

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 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 7:00 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. Mayor, David Schott was absent. There were no reporters 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 Matthew Gehman suggesting that a quorum is present, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

- Gus Meinzer, owner of The Bally Hotel, stated he would like to hold the “Wake” on Friday, March 13, Saturday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 17. Gus will have a tent in the parking lot with security. There will be a band each day from 6-10pm, then a DJ from 10pm-12am. Glenn Mutter stated the alcohol cannot leave the property and the Police Chief would need to be contacted about police presence for road closure, along with putting out signs and cones. Gus also inquired about windows and electrical repair on the third floor of the building and was told to contact the codes officers at Kraft Municipal Group. If all above are followed the Council was good to have the event move forward.
- Dave Ritter, from Bally Block addressed council about installing a new kiln along S 7th Street between the Post Office and the lumber shed. Dave was told the project would require the involvement of the Planning Commission for Land Development, and Kraft Municipal Group for building permits and meet all zoning requirements. Dave will need to submit signed engineered drawings to the Borough’s engineers for Land Development in order to move forward. The Council had no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of January 6, 2026 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer, to approve the minutes. Matthew Gehman abstained from the vote. All others, Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented – Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT

- **Discuss parking Ordinance 263 & 285** – These ordinances address parking and roadway use. It was determined that the initial review of the Ordinances will be handled by the Health, Safety & Welfare committee, then brought to Council for discussion. This item has been tabled until next meeting.

WWTP Report – Public Works has been busy with snow removal, cold weather and a water main break. The extended below freezing temperatures are causing issues at the plant. The sludge pipe froze, the blower shut down and the sludge froze. This is not an emergency at this time and should thaw out once the weather warms up. Sludge hauling will resume once the thaw happens. The new Public Works employee, Aaron has been here about a month and is working out well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare

- **Ratify the hiring of part-time police officer Christopher Megella as of January 23rd, 2026** – Michael Moll made the motion to ratify the hiring Christopher Megella, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.

Police - Glenn Mutter stated that the police had 29 calls in the month of January, 10 citations issued and 1 parking ticket. They drove 590 miles using 76.63 gallons of fuel. The new police vehicle was picked up from the dealer. It is now being upfitted and should be returned mid-March. Chief Ellick reminded everyone to clear the snow and ice off of vehicles before driving.

EBFD Fire – EBFD reported 47 calls in the month of January, 2 of which were in Bally.

Bally Ambulance – EMS reported 137 calls in the month of January, 11 of which were in Bally.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority – Met January 13th for reorganization. Next meeting is February 17th

- Update on Well 6 test well drilling – The temporary driveway has been installed and test well drilling is scheduled to begin shortly.

Zoning Hearing Board – Did not meet.

BARDS Committee – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Approval to pay Bally's portion of EBFD Workers Comp bill** – Matthew Gehman made the motion to pay \$4,728.61 for EBFD's WC bill, seconded by Michael Bauman. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Change cost of Building Expansion Contract A to FW Houser from \$303,570.00 to \$310,840.00 due to doubled alternate bid option removal.** Michael Moll made the motion to approve the change of cost, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes. Notice to award motion made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes. Notice to proceed motion made by Michael Moll, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

- **Workers Comp Audit** – The auditor stated that we will get some money back due to PW and the Police not being fully staffed in 2025.

- **Flood mitigation grant** – The Borough Manager shared information on a grant with a maximum award of \$500,000 with a 15% match (\$75,000 for \$500,000). She asked council to explore this grant for possible retention ponds on the NW side of Main Street to help alleviate the SE side of town from flooding. Council had no objections.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Tim Curley stated the withdrawal of Bechtelsville in the Joint Zoning Ordinance will be tabled until next month in order to reaffirm what should be updated if anything. If the Ordinance is to be changed, the Comprehensive Plan also needs to be updated. The Solicitor requested an Executive Session following the Council Meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No report.

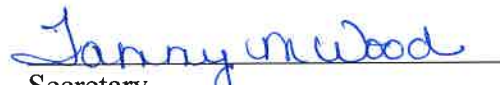
QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – None

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – Glenn Mutter thanked Nate Heffner and public works for the continued cleanup of snow.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Matthew Gehman to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. All Ayes. Council moved into an Executive Session following the meeting and did not return to public session. No action was taken.



President



Secretary