

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 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, Matthew Gehman, Michael Bauman, Michael Moll, Joshua Sloan and Paul Gehringer. Joel Pilgert attended by Zoom.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley and Borough Secretary Tammy Wood. The Mayor, David Schott arrived late. Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter was absent. There was 1 resident and 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** – Ian from Bally Hotel was here to speak about the Bally Wake. This will take place from Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> through Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 2am daily. Fire police will need to be notified about street closures. There will be no coffin races this year.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of January 4, 2022 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Joshua Sloan, to approve the minutes. All Ayes. Paul Gehringer abstained.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Health, Safety, & Welfare** –EBFD calls for January is 52. Police will be trying for a grant this year for a license plate reader. The cost is about \$30,000.00 without a grant. The police are also applying for a vest grant for the officers. These vests are only good for about 4 years or so. If the grant would somehow fall through, we did budget money for them.

**Planning Commission** – Did not meet

**Municipal Authority** – Meeting in February.

**Zoning Hearing Board** – January 26<sup>th</sup> was the Zoning Hearing for GBI. Solicitor R. Tim Curley was in attendance. There were 2 or 3 residents present. Zoning Hearing Board had a quorum. No action was made at this meeting. As of right now, we are scheduled to meet with a representative and council for GBI, to express the Borough's concerns on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.

**BARDS Committee** – We started advertising for the pot-pie sale and have about 127 sold at this time. We will have 500 quarts available for sale. March 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to pre-order; March 26<sup>th</sup> is pickup.

**WWTP Report** – The sludge thickener building had become frozen one night, due to the heater shutting off sometime through the night. We got the heater going and defrosted the building. Followed procedure from the company we rent the polymer machine from and all ended well, with no broken machines or elements. It seemed there was a loose/corroded wire on the heater, which we cleaned and reattached. We should look into replacing this heater at some point in the future, as it is over 10 years old. We are beginning to order parts for the Butter Valley Church project. We have had a few small snow storms, of which we have been using a good amount of salt. Not much plowing has been needed. The dump truck needs a tensioner replaced and the skid loader has an electrical issue. Both can still be used at this time, so we would like to wait until the winter weather is over, so that we do not have equipment down for snow if needed. The new backhoe should be in next month. The problems with the heaters in the garage seem to have been fixed finally, after a meeting with a representative of the manufacturer. They all have been working steady for about a week now. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the garage is in, with the help of Andy Haring. The public bathrooms are not finished and are not ready for public use. The punch-list for the garage is not yet complete. We are keeping an eye out and informed all Borough workers and Police to be aware of any ponding on the roads, as we may have a water main break somewhere. The water usage has been at a high level for the past few days.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Change order C-01 to RM Schaeffer, in the amount of \$245.00. Motion to approve payment made by Paul Gehringer. Michael Moll seconded that. All Ayes.
- Payment application # 5 (FINAL) to RM Schaeffer, in the amount of \$27,428.34. Joshua Sloan made the motion to approve Payment App# 5. Matthew Gehman seconded that. All Ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** - Nothing additional to the Zoning Hearing information.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – 121 gallons of fuel was used in January. 56 citations were issued for the month. The Mayor performed 1 wedding in January and 1 is scheduled tomorrow evening. Joshua Sloan inquired about a National First Responder Day that we could tie our Meet and Greet with. The Mayor will look into that.

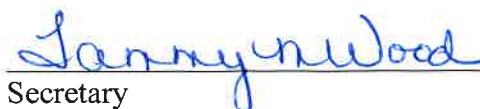
**OFFICE REPORT-** Tabled

**QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS** – No residents present.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Joshua Sloan stated that the Lions Club will be sending a link for the information on the Hometown Heroes banners.

**ADJOURNMENT-** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Michael Bauman at 7:35pm.

  
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