

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 1, 2021 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, Paul Gehringer, Matthew Gehman, Michael Moll, Joshua Sloan and Joel Pilgert.

Also present: Mayor, David C. Schott; Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter and Secretary, Tammy M Wood. There were 2 residents and one reporter attended via Zoom.

President Mutter announced the meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and recorded for minute taking purposes.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS** - Deb Good from Bally Mennonite Church proposed a concert in the park event, tentatively scheduled for Sept 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, from approximately 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. This would be a collaboration between the Bally area churches. Council asked Ms. Good to bring more specific information on parking, garbage collection, porta potties to the council, but otherwise council gave approval for the event. An event permit with insurance would be required.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of May 4, 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 Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Health, Safety, & Welfare** – The committee reviewed parking issues around the Borough Hall and pool/park area. There was no report from EBFD.

**Planning Commission** – Did not meet

**Municipal Authority** – the next meeting will be on June 15, 2021.

**Zoning Hearing Board** - Did not meet

**BARDS Committee** – Joshua Sloan stated that an estimate of \$3700 was obtained to replace the broken slide in the park. They will look for other options. The flood tubes for the pool have been received. The tractor show brought in \$623. The yard and bake sale brought in \$1300. A new contractor pressure washed and water sealed the pavilion at the pool. Living Green donated stone to finish the flower beds at the pool. RJ Electric donated LED lights for the pole light at the pool there is still one to be replaced. The group would like to host a night swim at the pool. T-Mobile has agreed to provide internet “hot spot” in exchange for setting up a sales table during pool hours.

**WWTP Report** – Nate commented that we received 2.5” rain this past weekend. Public Works has started the street sweeping. They have obtained the trench shoring that was in this year’s budget and public works installed the slide at the pool. They installed 10 replacement meters last month. The chemical feed pump at the pool has been having an issue. Hopefully it will be a quick fix after speaking with the supplier. Joshua Sloan requested public works use a buffer on the slide at the pool.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Payment Application #2 to Rebcor Construction in the amount of \$69,313.50 was requested. Paul Gehringer made a motion to approve, Matthew Gehman seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Three quotes were obtained for the 5 day pump test at the proposed well 5. The lowest bidder was Funk Drilling in the amount of \$16,250. Council requested that a Borough employee be on site when the pump test is completed and equipment removed to make sure that the farmers land is restored to its pre-test condition. Nate Heffner also mentioned the condition at the end of the driveway has a severe drop off and makes it more difficult to enter and exit from Route 100. A decision was made for the Borough to fix the driveway with the current owner’s permission. The Borough Manager will contact the owner and obtain permission to fix the driveway. A motion to accept the bid was made by Joshua Sloan and seconded by Michael Bauman. All Ayes.

A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Michael Bauman to remove Tammy Wood from probation and was given a .50/hour increase effective June 23, 2021. All Ayes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bally Borough State of Emergency-** Borough Solicitor advised the council that the Commonwealth has not lifted the State of Emergency and encouraged council to keep the State of Emergency in place until it does. A motion was made by Matthew Gehman to extend the State of Emergency in Bally Borough until next council meeting, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes. The situation will be reassessed at the next council meeting.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT-** The Solicitor asked the Borough Manager about the status of the water line remediation at Butter Valley Church and was informed that it has not yet been completed. He was informed that the Borough is holding escrow funds until the work is complete. He requested an Executive Session after the Council Meeting for an employee issue.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – The police issued 14 traffic citations in June, and had 3 arrests. They drove 658 miles and used 84.7 gallons of fuel. Officer Ellick participated in a free webinar. Officer Patt is scheduled to return June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the police are looking to hire an additional part time officer. The Mayor also commented that the tractor show was awesome.

**OFFICE REPORT-** There was a zoom meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> on American Recovery Act funds. There was a small amount of additional clarity. Two items the funds cannot be used for; a) pensions or b) to replace funds lost in a tax reduction. All funds need to be committed by contract by May 2024. Spending should be tracked backed by invoices. The Borough Manager feels a committee should be assigned or created to determine the best use of the funds. Council made no action for such a committee at this time.

The Borough received confirmation from the Lions club that there will be a Halloween Parade.

A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Joshua Sloan for the personnel committee to hire a new public works employee. All Ayes.

**QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS** – The reporter questioned what fundraising was being done by EBFD? She was informed that no report was provided by the fire company to the Borough.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS** – A question was posed about security cameras on the Borough premises to monitor the pool and park. Security cameras would fall under the approved use of ARA funds.

**ADJOURNMENT**- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. All Ayes. Executive Session was held after the meeting.

  
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