOG – Had meeting, COG in good shape. Upcoming roadwork regarding

the roundabout in Shermansdale and Mecks corner were discussed.

Street Committee – Kim Balthaser – Mike and Dan to get together to check streets for areas in need of paving.

Refuse Coordinator – Karen Ersoz –

Playground –Research grants for playground.

Ordinance Violations- Fence ordinance workshop? Follow up next month. Schedule walk around for ordinance violations.

Rental – Someone to remove rest of wood from trees near sewer plant that were cut down.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

Upon motion of Karen Ersoz, seconded by Mike Holler, the March 2020 Borough Bills were approved to be paid. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Karen Ersoz, the March 2020 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as corrected. 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 Karen Ersoz, all in favor, none opposed, council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer