

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 2025 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 7:03 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 arrived at 7:06pm. There was 1 resident and 1 reporter in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting had been posted on the door and the website, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

President Mutter announced the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS: John Mutter, resident of Bally asked Council to forgive a portion of his sewer bill for a running toilet. Council agreed to forgive any sewer charges above his average quarterly usage. Motion to approve John Mutter receiving a credit of his sewer usage, above average quarterly usage, made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of December 3, 2024 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Joel Pilgert to approve the minutes. All Ayes
- b. Approval & Affirmation of the December bills presented. A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer to approve the bills. All Ayes

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare:

Police report - There were 3 different plans presented for the police extension by Systems Design Engineering. Some corrections are needed and the conversation will continue next month.

Fire report - There were 4 calls for Bally in December 2024. Total calls for the year of 2024 were 474, which has been average for the past 5 years.

Bally Ambulance – Bally had 10 calls with a total of 151 calls for the month of December. Total calls for the year of 2024 were 1463. Donation letters have been mailed to Bally Boro and Bechtelsville Boro, as the residents of these Boroughs have automatic memberships with the added tax. General Memberships have been mailed to the remaining municipalities. The 2025 Budget was approved at the December BOD Meeting. The financial audit begins in January and the annual report will be provided after that.

Planning Commission – Did not meet.

Municipal Authority- Did not meet. Next meeting is March 18th, 2025

Zoning Hearing Board –Did not meet.

BARDS Committee –Joshua Sloan was absent.

WWTP Report:

Maintenance was performed on all snow equipment and it is all in working order. Salt has been ordered and there has been a good amount used already. We have 2 salt contracts, one with PennDOT and one with the County. For the 2nd time in 2 months, trucks coming out of the Front St business, turning right from Old Rt 100 on to New Rt 100 are taking down the street/speed signs. It is a state road, but when the speed limit is 35 MPH or lower, the municipality is responsible for damaged signs. Can a barrier be installed? Tim Curley will be looking into options for us.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **A Notice of Award of contract for sewer lateral lining project to Performance Pipeline for \$191,724 upon approval of documents by Borough Engineers** – Motion made by Matthew Gehman to approve the Notice of Award to Performance Pipeline, seconded by Michael Moll. All others, Ayes.
- **Notice to Proceed with contract for sewer lateral lining project to Performance Pipeline.** A motion was made by Paul Gehringer to proceed with contract to Performance Pipeline. Seconded by Matthew Gehman. All others, Ayes.
- **Approval to sign Agreement with Performance Pipeline for sewer lateral project.** Michael Moll made a motion to sign the Agreement with Performance Pipeline. Seconded by Matthew Gehman. All others, Ayes.
- **Approval to sign Intergovernmental Agreement with Berks County UCC Board of Appeals.** Paul Gehringer made the motion to approve signing the Intergovernmental Agreement. Seconded by Michael Moll. All others, Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Chief Ellick and Corporal Patt will be attending training on January 13, 14 & 15. Andy Gadaleta is the new part-time Officer in Bally. Please say hello if you see him out and about. The police had 17 calls in the month of December, with a total of 505 for the year of 2024. 10 traffic citations were issued in December. The police drove 576 miles using 67.73 gallons of fuel. The Mayor is looking for approval for the Borough to pay the \$700.00 fee for a psychiatric evaluation for hiring police officers. A motion was made by Michael Moll to approve the reimbursement of the \$700.00 after they pass the test and sign a contract to stay for 1 year. Seconded by Matthew Gehman. All others, Ayes.

ENGINEER'S STATUS OF PROJECTS:

The only new additions to the Engineers report were about Performance Pipeline, which was already passed, with motions, in the New Business section of this meeting.


OFFICE REPORT

- Well 6 Update – Wendy did walk with Mr. Longacre on his property to show him where we are looking to drill for the well. Mr. Longacre is willing to work with us on this piece of property, if he can continue to use the area to push deer out of his corn fields. There is some work that needs to be done before test drilling can begin.
- We have sent some residents a total of 4 letters to replace their water meters, with no response from them. The office is looking for approval to put a letter on their door stating that the office will add a \$50.00 meter refusal fee every quarter, if there is no response within 30 days of the letters being posted on their door. Council agrees with this.

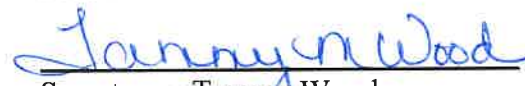
QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No questions or comments.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – Wendy Mutter relayed from Joshua Sloan to think about the date for the Community Yard Sale this year.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Joel Pilgert at 7:56 pm. All Ayes.



President - Glenn Mutter



Secretary – Tammy Wood