

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2023 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, Matthew Gehman, Paul Gehringer, and Joshua Sloan. Joel Pilgert was absent.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood and Public Works Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. Mayor David Schott arrived at 7:05pm. There was one reporter in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting had been posted on the door and posted on the Borough 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—No residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of April 4th, 2023 Council Meeting—A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Moll, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented—A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Joshua Sloan, to approve the bills of April 2023. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare

Fire report—Total fire calls for March were 49; year-to-date is 122. EBFD will be holding a chicken meal fundraiser at the Bechtelsville location on April 29th at 2pm until sold out. There will be 900 BBQ meals available. Mayor Schott extended an invitation to EBFD to our council meetings. They were unable to attend this meeting, but would like to attend at least 1 meeting throughout the year. Glenn Mutter asked for permission to use the EBFD parking lot in Bally for the Just Farm Kids Tractor Show and EBFD approved the parking. Glenn also invited them to attend Just Farm Kids Tractor Show in May.

Police report— All 4 police officers attended and completed an OMG (Outlaw Motorcycle Gang) safety class.

Bally Ambulance—There were 137 total calls for the month of March, with 13 in Bally.

Planning Commission— Did not meet.

Municipal Authority—Did not meet. Next meeting is April 11th.

Zoning Hearing Board —Did not meet.

BARDS Committee – The potpie pickup was Saturday April 1st with 474 quarts sold, 47 of those went to donation at the Boyertown Multi-Service. Nate had met with the Joe for the concrete pad under the pool pavilion and it is ready to move forward. Joshua will take pictures once it is completed. There are returning sponsorships for the pool banners this year and Joshua will be reaching out to some other businesses in the area. Joshua inquired with Ambler Bank for sponsorship of the Trunk-or-Treat in October, as they did last year, and possibly a new event “Bubble Festival” as a free event for the public. BARDS will be in the pool snack shack selling hamburgers and hotdogs at the Tractor Show.

WWTP Report- Public Works has completed 129 ft of stormwater pipe and 2 catch basins on Chestnut St. The curbing will be fixed once they are complete with setting about 400 ft. of stormwater pipe and 3 catch basins on Cherry St. where the curbing will need repaired also. Nate inquired about making the corner of the curb by the Senior Center to have an ADA ramp leading to the walking trail. Per Tim Curley, this should be made to ADA specs with the pad for blind pedestrians. The lost aerator lid was found at the sewer plant. There are 4 laterals that need to be replaced on Pine Street, which needs to be done before the paving of the Street. Two of these laterals will be a bit challenging and Nate has spoken with a company that would be able to line the laterals without having to dig. This will also eliminate the need to repair the sidewalks and curbs. Council has agreed that this would be in the best interest of the Borough. One aerator at the sewer plant has stopped working. Nate ordered a new aerator for replacement. The cost was minimal and leaves a backup in case of emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Advertise for bid for paving of Pine St and N Church St** –Pine Street will need to be laid with a mesh barrier. There is no need for the mesh on N Church St. Michael Moll made a motion to approve advertising for bid. Matthew Gehman seconded the motion. Paul Gehringer abstained from the vote. All Ayes.
- **Playground Grant**–We have received a \$100,000.00 grant for improvements to Bally Community Park. We are waiting on official documents to be sent and signed. Wendy Mutter and Tammy Wood will be the signers of this grant. Our application was specific on a basketball court , stormwater control and playground equipment. We will need to bid out for the macadam at the basketball court. We will need engineering work done for the stormwater work. The remaining funds will be used to purchase playground equipment. There is one set of the current playground equipment that will be put on Municibid. This was approved by Council.
- **Emergency Management to use EBFD Active 911 instead of Bally Community Ambulance** – Council agreed that this will alleviate any HIPPA concerns that the Ambulance may have. Bally Solicitor, Tim Curley will draw up a contract between Bally Borough and EBFD.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Advertise Ordinance 306 Amending Non-Uniform Pension Plan agreeing to be bound by all provisions of PA Municipal Retirement Law as amended** – Paul Gehringer made the motion to advertise and Joshua Sloan seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Advertise Ordinance 307 Amending Police Pension Plan agreeing to be bound by all provisions of PA Municipal Retirement Law as amended-** Matthew Gehman made the motion to advertise and Michael Moll seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Required deposit of 2015 reimbursement of State Aide in the amount of \$2360 plus interest since October 2018-** We are still waiting for the total amount from PMRS.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT–No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT –The police had 57 calls in March, 2 calls assisting other surrounding police departments. There were 66 traffic citations, 1 parking ticket, 1 DUI arrest and 1 misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Traveled 1048 miles, using 113.83 gallons of fuel. Both vehicles are running well.

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OFFICE REPORT-

- a. Wendy Mutter asked approval to investigate for a grant for an extension of Bally Borough Hall, for the Bally Borough Police Department, as they are in great need for more room. Council agreed for Wendy to look for a grant for this purpose.
- b. New well site DEP/PES update- We received a map of 7 potential sites for a backup well. None of these sites seem to be a good location, as most are of the same water source as the current well and others are just too far out and would be too expensive for us to run those lines. PES engineers will be working on providing some new site locations.
- c. Water shutoff notices will be going out this month.
- d. There were 4 trees (1 oak, 3 maple) ordered for the park. They will come at a height of about 5-6 ft tall. They will be delivered in Spring.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS—No residents

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – Joshua Sloan inquired about the water/sewer billing software. Wendy replied that she is looking at a system, with a cost of about \$15,250 and an annual fee of about \$3,700. Joshua also inquired about the pool staff hiring. Wendy stated that the pool has many returning employees and Kim Sampayo, Pool Manager has had some applications coming in. Joshua asked if BARDS would be able to advertise about the Community Yard Sale coming in May. There were no objections for advertising.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Joshua Sloan at 8:14pm. All Ayes.



President



Secretary