BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 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, Michael Moll, and Matthew Gehman. Joel Pilgert was absent.

Also present: Mayor, David Schott; Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There were 1 reporter and 4 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 Matthew Gehman suggesting that a quorum is present, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

- Resident, Mark Hager addressed council to ask permission for Kids' Kamp from Monday, July 27th – Friday, July 31st to be held in Bally Community Park. It will run from 10am-12pm and is free of charge for children from kindergarten through going into 6th grade. This is sponsored by Butter Valley Community Church and has been a repeat event for about 15 years. Council agreed to allow Mark to hold Kids Kamp, with an update to the liability insurance.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of April 6, 2026 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Bauman, to approve the minutes. Matthew Gehman and Michael Moll abstained from the vote. All others, Ayes.
b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented – Glenn Mutter asked if the weed whacker purchased is one that attachments can be added. Nathan Heffner responded that it is, but no attachments have been purchased at this time. Joshua Sloan made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Discussion of Street/Parking Ordinance – There has been little progress on the Ordinance. Glenn Mutter stated when Wendy Mutter returns and decisions can be made; there will be further discussion. Officer Patt will bring some additional information from PA laws that may be helpful with the decision making.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare

Police - Glenn Mutter stated that Chief Ellick is hopeful for a new part-time police officer. The new 2026 Explorer has been put into service with no issues.

EBFD Fire – The new fire Chief, Chris Schaeffer was present. Chris thanked everyone for their support in the past and the future. He invited anyone to reach out to him with any questions or concerns. EBFD reported 35 calls in the month of April, 0 calls in Bally, with 149 calls year to date. Chris Schaeffer suggested council to consider a burn ban, as this could be an emergency with the drought conditions that have been consistent in the past few months. Council approved a burn ban in Bally Borough, with a motion being made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes. Matt Bakes made a request for a disbursement of funds for the Fire and Ambulance to be on next month's agenda.

Bally Ambulance – EMS reported 139 calls in the month of April, 7 of which were in Bally. Year to date is 520 calls total.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority – Did not meet, next meeting May 19th.

Zoning Hearing Board – Did not meet.

BARDS Committee – Joshua Sloan stated the water fountain for the park is on its way. BARDS is staging for their bake sale and car wash for Saturday, May 17th from 8am – 12pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Purchase trench box panels for $4,600.00** – Nathan Heffner stated these 4 ft panels are needed to add to the trench boxes we have for lateral sewer and water line repairs. Paul Gehringer made the motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.
- **Sewer work on 500 block of Elm St** – There are 2 spots where sewer mains partially collapsed, that now brings the total to 3. We are no longer doing the $36,000.00 lining project this year. We will need to fix mains before we line. Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve the mains to be repaired, seconded by Joshua Sloan. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Well 6 update** – All sampling came back good. DEP and PES approved converting to a production well. Next plan is for setting the goal for how many gallons per minute.
- **Sale of items** – The gas and diesel tanks sold. The weed whacker did not sell. The shipping container did not sell. Glenn Mutter told Nathan Heffner to put it back on Municibid next month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **Draft Ordinance to require tenant registration for all property types** - tabled until further notice.
- **Request Executive Session for Employee Issue** – Tim Curley asked for this Executive Session be postponed until next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schott stated the police had 28 calls in the month of April. They issued 9 traffic citations and 1 parking ticket. They made 1 arrest for identity theft. They traveled 1120.2 miles and used 66.9 gallons of fuel. The Mayor has 2 weddings in May and booking up fast for the rest of the year.

WWTP Report – Public Works started mowing. Public Works employees attended a chainsaw safety class in Oley. The big pool is drained, cleaned and painted. The baby pool needs some work yet. The new

public works employee Aaron Derr is doing good. As soon as the pool is done, the pothole repairs will begin.

BOROUGH OFFICE REPORT

- **N Front St –** The street is in very bad shape. It was decided to fill in the potholes with millings and re-evaluate again at the end of the year.
- **Building expansion update** – The foundation is scheduled to be done this week; sidewalk is poured and next week the floor will be poured and the framing will start. There have been issues with the construction and SDE has not been keeping the Manager informed. Glenn Mutter stated that it is unacceptable that the Manager, Wendy Mutter is not updated or informed with the progress.
- **ADA Ramp Grant** – Tabled
- **Website must be fully ADA compliant by 04/2028** – Tammy Wood attended the Secretary Meeting at Albright College to learn about what is needed to be ADA compliant for municipal websites. Tammy did make contact with Joshua Sloan after the meeting to discuss the deadline. Joshua has already been able to get our website almost fully compliant by donating his services.

ENGINEER STATUS OF PROJECTS

Council read the report. Council agreed to have Tim Curley send a letter to SDE to require update meetings when necessary and all changes, updates, etc. needs to be relayed to the Manager, Wendy Mutter.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – None

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. All Ayes.

President

Secretary