

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 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 7:00 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Mayor, David Schott; Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; PW Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There were 6 residents 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:

Abigail Clauser consulted Council on getting a zoning permit for putting a temporary farm stand in front of her property at 651 Main Street. Council stated they had no objection but she would need to submit the zoning permit.

Steve Shanahan representing Camino Farms requested Borough Council allow them a right of way to run sewer line across the WWTP property at the entrance of the sewer plant to the sewer main prior to the inflow of the plant. Council advised Mr. Shanahan that the neighbors have been using the property in question to park a tractor trailer, prior to the Borough having knowledge that it was on Borough property. Council advised the solicitor to draft a letter to the neighbor encroaching on Borough property to remove the fence and truck. Matt Gehman made a motion to provide conditional approval for a right of way or easement. Mike Moll seconded the motion. All Ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of June 3, 2025 Council Meeting - A motion was made by Michael Bauman, seconded by Paul Gehringer to approve the minutes. Matt Gehman abstained all others Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of the bills presented. Glenn Mutter questioned whether the hammer drill was a rental or purchase. Nate Heffner stated it was a purchase. A motion was made by Mike Moll, seconded by Joshua Sloan to approve the bills. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare:

- **Police report** – Very short meeting due to weather conditions. The committee met the new part-time officer.
- **Fire report** – EBFD reported 47 calls in the month of June, 3 of which were in Bally, with a total of 281.

- **Bally Ambulance** – EMS reported 132 calls in the month of June, 12 of which were in Bally, with a total of 731 calls year to date.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority- Met June 24th with the next scheduled meeting on September 16th. The Solicitor reported a letter will be drafted to owner of 1606 Main Street concerning municipal water.

Zoning Hearing Board –Did not meet

BARDS Committee: Joshua Sloan updated Council on BARDS activities. He asked Glenn Mutter for product advice for staining and sealing the park bridge. A request was made to Goodwill Fire Company social quarters to purchase and place a dog waste station. They were not interested in participating.

WWTP Report:

Reported power outage effecting pw garage and sections of the Borough. They also have quite a bit of road clean up to do from the days storm. We had an insurance fire hydrant flow test check provided free of charge, which broke a hydrant. There is storm water, road patching, and project work to catch up on.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ratify the termination of Justin Rizzo effective June 5, 2025** – Matt Gehman made a motion to ratify the termination of Justin Rizzo, Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **Ratify the hiring of Matthew Hoffman.** Mike Moll made a motion to ratify the hiring of Matthew Hoffman for the full-time public works position at a rate of \$20/hr with a 90 day probationary period effective June 16, 2025. Joshua Sloan seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **Approval for Borough Manager to sign land access agreement** – Joshua Sloan made a motion to give the Borough Manager permission to sign a land access agreement with the owners of 626 Main Street for a storm water repair, Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **Paving project bids for N & S 7th Streets and 600 block of Elm Street:** Bids were received from H & K Group (total \$209,745.00) and Sacks & Sons (total \$313,301.20).
 - **Notice of Intent to Award** – The primary bid (S 7th and Borough portion Elm), secondary option 1 (just N 7th), secondary option 2 (Washington Twp portion Elm). Matthew Gehman made a motion of Intent to Award the paving project (primary and secondary options 1&2) to H&K Group. Joshua Sloan seconded the motion. All Ayes.
 - **Notice to Award** – Paul Gehringer made a motion to award all of the paving project of N & S 7th and 600 block of Elm St to H & K Group pending approval of required documentation by Borough engineers (SDE). Mike Moll seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **Renewal of Health Care insurance:** Joshua Sloan made a motion to stay with the current health care plans at a 10.6% increase in cost to the Borough. Matt Gehman seconded the motion. Glenn Mutter abstained from the vote with all others Ayes.
- **Rules of Attendance at Bally Community Pool:** The Borough Manager asked to address overcrowding at the pool. It was determined that we should restrict the purchase of daily passes to Borough residents and members, as well as guests of residents and members in an equal amount. After hours rentals by individuals are limited to 50 people total. Institutions providing liability insurance can have guests up to max capacity. Matthew Gehman made a

motion to have the Borough Manager restrict the attendance at the Bally pool as situations require. Mike Moll seconded that motion. All Ayes.

- **A discussion on increasing pavilion rentals to out of town renters and also take a deposit matching rental fees for damages or clean up.** Council agreed that a resolution should be drafted to be considered at the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Well 6 update** – The Borough Manager gave an update on the search for a redundant well site.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported 37 police calls for the month, 244 calls for the year. There were 14 traffic citations issued. The new part-time office is expected to be sworn in on July 14th.

ENGINEER'S STATUS OF PROJECTS: No report was provided by engineers on projects.

OFFICE REPORT

- **Purchase of a used roller for street patching:** A motion was made by Mike Moll to spend up to \$12,000 on the purchase of a used roller. Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- The Borough Manager reported receiving a phone call from a representative of the owners of the old Bally Case and Cooler building concerning subdividing the building for individual purchase for commercial use. A phone call with the owner's representative, the Borough Manager, SDE Borough Engineers, and Kraft Municipal Group for code enforcement. There is differing points of view on whether they need to go through subdivision. They are aware they must adhere to zoning and must have individual water and sewer service to each unit.
- **Approval for Borough Manager to terminate employment of probationary and seasonal employees.** A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Mike Bauman, to give termination authority to the Borough Manager to probationary and seasonal employees. All Ayes.
- **Approval to purchase a credit card system for the General Fund activities:** Joshua Sloan made a motion, Mike Moll seconded the motion, to purchase a credit card system for the Borough office. All Ayes.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No questions or comments.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – Joshua Sloan questioned the ability of the Borough to dredge the creek that runs near S Church Street due to flooding. The Borough Manager explained that if we redirect that water and it affects another property owner, we are then responsible to fix the water situation on each property you affect down-stream.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Mike Bauman at 9:17 pm. All Ayes.



President - Glenn Mutter



Asst Secretary – Wendy Mutter