

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2022 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, Joshua Sloan and Paul Gehringer and Joel Pilgert. Matthew Gehman was absent.

Also present: Mayor, David Schott; Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter and Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood. There was one reporter in attendance.

President Mutter announced the meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and recorded for minute taking purposes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No residents in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of March 1, 2022 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Michael Moll, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Michael Moll to approve and affirm the bills, seconded by Michael Bauman. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare –Corporal Patt and Office Yeager will attend a free class for enforcement of the PA vehicle inspection regulations this month. Chief Ellick and Corporal Patt will attend Cody training in 2 weeks. In the next 2 months All officers will be completing yearly training and certifications at the Berks County fire training facility.

Fire calls for the month of March-50; 140 total year to date. 2022 fund drive is out and we already receiving responses. Chicken BBQ at the Bechtelsville station will be on April 30th, beginning at 2pm until the sellout of 900 chickens.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority – Meeting April 19th.

Zoning Hearing Board –The GBI zoning hearing has been recessed until April 27th at 6:30 pm.

BARDS Committee – Joshua stated that the story walk will begin this Thursday along the walking trail, targeting children up to age 6. The Lions Club will be sponsoring the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 16th. BARDS will be setting up a rock painting table, along with running the snack shack with food and drink for the tractor show on Saturday, May 14th. The annual yard/bake sale will be held on Saturday May 28th, which is also the opening day for the pool.

WWTP Report –Sewer project #3 should be starting mid to end of April. Manhole frames will be started after that, which all should take a few weeks to complete. Public Works has installed conduit from the garage to the pavilions to prepare for electric to be installed. An attachment for the sweeper has been purchased and should be arriving in May. This will allow the guys to push debris away from the curbs without being in the street. Systems Design Engineering along with Nate looked at the catch

basin in the 800 block of Chestnut St. where the flooding has been particularly bad. The resident had cleaned the catch basin, which allowed us to inspect further and we did find a pipe that we do not know about. Nate will have to camera to see where the pipe goes. The gate at the garage has been fixed. There is 1 week left on the punch list for Rebcor, however we have not heard from or seen anyone from Rebcor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joshua Sloan asked for permission to purchase trees for park with the reserved funds in budget. Joshua stated he contacted a nursery and was given some information on the types of trees, cost, etc. There is a requirement to purchase 3 trees, they will give a 4th for free and deliver for free. Council suggests, “no messy trees”. Joshua stated that BARDS would be willing to cover the cost of anything over the amount of the budget. Motion to approve the purchase of trees made by Joshua Sloan. Paul Gehringer seconded that motion. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Borough and Tax Collector Audit Reports distributed. There were no major issues with the audit this year.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – The Solicitor requests an executive session for legal issues.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Police calls-94 in the month of March. Police used a total of 122.7 gallons of fuel, traveling 943 miles with both vehicles. 99 traffic citations issued, 5 Non traffic, 2 DUI arrests, 1 traffic stop and arrest with drug charges and 2 parking tickets.

OFFICE REPORT- Application for the Local Share Account Grant (playground and basketball court) has been submitted. The office will resume water/sewer shut-offs this month. 2021 reporting has been submitted to DCED. PNC and BB&T bank accounts have been closed and funds deposited into Ambler Bank. Liquid Fuels and the BARDS accounts were closed out of Fleetwood Bank and moved into Ambler Bank. The rest of the accounts still active in Fleetwood Bank will take the better part of a year or two to close, until all the direct deposits can be officially moved. We should be able to start cutting checks from Ambler bank in the next week or so. Senator Mensch’s office reached out to the Borough to use our meeting room on June 9th, for a multi-municipality meeting. Wendy stated, she would like to see a volleyball or wiffleball “pickup” game going for the resident children and/or adults of Bally in the park. The Solicitor suggested to look at the budget in order to put on a “part-time” person to oversee this activity. Wendy will look into that. Wendy presented a spreadsheet of the last 5 years with all major projects and purchases from 2017 through 2021.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No residents present.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – Joshua Sloan suggested that if there are any residents that may be having a hard time in any aspect of their lives, they can go to PA211.org, call 211 or text your zip-code to 898211 for some guidance. This includes, but not limited to: healthcare, evictions, food, mental health, sickness, rides for healthcare appointments, etc.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer at 7:48pm. There was an Executive Session held after the meeting.


President


Secretary