

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 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 and Joshua Sloan. Joel Pilgert attended via ZOOM.

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

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

SDE – Borough Engineer Tom Unger provided council with an update on the progress of the public works garage. Site work is complete. The storm water piping is in, sanitary water service is ready, grading and pad is at elevation. Stone areas and large infiltration pit is in. Next week work will begin on foundations and will proceed to masonry. There were unsuitable soils found at 4 locations. Change order #1 in the amount of \$4,417. 00 is for unstable soil in the old well 3 chlorine contact area along with two other shallow areas. These areas were dug out and replaced with #3 ballast. Change order #3 in the amount of \$4406.00 was for a large area, which seems to be an old site for burying tree trunks, branches, roots, etc. Change order #2 in the amount of \$597.00 was to add a sanitary cleanout and change in direction of sewer service line due to Borough regulations. There was an additional Change order #4 in the amount of \$1449.00 for water service line relocation of service connection point, due to concrete line we had to make it longer. There will be a credit for changing 4x4's to 2x4's which we have not yet received. These change orders are not included in the application payment #1. They will be requesting a material price increases submitted as Change Order #5. Samples are in for the siding color, block color, etc. To help with increasing cost in supplies, we can do some of the following, such as eliminate 4 inches of stone under footings; specs call for footers to be formed, we can use "earth" form; change to surface mounting conduit, which will also give easier access and lessen labor.

- a. Request for approval for Payment Application #1 to Rebcor in the amount of \$98,233.81 for the public works garage. A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.
- b. Request for approval of change orders 1,2,3 and 4 in total of \$10,869.00. A motion was made by Mike Bauman, seconded by Paul Gehringer to approve the Borough Manager signing of change orders.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS- Bill Mellen of N. 7th St addressed Council concerning loose dogs in the Borough. Many other residents have also complained about the issue. Police will be on the lookout for loose dogs, especially in the evening and on weekends. Chester Geyer owner of a rental property on S 7th St. addressed Council concerning a water bill that was very high, possibly caused by a leaking toilet for about a week. Home owner was looking for some assistance with bill, waive late fees, etc. Council was not able to give forgiveness on the cost but was willing to waive late fees for this period.. Heidi spoke concerning the weekend baseball games. She

stated the trash after the games for the past 2 weekends has greatly improved. Parking still seems to be an issue.

Borough Engineer, Tom Unger presented council with a contract for Mobile Dredging and Video Pipe for Sewer project #3 in relation to the grant awarded to Bally Borough.

1. Request for approval for Borough Manager to sign contract with Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe for Sewer Project #3, in the amount of \$292,781.32. Motion made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.
2. Notice of Award to Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe. Motion made by Mike Mol, seconded by Matt Gehman. All Ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of April 6, 2021 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Matt Gehman, seconded by Michael Moll, to approve the minutes with the removal of the word “arrived” before the Mayor’s attendance note. All Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- Council member Sloan questioned the water line installation for the pool slide and who paid for it. The Treasurer responded that the Borough paid for the pipe. President Mutter requested clarification of the Passmore payment for a new leaf blower and a part for mower repair. A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare – Mayor Schott reported EBFD Quarterly Report. EBFD reported they responded to 89 calls in March and 188 calls to date for the year 2021. For police they did discuss the hiring of part time officer Mark MacCrory and the Mayor asked council for approval for his hiring. A motion was made by Joshua Sloan and seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

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 majority of work at the pool is complete and they are preparing for the Tractor Show. BARDS spread mulch at playground.

WWTP Report – Nate commented that Public Works has been getting caught up with some work. They are continuing the storm water line televising with the camera system. We need to address a flooding issue with the ball field and various storm water issues dealing with pipe size. The Borough will need to work with cooperation from the Fire Company to correct the issue. Public works will be setting the slide for the pool next week.

NEW BUSINESS: Completed above.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bally Borough State of Emergency-A motion was made by Paul Gehringer to extend the State of Emergency in Bally Borough until next council meeting, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes. The situation will be reassessed at the next council meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Executive Session after Council Meeting will be required for an employee issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT – The new Police Sergeant is working out well. The police cleared 28 incidents in April, 136 incident to date in the Borough, drove 411 miles and used 63.5 gallons of fuel. There will be an intern riding along for the next month. Tuesday, May 18 is Election Day. Saturday Dec. 4th is slated to be the Santa Parade and tree lighting. We are waiting to hear from the Lions concerning the Halloween parade.

OFFICE REPORT - There was a chicken/rooster complaint from some residents in the Borough. A letter was sent to the resident in an attempt to rectify the situation. There is a chlorine tablet shortage, which does not affect the liquid chlorine the Borough uses for the pool. All though the chlorine shortage does not affect the pool, previous issues with chlorine delivery is still concerning. The Borough would like to replace the 2 standing chlorine tanks (a 100 gallon and a 150 gallon tank) at the pool with 1 large tank. A confirmation was made of the \$3000.00 donation from Bards which was in the budget. Well 5 does not have its permit as of yet. There is a 5 day pump test required, which will monitor the Wetlands. This is out for written bids. Mikey will be off probation as of May 28th, can we make him a regular full time employee? Joshua Sloan made a motion to make Mike Roschel a full tme regular employee, seconded by Mike Bauman. All Ayes.

There have been Zoom meetings concerning the American Rescue Plan, with little to no guidance on how/what it can be spent on, as of yet. There are 3 residents on the water shut off list for tomorrow. Our goal is to have all delinquent accounts in contract to get caught up on past due amounts by October. Water readings were done by Exeter Supply, along with our reader to determine whether our meter reading equipment was working correctly. It was determined that our reader is working as it should, however our reading equipment and billing system is very outdated. Along with the Borough, the residents would benefit greatly with an option to pay online, as many do these days. I would like to put a new billing system in next year's budget, the Borough is looking at \$20,000.00 up front cost for new billing system.

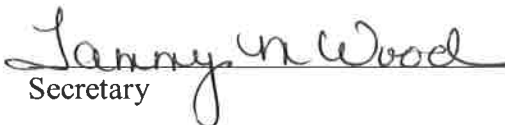
QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – Resident commented on chlorine tablet shortage.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS –Joshua Sloan stated that the slide at the playground has a hole in it and would like to replace slide; the hole is un-repairable. Pool donation jar will sit in the Borough Office. The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 29th.Memorial Day Monday, May 31st is Dollar Days at the pool.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. All Ayes. Executive Session was held after the meeting.



President



Secretary