

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes November 10, 2025

Call to Order

Secretary Jessica Ibaugh called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 6:05 pm on November 10, 2025 in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Adam Pavusik, Mike Holler, Irene Conjar, Troy O'Neil, Jason Foster and Jessica Ibaugh. The following persons were also present: Jason Finnerty, Jerry Gibboney, George Lowe, Lisa Glace, Karl Raudensky, Chris Deiter.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Irene Conjar, seconded by Mike Holler the October 2025 minutes were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors: Jason Finnerty – Presented hard copy of draft zoning ordinance for council to review and make edits if needed.

Burgett Assoc – Jerry Gibboney inquiring on drive way access for the Lowe property subdivision. Stated Penndot deferred permitting access to the borough. Borough asking for formal letter from Penndot deferring this permission to the borough for decision. Sewer connection for subdivision/new structure status, borough to review sewer ordinance for guidelines for new sewer installation and discuss at next meeting.

Karl Raudensky – Asked about drain at bottom of Knuth road that is damaged. Borough to inspect and discuss options. Concerned about potholes in town, and brush on high street. These items to be addressed in the spring with warmer weather and paving of Front Street.

Correspondence-

Borough Treasurer's Report

-Upon motion Irene Conjar seconded by Mike Holler, the November 2025 Borough Treasurer report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

- Upon motion of Jason Foster seconded by Irene Conjar, the November 2025 Sewer Treasurer report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Zoning Review- with Jason Finnerty – Discuss preliminary changes to zoning ordinances at December meeting.

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam-Good month overall operationally. 10/23 Stan and Adam met to go over issues with lift station controller. Found two power supplies failed. 12v auto dialer, 24v controls level sensor in lift station pump controller. Went to Schaedler Yesco and purchased 24v power supply, installed and level sensor is now operational. 12v power supply ordered from Amazon, but was delivered incorrectly so had to order a replacement (no charge). Wired in new power supply once received but dialer still not working. To trouble shoot power supply/dialer.

Sewage Solicitor-Dissinger & Dissinger- 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.

EMC-

PCCOG –

Street Committee – Review the possibility of sidewalk installation around Church/Square and include survey of village area in grant application.

Refuse coordinator –

Playground – - Camera to be installed.

-Look into pricing for benches, landcover, swing in addition to playground equipment.

Ordinance Violations- Look for zoning officer

Rental –

NEW BUSINESS-

-LPA Program 2026: *Motion to approve 2026 LPA program tier 2 level first by Jason Foster, seconded by Troy O'Neil, all in favor none opposed.

-2026 Budget: *Motion to advertise budget for approval at December meeting, first by Jason Foster, seconded by Irene Cojar, all in favor none opposed.

-2026 Re-org (Dec)

-Assessment review – increase? *Motion to raise Firetax to 1 percent, and real estate tax to 2.16 percent, first by Irene Conjar, seconded by Jason Foster, all in favor none opposed. (to review numbers are in alignment with recent county wide property reassessment and discuss at next meeting and adjust if needed)

Borough Bills

-Upon motion of Troy O'Neil seconded by Adam Pavusik, the November 2025 Borough Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

-Upon motion of Jason Foster, seconded by Troy O'Neil, the November 2025 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURN

Upon motion of Irene Conjar seconded by Troy O'Neil, all in favor none opposed, council adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer