

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2022 MEETING**

The re-organization and regular scheduled meeting of the Bally Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall. Mayor, David C. Schott 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 Joel Pilgert. Paul Gehringer was absent.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter and Tammy Wood, Borough Secretary. There was 1 resident and one reporter in attendance.

Mayor Schott announced the meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and recorded for minute taking purposes.

Mayor Schott swore in Council Members Glenn Mutter, Matthew Gehman, Michael Bauman and Michael Moll. Mayor Schott called for the re-organization of council. Matthew Gehman nominated Glenn Mutter for Council President. Michael Bauman seconded that. All Ayes. Glenn Mutter abstained from voting. Matthew Gehman nominated Michael Moll for Vice President. Michael Bauman seconded it; All Ayes. Michael Moll abstained from voting.

President Glenn Mutter took over the meeting at this time.

Committee appointments – Matthew Gehman made the motion to keep all committee appointments the same. Joel Pilgert seconded that. All Ayes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS– Resident, Brett Beitler with Just Farm Kids, looking for approval of the Tractor Show scheduled for Saturday, May 14 2022 from 10am – 3pm. 2021 was the first year for the Tractor Show and it was a great success. Brett would like to add a local Blue Grass Band, a petting zoo and a “farm flea market.” Per Tim Curley, Borough Solicitor, an application, insurance and volunteer waiver forms need to be completed and all Covid protocols need to be followed. Parking has been approved by Bally Ribbon Mills and Bally Block. Police will be on duty for traffic control. There will be food/concession stands for the show also. Brett will attend the May 3rd council meeting to update all information and provide all necessary documentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of December 7, 2021 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Matthew Gehman, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT - President Glenn Mutter and Borough secretary Tammy Wood signed the paperwork for the loan this morning, which will be finalized Thursday, January 6th. The Glock handgun and shotgun has finally arrived. The drone has also come in, which Chief Ellick will be taking a course to obtain his license to fly. Corporal Patt will get his license in the future. Chief Ellick and Corporal Patt will be attending an “active shooter in a school classroom” class this month in Delaware County, free of charge. The parttime officers will also attend a similar class. Chief Ellick asked to remind everyone about staying off the snow emergency routes during any snow, in order to plow the streets. “We

do not want to ticket or tow any vehicles.” Officer Mains is a certified child safety car seat technician. If anyone needs help with installing a child car seat please call or stop in to the police station.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare –EBFD calls for December were 47, to date is 464. Thanks to everyone for a productive and safe 2021 and hope to continue the relationship and cooperation in the New Year. Bechtelsville Fire Co. is having their first Christmas tree drop off and bonfire this Saturday, January 8 at 4:30pm. Anyone is welcome to drop a tree and/or enjoy the bonfire. Bring your own chairs. Light refreshments will be served.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority – Joel Pilgert stated the 2022 budget has been approved. Next meeting is in February.

Zoning Hearing Board – Will meet on January 26th at 6:30pm, for a GBI Zoning hearing for the Bally Ribbon Mills area of leased docks. They are wanting to put in 3 angled docks, opposed to the one flat dock that is currently there.

BARDS Committee –March 26th is the date for the pot pie fundraiser. Our end goal is a quantity of 500 quarts at \$10.00 each. We will be ordering the pool vacuum robot from Fronheiser Pools soon.

WWTP Report – December was the lowest flow in the past 10 years. Catch basin (storm sewer) will be done next week with a vacuum truck. The phone lines at the reservoir and well have had some alarm issues lately, which seems to have worked itself out. We now have the trucks and most equipment in the new garage. There are still some issues with the garage that need to be worked out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reappoint Richard T. Curley, PC as Borough Solicitor. Matthew Gehman made the motion to appoint. Joshua Sloan seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- Reappoint Gilmore Associates and Systems Design Engineering as Borough engineers. Motion to approve Systems Design Engineering as the sole engineer for Bally Borough made by Michael Moll. Michael Bauman seconded that. All Ayes.
- Reappoint Kraft Code Services as code enforcement officer and zoning officer. Matthew Gehman made the motion to reappoint Kraft Code Services. Michael Moll seconded that. All Ayes.
- Appoint Patrick Frank as an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board. Michael Moll made the motion, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Covid 19 State of Emergency – Berks Co. State of Emergency has been reinstated. Motion to reinstate the Covid ordinance for Bally Borough made by Michael Moll. Seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT-The deeds for the correction of the fence line at the garage will be delivered soon. The February meeting, we will have a resolution to approve the recording of the deeds. I will also have the agreement ready for the execution between the Borough and BBMA regarding the reimbursement of the funds payable under Note C.

MAYOR'S REPORT – There were 74 police incidents for the month of December and 650 for the year. 992 miles traveled. Citations for the month was 70; highest ever in Bally history. 4 parking tickets were issued. Both police vehicles are complete with new graphics. Looking forward to having a First Responder Day, which will need to be discussed further with ideas.

OFFICE REPORT- Sent out request for quotes for the additional work that needs to be done at the garage mezzanine level. The only quote that came back was above the requirement for bidding. We then asked for a bid from him for just the labor, with no reply. Andy Haring, a Borough resident, supplied a quote for labor. He is willing to work alongside public works employees, with all supplies supplied by the Borough. They are willing to work at \$45.00/hour, labor not to exceed 50 man-hours and not to exceed a total of \$2,250.00; with miscellaneous items such as nails and such not to exceed \$200.00. We will be moving forward with that. Nate has ordered the lumber, with a lead time of next week, costing about \$7,000.00. We spoke about moving funds back to Ambler Savings Bank last month. We received a proposal with interest fees on overdrafts or returned checks only; all other fees will be waived. Motion to move from Fleetwood Bank to Ambler Bank in Bally made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes. This will take the better part of a year to complete. The authorized signers for the bank accounts are Wendy Mutter, Tammy Wood, Matthew Gehman, Michael Bauman and Joshua Sloan. We will stay with those signers. Butter Valley Church wants to move forward with the Borough completing the work at the road, taking the funds out of the escrow then close the escrow fund. Nate found a leak in the roof at the storage area at the back of the office. The shingled roof area has had some repairs to prevent leaking, but really needs to be replaced. We will have to quote that out at some point. We are still working on the security camera system for the borough. The audit starts on January 24th through January 26th. We are still receiving information about the ARP fund. These rules for the ARP fund are not final guidance as of yet.

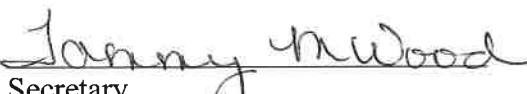
QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No residents present.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – The Mayor asked about the abandoned property at Main and Church. The Borough will send a letter with a list of repairs that should be completed within a certain time line.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Michael Moll to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. All Ayes.



President



Secretary