BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2026 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 7:08 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Interim Manager/Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There was 1 reporter and 5 residents in attendance.

President Mutter announced the agenda for this meeting had been posted on the door and the website, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes.

A motion was made by Paul Gehringer suggesting that a quorum is present, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

An executive session regarding employee benefits was held before the normal Borough Council meeting. No votes, no decisions and no action was taken during the executive session.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

- Andrew Haring -Resident concerning late fee – Andrew Haring addressed council about a late fee he received on his last water/sewer billing. Andrew stated he did not receive his water/sewer bill and he has never been late before. Tammy Wood confirmed that the account has never shown a late fee before this. A motion was made to credit the late fee back to his account, in the amount of $46.80 by Michael Bauman. Joshua Sloan seconded the motion. All Ayes.

- Matt Peleschek – Well 6 update – Matt started by talking about the police extension. Glenn stated that the contractor simply has not been here for a good month and they are not holding their end of the contract. Glenn Mutter asked about the front door. Matt stated he will speak to Stepehen Gribb about the door. Well 6 is currently moving into steps 7-13 and a motion is needed to move forward with Steps 7-13. A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer to move forward with Well 6. All Ayes. Solicitor, Tim Curley, inquired if the water system within the development will be owned by the HOA. Matt stated, "Yes, and there will be easements dedicated to Municipal Authority for ownership and each residence will have their own individual meter, which will allow the Borough to bill each individual resident."

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of July 7, 2026 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Joshua Sloan to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael Moll. Joel Pilgert abstained. All others, Ayes.

b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented – Paul Gehringer made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare Committee

- **Discussion of Street/Parking Ordinance** – Glenn Mutter asked to meet next month at 6:30pm with Health, Safety & Welfare to discuss the changes needed to get our parking ordinance up to date.

Police – The police had 33 calls for the month of July. They issued 10 traffic citations and 1 parking ticket. Total miles travelled was 565 and 101.65 gallons of fuel was used. Chief Ellick and Corporal Patt completed a property and evidence management course. Chief Ellick would like hire a grant writer to apply for a LSA grant for body cameras and tasers. The Chief was told that he could proceed as long as he has money available in his budget. Council agreed that the Chief could move forward with the grant process.

EBFD Fire – EBFD reported 49 calls in the month of July; 3 of which were in Bally.

Bally Ambulance – EMS reported 135 calls in the month of July; 82 of those calls were transported. 10 of the calls out of the 135 were in Bally.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority –Met July 21st, 2026. This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting with Matt Peleschek.

Zoning Hearing Board – Did not meet. Will have 2 hearings on August 26, 2026 with

BARDS Committee – BARDS would like to propose to make a yearly contribution of $500.00 yearly for dog waste bags. It was determined that BARDS can do that in the form of a donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Payment application #2 to FW Houder in the amount of $72,900.00** – Glenn asked Council their opinion of the flooring. Council decided that whatever is chosen, should be the same throughout the office, going up to and throughout the Council room. There are many things that need to be corrected on the police addition that has been done already. Joshua Sloan asked if the payment application is for work that is already done. Glenn Mutter stated, "Yes, it is." Paul Gehringer made the motion to approve payment #2 to FW Houder, seconded by Michael Moll. Glenn Mutter voted Nay. All others Ayes. Ayes have it.
- **Wendy Drabick – Accountant Proposal** – It was determined that the Borough cannot go forth without a treasurer for monthly statements, Municipal Authority and mainly the budget. A proposal was generated from Wendy Drabick, from Moyer, Drabick and Associates, LLC. It was determined that we will have her until the end of the year at a minimum. It will be further discussed at that

time. Michael Moll made the motion to approve hiring Wendy Drabick as an outside consultant for treasurer, in the amount of $4,000.00 per month. This was seconded by Joel Pilgert. All Ayes.

- **Health Insurance Renewal –** A motion was made by Joel Pilgert, seconded by Joshua Sloan to renew the current Highmark health and vision insurance. Seconded by Joshua Sloan. Glenn Mutter abstained from the vote. All others, Ayes.
- **PMRS letter to give permissions to Tammy Wood, Interim Manager –** Paul Gehringer made the motion for Glenn Mutter, Council President to sign the letter for Tammy Wood to have access and ability to make changes, updates, etc. in the Bally Borough Municipal retirement account. Michael Moll seconded that. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Approve work plan for Well 6 (PES) –** This was done in the beginning of the meeting with Matt Peleschek.
- **Building expansion update** –

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **ZHB meeting scheduled for August 26, 2026 at 6:00pm**
  - Bally Block application – instruction from Council is to approve the application to move forward
  - Fronheiser Properties, LP – instruction from Council is to approve the application to move forward.
- Property Inspection Ordinance update – new Supreme Court ruling, not Pottstown's pending appeal, but instructive. It seems that Bally Borough will need to build an administrative warrant procedure into the proposed Ordinance.
- Borough Manager search – update
  - Old job description located, updates suggested with additional lines. Glenn Mutter asked how the office should handle irate residents that has been proven to be a problem with the previous Manager. It was determined that Tammy can suggest that there is an option to have a conversation without yelling or disrespect or the conversation can be terminated until a time at which everyone can be calm and civil. Motion to approve the manager description with additional lines made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Joshua Sloan. All Ayes.
- Auditor replacement needed, including Municipal Authority – RFP draft proposed – Tammy Wood stated she would like to send to Mallie, RKL, Empyrean. Council was ok to start sending requests for proposals.
- Old GBI request for access – contact with counsel underway – Tim stated he has not yet heard back from anyone.
- 1606 Main St – Mechanical Drawings submitted – Michael Moll made the motion for the Municipal Authority to pass to Borough Engineer, the mechanical drawings for 1606 Main St, Barto Mall. Paul Gehringer seconded that. All Ayes.

MAYOR'S REPORT – None

ENGINEER STATUS OF PROJECTS –

WWTP Report –Nate provided his report for Council

BOROUGH OFFICE REPORT –

- New copier is in the office and has been working well.
- Halloween parade permit has been submitted to PennDOT, waiting on Harry Simpson to instruct me on what Fire Police he would like me to contact for help that night.
- Pool had a mechanical inspection, which passed with no issues. Pool also had a snack bar inspection that shut down hot foods until a 3 basin sink and separate hand-washing sink is installed. That is all in the works of being ordered and installed and hoping to get passed by inspection within the month. Hair nets, gloves, sanitize strips, fridge and freezer thermometer, meat thermometer, vomit kit, and cleaning log hanging in the snack bar are also needed. Safe serve certificates are required for the manager and assistant managers by opening of the 2027 pool season. BARDS would like to help with the cost of some of the compliance for the snack bar.
- July 31st was meter reading day for September billing.
- Outreach sessions from Senator Pennychuick office will now be the 3rd Wednesday from 9am – 12pm

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – None

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – Lions Club would like to purchase 2 cameras for the war memorial that had been recently vandalized. It is something that could be done after some research on the current camera system that does not seem to be very good. Joshua Sloan would like to help in researching the camera system. The tree that fell during a recent storm at the Lions Club garage has been removed.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Joel Pilgert to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm. All Ayes.

Glenn A. Mutter
President

Tammy M Wood
Secretary