

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE JULY 2 2024 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, Joshua Sloan, Michael Bauman, Joel Pilgert, and Michael Moll were present. Matthew Gehman was absent.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Mayor, David Schott; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Public Works Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There were 5 residents and one reporter in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting had been posted on the door, 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:

Tyler Richards addressed council concerning an event permit for a water fun day promoting scouting by Cub pack 586 on August 24th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The event is open to the public. He did provide an event permit with insurance coverage. The council approved the event.

Mike and Sue Groff addressed the council concerning relief from sewer charges for a toilet that was left running while they were away on vacation for a week. Council asked that they wait until they get their bill so they know how much they will be asking for in relief.

Sherman Ellis was back to address council concerning the want for speed bumps on Creamery Lane. He presented a letter from Bally Mennonite Church supporting the speed bumps. He also stated he has a petition with 22 signatures from residents and family members of residents. They are looking for 4 sets across the road. The sales rep stated it is recommended that the lay down style speed bumps be staked into the macadam. The council is concerned about consistent road repair with staked speed bumps and would rather the speed bumps be engineered. A request was made to the Borough Manager to get a quote from SDE to engineer the placement and best style speed bumps prior to any work being done, and contact the management company concerning their understanding of road ownership. The Borough wants to make sure that the Borough can plow over the speed bumps. Mr. Ellis feels the Borough keeps adding more issues and he doesn't understand why it keeps getting drug out. It was explained that the cost of the streets is on all tax payer not just the development and it requires additional thought and discussion to make sure the direction taken is PA DOT approved and the most cost effective way to address the problem. The development's maintenance staff seems to think they own Creamery Lane. The council is fine with the development taking ownership back from the Borough if they would like to take ownership.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of June 4, 2024 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Mike Bauman, to approve the bills. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare:

Police report- Vehicles are running well. Car 2 is back from repairs. They attended a class on domestic terrorism.

Fire report- There were a total of 34 calls for the month of June, 6 of those were in Bally with a total of 221 for the year for all municipalities. There will be a special Grandview race on Tuesday 7/2 and with members being on vacation, there will be no representative from EBFD at the next council meeting. EBFD once again pointed out the difficulty of navigating N Church Street with vehicles parking on both sides of the Street.

Bally Ambulance – Bally had 6 calls with a total of 119 calls for the month. Bally had 71 calls YTD and the company had 729 total calls YTD.

Planning Commission – Did not meet..

Municipal Authority- Will meet July 16th.

Zoning Hearing Board –The board met June 19th for an appeal hearing. The Borough Solicitor and Zoning Officer attended the meeting. A special work session will be held to go over the legalities of the situation, after which a decision will be made.

BARDS Committee – A question was asked if covers could be placed on the “no parking” signs in front of the Borough on weekends for pool use. The Borough Manager stated the parking from the office toward the pool can be used without issue on the weekend. Council agreed to the availability of the parking. Joshua asked about the installation of employee parking signs at the pool. Nate stated its on their “to do” list.

WWTP Report- Blooming Glen has until Friday July 12th to finish. It was determined that the manufacturer delivered the wrong pump which means they will not meet the deadline. Nate is asking for an agreement from the Borough not to impose fines for not meeting the finish date, if they have everything else done, with the exception of the pump install. Systems Design would like to look into the permits and work needed to extend the outfall pipe at the plant. During the heat wave there was a large amount of water usage. Public works looked for a leak but found none. Water usage returned to normal shortly after and it was assumed the usage was due to lawn watering and other hot weather usage. Aqua Duck damaged the bulk water fill station. They will be billed for the repairs. Public Works attended a confined space class. They then used those skills when a bad air quality reading was found prior to entering a manhole. The Basketball court line painting was completed. They hope to get back to working on the storm water project in the park soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2024-1 for a Fire Tax** – This is a preliminary step to drafting and publishing an ordinance. A motion was made by Mike Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer to adopt the resolution with a correction to the name of the Fire Company. Glenn Mutter and Joel Pilgert abstained from the vote, all others Ayes 4-0.
- **Resolution 2024-2 for an EMS Tax** - This is a preliminary step to drafting and publishing an ordinance. A motion was made by Joshua Sloan and seconded by Mike Moll to adopt the resolution. All Ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Health, Eye and Dental insurance renewal** – Spreadsheets were provided to council members with costs to renew the current plan which is an 8.2% increase in cost for health/eye coverage, the dental had no increase. Mike Moll called for a motion, Joel Pilgert made a motion to keep the plans the same, Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. Glenn Mutter abstained, all others Ayes.
- **Authorization for Systems Design to investigate the extension of outfall pipe 1 at the plant.** – This is not part of the root cutting and lining of the pipe, but would like to investigate needed permits and engineering to get this project completed. Paul Gehringer made a motion to authorize SDE to begin the work, with a budget of \$3000, Michael Moll seconded the motion. All Ayes.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

- **Washington Township water agreement/understanding** – The solicitor stated that this item is pending a new location for well 6.
- **Waiver of Land Development for MBS to put in a handicapped accessible bathroom at the Church** – The Borough has received a letter from the Gehringer family approving the waiver, which makes it officially waived.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The Mayor reported that the police had 30 calls for the month of June, with 287 for the year. There were 22 traffic citations and one parking ticket. They drove 699 miles and used 90.49 gallons of gas between both vehicles. The Mayor is performing a wedding ceremony on July 4th and another on August 1st in Colorado.

ENGINEER’S STATUS OF PROJECTS:

A list of projects and their status was presented to council. A check is to be received from Camp Camino for escrow for planning work.

OFFICE REPORT

- a. A second Community Yard Sale date was set for September 6,7, and 8 of this year.
- b. The manager is working on getting a quote for an embankment slide in the playground. We also need to determine the exact placement of the swings.
- c. A lifeguard was injured when a wind gust tipped the lifeguard stand and she jumped into the water hitting her foot on the pool coping. Approximately 200 pounds of sand bags were put on the base of the chair as a temporary fix and hardware will be installed to secure the chair to the decking. It did create a worker’s comp claim.
- d. A TEAMS meeting was held this morning concerning locating and testing of 2 new potential well sites. The PES program is currently out of funds. They have filed for funds to continue the program. They would like to get from EPA a plot of the contamination plume. A follow up meeting is scheduled for September 4th to make sure everything is ready to go for October test well drilling.
- e. The Manager requested a quick Executive session following the meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No questions or comments

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS: Nate mentioned he will not be in attendance for the next council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Mike Moll at 9:06 pm. All Ayes.



President - Glenn Mutter



Asst. Secretary – Wendy Mutter