

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 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, Paul Gehringer, Joshua Sloan, Michael Moll, Matthew Gehman and Joel Pilgert were all present. Michael Bauman arrived at 7:02 pm.

Also present: Mayor, David Schott; Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Secretary, Tammy Wood. There was 1 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.

A joint Executive Session was held with the Bally Borough Municipal Authority on November 19, 2024 concerning a real estate issue. No action was taken.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No residents**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of November 5, 2024 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer, to approve the minutes. Joel Pilgert abstained. All others Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Joshua Sloan, to approve the bills. All Ayes.

**PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT** - No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Health, Safety, & Welfare:**

**Police report-** Last month the Police requested to hire 2 new part-time police officers. Chief Ellick states they are ready start once they order uniforms. Motion to hire 2 new part-time police officers made by Michael Moll, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All others, Ayes.

**Fire report-** There were a total of 33 calls for November, with a grand total of 414 calls for the year. The busy holiday season is here with Santa events, parades, Christmas parties and toy drives! Mike Mutter, Fire Chief, would like to thank you all for your relationships, cooperation, and support in 2024 and wish everyone a great start to 2025.

**Bally Ambulance** – November calls in Bally were 3, with a grand total of 97 calls for the month of November.

**Planning Commission** - Did not meet

**Municipal Authority-** Met November 19<sup>th</sup> and passed the 2025 budget. Next meeting is March 18, 2025.

**Zoning Hearing Board** –Did not meet.

**BARDS Committee** – Joshua Sloan stated that the craft show was one of the nicest ones to date and had good attendance. Fire Police helped with traffic and church members helped with parking.

**WWTP Report-** Bally Ribbon had a pipe collapse and there was a foaming issue out of the manhole. It was caught and cleaned up before it hit the catch basins. The garage at the WWTP was demolished. We will need to rebuild an area with a roof and heat over the pumps and electric that runs the plant. The Christmas tree is here. Public works is working on adding meters to unmetered buildings in the Borough. The office is sending letters to change out meters with bad batteries. We have notified some by letter 4 times with no reply. Wendy Mutter stated that she would like to post a notice on the door that states they have 1 month to reply or there will be a \$50.00 charge added to their water/sewer bills each quarter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Review 2025 Budget, line item reading or motion to dispense the line-item reading** – Matthew Gehman made the motion to dispense the line-item reading, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All others, Ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Adopt Resolution 2024-5 The 2025 Budget** – Micahel Moll made the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-5 2025 Budget, seconded by Joel Pilgert. All Others, Ayes.
- **Appoint Patrick Frank to Municipal Authority Board 2025 through 2028** – Matthew Gehman made the motion to appoint Patrick Frank to MA Board 2025, seconded by Michael Moll. All others, Ayes.
- **Resolution 2024-6 Approve waiver of employee contributions to Police Pension Plan** – Motion made by Joshua Sloan to approve the waiver, seconded by Michael Bauman. All others, Ayes.
- **Resolution 2024-7 Approve waiver of employee contributions to Non-Uniform Pension Plan** – Michael Moll, Vice President called for the motion to approve the waiver. Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve, seconded by Paul Gehringer. Glenn Mutter abstained from the vote. All others, Ayes.
- **Notice of Intent to Award sewer lateral lining project to Performance Pipeline for \$191,724.00 upon approval of documents by Borough Engineers** – Michael Moll made the motion to approve Performance Pipeline for the sewer lateral lining project. Joshua Sloan seconded that. All others, Ayes.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** No report

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Schott reported that the police had 28 calls for the month of November, for a total of 488 for the year. There were 84.9 gallons of fuel used in November and they drove 685 miles. There were 19 traffic citations and 1 misdemeanor arrest. Tree lighting is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Santa will be here at 6:30. There will be street signs for sale and a raffle basket for BARDS fundraiser in the council room. The new part-time police will be starting this month, please say hello if you see them out.

**ENGINEER’S STATUS OF PROJECTS:**

There is nothing new on the report. Mayor Schott asked about a timeline on the new police expansion grant. Wendy stated that we have to re-work the plans and then out to bid. The \$366,000 grant we received this year will go for the expansion. We are applying for a grant (\$450,000.00) next year for

the generator, office space and handicap ramp. Wendy will meet with the engineer and give 2 options for the layout. We have 3 or 4 years to complete this project.

## OFFICE REPORT

- a. **Well 6 update** – Wendy contacted Mr. Longacre for a new spot to drill for water. Mr. Longacre said he would “possibly” sell the land to the Borough, once we can pinpoint to him exactly where the location is.
- b. **Systems Design Engineering professional services rates** – Everyone received a copy of the 2025 rates.
- c. **Billing** – Sometimes water/sewer billing, council meeting and holidays run too close together. The office would like to run billing 1 week earlier, which does not affect the residents at all. The resident would get their bill 1 week earlier, which gives them an extra week to pay.
- d. **PB Heat** – A notice of violation was sent out by our Code Enforcers. They are in the process of cleaning it up.
- e. **Pre-Audit** – 2024 pre-audit (for 11 months) is on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Audit will be in February.

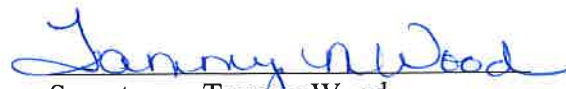
## QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No residents

### COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joel Pilgert asked if there is a permit for a Kinetic solicitor. Wendy stated there is not. You should call the police if they do not have a badge from Borough Hall. They should have a badge with their name, along with a copy of the permit.

**ADJOURNMENT-** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Matthew Gehman at 7:42 pm. All Ayes.

  
President - Glenn Mutter

  
Secretary – Tammy Wood