

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

President Ted Engle called meeting of New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:40 p.m. on March 14, 2011 in the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

ROLL CALL

Present were council members: Ted Engle, Dale Peterson, Dave Leshner, John Johnson, and Paul Krieger.

The following persons were also present: Sally Leshner, Christian Holler, Dan Balthaser, Janice Crouse, Ron Senior, Jim Kello and Dave Sweetland.

Reading of last month's minutes

The minutes from February 15, 2011 were read with addition of Paul Krieger's fence hit when crew was working on Gettel's property. He reported this to Ron Senior and stated that fence was bent; one way is level but not the other way. Krieger said it will need new cement post. After correction upon motion of Dave Leshner, seconded by Dale Peterson, the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Letter from Richard Bostdorf stating no gravel at back driveway and has formed rutts.

Permit from Penndot for Sweetland Engineering no longer needed.

Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Leshner, the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Dave Sweetland explained the shortage of monies from the original information in the amount of \$94,000.00.

Jim Kello is currently searching for more funding so that the Borough will not owe more money at the end of the project. He stated that the CDBG monies in the amount of \$132,525.00 be drawn down for payment to County for the laterals. Paul Krieger was in disagreement with payment of more money for the laterals.

Jim Kello requested three motions be made and passed for him to proceed further for more grant money.

First Motion: Approval for Perry CDBG application in the amount of \$71,316.25 for tap fees for 59 EDU's. Upon motion by Dale Peterson, seconded by Paul Krieger, none opposed, this motion was approved.

Second Motion: Submit pay request for \$132,525.00 for lateral construction with understanding that remaining cost will be billed to H2O and drawn down to pay. Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Leshner, approved by John Johnson, opposed by Paul Krieger, motion was approved.

Third Motion: Approve consulting bill for Jim Kello under Grant Administration Contract Account in the amount of \$15,672.79. Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by John Johnson, none opposed, motion was approved.

Jim Kello also stated that the monthly sewer fee should be corrected to the amount of \$43.00. He also stated that he will get information to the borough in regard to billing.

Ted Engle read letter from Attorney Bunt advising that Steve and Emily Ulrich hired a private contractor to perform the needed lateral work with the presence of Ron Senior, the inspector for Sweetland Engineering, to be present. They will be billed for the professional service provided by Sweetland Engineering & Associates, Inc., and will make a check payable to New Buffalo Borough.

Ordinance Violations

None at this time.

Playground

Ted Engle advised of vandalism happening at playground.

Rental

Dale Peterson had estimate for 3 rooms to replace ceiling; pull down, put up new drywall, texture ceiling and dispose of old ceiling at \$1,200.00 finished. He also stated that he will get volunteers to put insulation in the ceiling before new drywall is put up, electrical work done, rip out kitchen cupboards, rip out carpeting, and replace cellar steps. A dumpster could be obtained from our garbage contractor that holds 11 tons for \$150.00 a month and \$67.50 per ton to empty said dumpster. Also discussed was a \$95.00 rental fee per storage unit on this property.

A motion was made for approval of above by John Johnson, seconded by Dale Peterson, none opposed, motion approved.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

Workshop meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, with Skelly & Loy at Ted Engle's residence at 1:00 p.m. Dale Peterson, Dave Leshner, John Johnson will attend; Paul Krieger unable to attend.

Bids

Brockley's submitted bid of \$71.15 for mowing; sewer plant @\$56.25 per mowing, and borough park @\$15.00 per mowing.

Bills

Upon motion of Dale Peterson, seconded by Dave Leshner, none opposed, the bill list was approved for payment.

Adjourn

Upon motion of Dave Leshner, seconded by John Johnson, council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.