

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2025 MEETING**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Bally Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall. President, Glenn Mutter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present: Glenn Mutter, Michael Bauman, Michael Moll and Matthew Gehman. Council Members, Joel Pilgert, Joshua Sloan and Paul Gehringer were absent.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. Mayor, David Schott was absent. There was 1 reporter and 4 residents in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting had been posted on the door and the website, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

President Mutter announced the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS: Angelica Antoni, inquired about Bally well contamination and the presence of ¼ dioxane in the test well on the Shuler property. The Borough Manager responded, engineers for the primary responsible party oversee the cleanup operation and are responsible for testing monitoring wells around the Borough. To the Borough's knowledge, none has been detected in the drinking water supply.

Shane Kline, a resident of Bally spoke to council concerning a cash payment made in December 2024 that was not applied to his account. He has no absolute proof of payment, but wanted to know if the charge could be dismissed or at least the late fee associated with it. Tim Curley, Solicitor, stated that there would have to be an Executive Session to discuss the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of March 4, 2025 Council Meeting - A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Michael Moll to approve the minutes. All others, Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of the March bills presented. A motion was made by Michael Bauman, seconded by Michael Moll to approve the bills. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare:

Police report – Bally Borough Police had a total of 46 calls in March, making it 132 year-to-date. 32 traffic citations and 3 parking tickets were issued. 838 miles were driven using 105.4 gallons of fuel. Chief Ellick would like to hire a 3rd part-time officer. Michael Moll made a motion to authorize the start of a search to hire of a 3rd part-time police officer, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.

Fire report –Total calls, including Bally was 34 for the month of March. Total year to date is 145. Chicken BBQ fundraiser will be held at Bechtelsville Fire Co on April 26th. The 2nd annual Basket & gift card raffle will be held at the Bechtelsville Station on May 3rd. EBFD annual newsletter, fund drive and donation letters were sent out in March.

Bally Ambulance – Bally had 9 calls with a grand total of 121 calls for the month of March. During the 1st quarter of 2025 Bally had a total of 34 calls, with a grand total of 354 in 3 months. Bally Ambulance audited financials will be available at next meeting.

Planning Commission – Did not meet.

Municipal Authority- Mr. Mingey presented his plans for the property at 1606 Main St., that would include 48 condos and townhomes for a 55+ community. The Municipal Authority sees lack of redundancy as an issue for the water supply for this community. If there would be a problem, it could be the first to lose access to water. Wendy Mutter suggested Mr. Mingey bring in updated plans and an escrow deposit.

Zoning Hearing Board –Did not meet

BARDS Committee: No report

WWTP Report:

Performance Pipeline should be complete with the sewer lateral lining project by the end of week. The new Chestnut St. hydrant has been installed, with the sidewalk to be done this week. The mowers are ready for the season. Televising of sewer lines will continue. The finalized plans for N 7th and Main storm water repair needs to be revised. The dryer on clarifier #2 was replaced. PW is looking into clarifier #1 gear box to be rebuilt. The sludge holding tank is not aerating or mixing properly. There seems to be a design issue with the Digester. Nate is working with SDE on this issue. It seems that all diffusers are clogging up.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Water Leak detection service** – Nate has found that we are losing too much water that cannot be accounted for. Nate asked for approval to hire a company to come out to do leak detection in order to find the general area of the leak, in order to get back to DEP an acceptable range. Motion not to exceed \$10,000 to hire leak detection company made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Michael Bauman. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Repeal Resolution 2024-3A** – updating 2025 pay rates for pool, making Resolution 2024-3 correct wages for the 2025 pool season. Motion made by Michael Moll to repeal Resolution 2024-3A, seconded by Michael Bauman. All Ayes.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: NONE

At 7:49PM Council went to an Executive Session for a legal issue, with potential litigation. Council returned to general session at 8:06pm.

MAYOR’S REPORT: No Report

ENGINEER’S STATUS OF PROJECTS: No report

OFFICE REPORT

- **Embankment slide** was ordered for the playground (\$8298) and should be here end of May. 3 sand diggers were ordered totaling \$3362.00. There is \$23,000 left in the playground grant,

which will go for more stormwater work and more playground equipment if there are any funds remaining.

- **EMS and Fire** escrow accounts were opened.
- **Pre-Interviews** for a new Public Works employee will begin on Wednesday and Thursday. Personnel committee interviews to follow.
- **Police Extension** – To now include all new flooring and some window changes.
- **2024 Audit** is complete and there were no major issues.
- **Baby Pool** needs to be reconstructed, which we will get an estimate for. A splash pad will be investigated also, as a possible replacement of the baby pool.
- **Street sweeping** is scheduled for May 1st.
- **Pool slide** will be put on Municibid to be sold.
- **Grant writing company** – There is a company called Pottstown Area Regional Recreational Committee that will write grants for a yearly fee. We are waiting on more information to come back to us regarding this.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No questions or comments.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ADJOURNMENT - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Michael Bauman at 8:19 pm. All Ayes.



President - Glenn Mutter



Asst Secretary – Tammy Wood *WENDY MUTTER*