BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE JULY 7, 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, Joshua Sloan, and Matthew Gehman. Michael Moll arrived at 7:03pm. Joel Pilgert was absent.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There was 1 reporter and 6 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 Michael Moll suggesting that a quorum is present, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

An executive session regarding employment matters was held before the normal Borough Council meeting. No votes and no action was taken during the executive session.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

- Dave Ritter - Bally Block – Dave Ritter was denied his permit for a new kiln installation. Dave intends to appeal this and will be in the office to start the proceedings.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of June 2nd, 2026 Council Meeting- Glenn Mutter asked for it to be noted, that as far as the grate clogging with debris at Park Place, that it is not the responsibility of the Borough. The Borough is only responsible for the retention pond at Park Place. A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Joshua Sloan, to approve the minutes. All Ayes.
b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented – Joshua Sloan asked if the office could get a yearly estimate spent on dog waste bags to take back to BARDS. Tammy Wood stated that she would get that to Joshua. Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare

- **Burn ban** – The fire marshal withdrew his request for a burn ban.
- **Discussion of Street/Parking Ordinance** – Tabled

Police – The police are attending a property evidence management training from July 21-23. The cost is $495 for both officers. The money is in the budget.

EBFD Fire – EBFD reported 43 calls in the month of June 31 with 0 calls in Bally.

Bally Ambulance – EMS reported 171 calls in the month of June, 5 of which were in Bally.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority – Special Meeting on June 23rd discussed the plans for water request from Richard Mingey, Barto Mall. No decisions made - tabled. Next meeting, July 21st, 2026.

Zoning Hearing Board – Did not meet.

BARDS Committee – Joshua Sloan stated that the new garbage cans with lids at the pool have been working out great. The bees are not nearly as bad as in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Payment application #1 to K.C. Mechanical in the amount of $22,635.00 –** Michael Moll made the motion to approve payment application #1 to K.C. Mechanical. Seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.
- **Payment application #2 to K.C. Mechanical in the amount of $900.00** – Joshua Sloan made the motion to approve payment application #2 to K.C. Mechanical. Seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.
- **Payment application #1 to Xtreme Mechanical in the amount of $20,925.00 –** Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve payment application #1 to Xtreme Mechanical. Seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.
- **Delta Dental renewal 2026/2027** – Michael Moll made the motion to approve the renewal of Delta Dental coverage for Borough employees. Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. Glenn Mutter abstained from the vote. All others, Ayes.
- **Employee matters regarding Wendy Mutter – Glenn Mutter stepped out of the room at this time.** Council approved the Borough to pay 9 months of mini cobra coverage of health insurance for Glenn Mutter. Tim Curley stated that this sets a precedence going forward and we must do the same for future employees. Tim Curley called for the motion. Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve 9 months of health insurance for Glenn Mutter to be paid by the Borough. Joshua Sloan seconded that motion. All Ayes.
- **Borough Manager position** – Hiring committee to draft a job description to be published by Tammy Wood. Paul Gehringer made the motion for the job to be published by Tammy Wood once the description is received by the committee. Joshua Sloan seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **Ratify office assistant position** – The personnel committee hired Kristy Wood as a temporary office assistant at $16.00/hour, during the time Tammy Wood is in the position of Interim Manager. Paul Gehringer made the motion to ratify the hiring of Kristy Wood. Matthew Gehman seconded the motion. All Ayes. Kristy may work up to a maximum of 28 hours per week. Michael Bauman made the motion to allow a maximum of 28 hours to be worked by Kristy. Matthew Gehman seconded the motion. All Ayes. **Glenn Mutter returned to the council room.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Copier lease renewal -** Michael Moll made the motion to go with Doceo company and the Toshiba option for the next 5 years at $125.60 per month. Joshua Sloan seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **20 N Front St (20 N 3rd) – Kraft Municipal Group** – Matthew Gehman made the motion for our Solicitor, Tim Curley to contact Kraft Municipal Group to possibly gain access to 20 N Front St., in order to get in the building to observe if there are any possible code violations. Michael Moll seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **Building expansion update** –
    - **Discuss potential Change Order for Secure Building Access** – This concerns the evidence and conference room. There will be no change order at this time.
    - June progress included windows, shingles, interior insulation and siding. The siding is wrong color and it is installed horizontally. The specs state that it is to be vertical siding. The door is back ordered, dry wall is up. Glenn Mutter will now be attending meetings with SDE Engineer, Stephen Gribb, the contractors, Nate Heffner, and Police Chief, Jeff Ellick.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **Draft Ordinance to require tenant registration for all property types** - tabled until further notice.
- **Well 6 update, contact with Commonwealth Engineer** - A Century Engineer email was received by Tim Curley, concerning the land owner. A 72-hour pump test is needed before the land is purchased by the Borough. This is to be carried to next month, for Tim to do some research.

MAYOR'S REPORT – The police had 24 calls for the month of June. 12 traffic citations were issued and 2 parking tickets. They drove a total of 762 miles, using 74.70 gallons of fuel. The Mayor is booked through November for weddings.

ENGINEER STATUS OF PROJECTS – Camp Camino hooked their sewer line in to our waste water treatment plant at the end of May.

WWTP Report –There were 2 water main breaks; 1 in the parking lot at the public works garage and 1 at N 9th St. These breaks have been repaired. Berks County is in a drought warning. DEP requires us to reduce usage by 10-15% during a drought warning. The bulk water haulers have been stopped during the time of the water main breaks. They have also been asked to reduce their hauling to 26,000 gallons per day; after the mains were repaired and during the drought. Glenn Mutter stated he would not like to have them cut off completely, as they have helped the Borough in the past many times. Public works has installed the merry-go-round, 2 spin cups, and sand backhoes in the playground.

BOROUGH OFFICE REPORT

- Late fee for water/sewer bills were added today.
- Kristy Wood is working out well in the office.
- Keeping up with day-to-day responsibilities are the main priority at this time in the office.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – None

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Joshua Sloan to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. All Ayes.

Glenn A. Mutter
President

Tammy M Wood
Secretary