

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2023 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 Moll, Paul Gehringer, Joshua Sloan and Joel Pilgert. Michael Bauman arrived at 7:02, Matthew Gehman was absent.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Mayor, David Schott; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood and Public Works Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There was no reporter in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting had been posted on the door and posted on the Borough 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** – No residents.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of May 2, 2023 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer, to approve the minutes. Michael Bauman had not yet arrived, all others Aye.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Michael Moll, to approve the bills. All Ayes.

**PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT:** No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Health, Safety, & Welfare:**

**Police report-** President Mutter announced all is going well with the police and vehicles. They got the bikes ready for summer bike patrol.

**Fire report-** Total fire calls for May were 29. Year-to-date is 196. EBFD participated in the tractor show. The chicken BBQ was a bust with 200 meals left over due to rain and other activities in the area. The annual Boot drive at Jakes took in \$2500 short of the average \$3500. We will have a solar panel safety class, hose testing and air pack certification. With the dry conditions, please remind your residents to be careful with open flame until we get some much needed rain. The Borough Manager asked if Bally can initiate their own burn ban in the Borough at the request of EBFD Chief. The Solicitor stated the Mayor has the authority for public safety.

**Bally Ambulance** – April calls in Bally were 2 with a total of 110 calls for the month.

**Planning Commission** - Did not meet

**Municipal Authority-** Did not meet. Their next meeting is in July.

**Zoning Hearing Board** –Did not meet.

**BARDS Committee** –BARDS does not have any upcoming events but are trying to help promote other local events. An aluminum recycling fundraiser is in progress. BARDS would like to purchase a used commercial freezer for the pool to replace the two current residential freezers. Council approved. The small chest freezer was a loan and will go back to its owner, the upright freezer may be held for overflow and if it is not needed will be put out to bid for sale. Volunteers have mulched and have been watering the new trees. They also acquired tree rings to keep the water in place. Drip irrigation is being fine tuned. BARDS took a loss at the tractor show but donated remainder of food to the pool. BARDS has committed to purchasing an AED for the pool and is on order now. Three items will need public works help for installation. First are the urinal dividers, a community bulletin board to be installed, and a pole for solar street lights for the pool. Approximate value of donated items totals \$1200, and BARDS purchases were \$8070.

**WWTP Report-** Public Works is searching for a possible water leak. The well pumped much more than normal on Monday. They have been searching streets and watching meter reads of specific locations for higher usage and we have temporarily stopped bulk water hauling. Public works has been busy with small projects and there is a bunch of stuff they need to get done before the paving project begins.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Notice of award of paving bid to Haines & Kibblehouse for \$210,051.96** – A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Moll to provide Notice of Award to Haines & Kibblehouse contingent upon SDE's approval of paper work. All Ayes.
- **Notice to Proceed with paving bid on N. Church, Pine Street and Basketball Court**– A motion was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Michael Bauman for a Notice to Proceed to be given to Haines & Kibblehouse contingent upon SDE's approval of paper work. All Ayes.
- **Approval for Borough Manager to sign the contract for the paving project** – A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer to give Borough Manager permission to sign the contract contingent upon SDE's approval of paper work. All Ayes.
- **Revised sewer contract with Washington Township to Solicitors.** SDE is working on the revision of the contract to update the contract. It will be going to both party's Solicitors for review in the coming weeks.
- **Lions Club to have bricks reset at the War Memorial would like to split the cost at \$1500 each for Lions and the Borough** – A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer to split the cost of resetting the bricks at the War Memorial. Joshua Sloan abstained, all other Ayes.
- Glenn Mutter wanted to address the walking trail and people driving on the walking trail. He would like to have a "cut out" put in the curbing along 4<sup>th</sup> Street to provide additional parking for events in the outfield of the Borough baseball field. The "cut out" would be put in when the Borough does the rest of the concrete work to restore sidewalk and curbing from the storm sewer project.
- **Paper Retriever Bins.** The Borough Manager asked to have the paper recycling boxes removed from Borough property, as the boxes have a continual problem with not being emptied on a regular basis and the paper ends up all over the pool area and streets. A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Moll to have the paper recycling bins removed. All Ayes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **A reminder that the July Council Meeting will be held Wednesday on July 5th.**

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**– The Solicitor requested an Executive Session to discuss an employee issue.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – The Mayor asked if there is a Bally Borough Community Historical Society. The Borough Manager stated “No, not to my knowledge.” The Mayor reported the police had 65 calls for the month, there were 113 traffic citations, one DUI arrest, one misdemeanor for drugs and two warrant arrests. They drove 1507 miles and used 153.56 gallon of fuel. The Mayor performed one wedding last week and another one this weekend.

**OFFICE REPORT-**

- a. Senator Pennycuick visited our office on May 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that when we have the drawing and a cost estimate for the work to be done on the Borough office, to contact her office for grant monies. Permission was asked to add a ramp to the front of the building for ADA access to the meeting room and senior center. Although a ramp exists in the rear of the building, it would be a good time to see if a ramp could be added to the front of the building for ease of access. Senator Pennycuick will be using the council room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month as a satellite office.
- b. We purchased the new water/sewer billing system and will be working with the company to implement the system this year. The new meter collection system was previously purchased and training is set up for July.
- c. The Borough volunteers made about \$279 at the tractor show and Just Farm Kids donated \$364.00 to be put into playground equipment.
- d. Two properties had their water shut off. One came in the same day to have it turned back on but still needed to pay the \$100 return to service fee.
- e. Two properties have received Notices of Violation. One had their court case and was found guilty.
- f. Front door lettering ordered and to be installed.

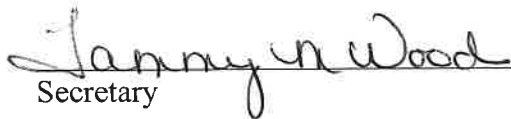
**QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS**– No residents

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Glenn thanked Tammy and her family for helping at the Borough food stand at the Tractor show.

**ADJOURNMENT**- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer at 8:15pm. All Ayes.



President



Secretary