

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 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, Matthew Gehman, Michael Bauman, Michael Moll and Joshua Sloan. Paul Gehringer arrived at 7:03pm. Joel Pilgert attended via Zoom.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter and Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood. Mayor, David C. Schott was absent. There was one speaker and one reporter in attendance.

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

Daryl Peck from Concord Public Finance presented Council with a refinance proposal for Notes 2011 and 2016. This is a 20-year term, with the best proposal offering the lowest rate from Peoples Security Bank & Trust Co. at 1.99% for the first 10 years, variable for the next 10 years, with a worst-case variable rate of 2.75%. averaging 2.147% over the life of the loan. The loan will have 3 notes one each for the General, Sewer and Municipal Authority (water) funds. Georgeadis Setley will be drafting the ordinance and will also provide a fee agreement, which will be included in the loan. Motion to approve Daryl Peck of Concord Public Financial Advisors, Inc to move forward in the re-financing of our loan with Peoples Security Bank & Trust Co.; Michael Moll made the motion to approve and Matthew Gehman seconded the motion. All Ayes. A motion was called to approve Georgeadis II Setley as bond counsel for the loan. Paul Gehringer made the motion, Joshua Sloan seconded that. All Ayes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS– None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of October 5, 2021 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Moll, to approve the minutes. All Ayes. Joshua Sloan abstained.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made Matthew Gehman, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare – Did not meet. EBFD calls for October-46; to date is 376. With an available grant, EBFD purchased a UTV, which is an off-road vehicle. EBFD is still training at the abandoned building at 1606 Rt 100.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority –Meeting November 16, 2021.

Zoning Hearing Board - Did not meet but application pending.

BARDS Committee –Saturday, November 27 is the Craft Show at Bally Mennonite Church. BARDS will be donating a pool robot (vacuum) from Fronheiser Pools, which are providing a significant discount. BARDS will be donating \$1,500.00 for any certifications that may be needed for the upcoming 2022 pool season. BARDS would like to paint the top of the pool house and top of pavilion and replace the lights that are not working. BARDS would like to start putting some funds away for the future for replacing the Bally Pool. There was a shed that was offered as a donation and BARDS would be willing to paint to match the color of the public works garage.

WWTP Report – The effluent flow meter broke this past month, which was a minor issue and it has been repaired. Sewer project #3 is slow moving. We are currently waiting for some paperwork in order to move forward. We will be flushing fire hydrants by end of November. The lateral camera has come in and we are working with it already. The pool is winterized. The backhoe purchase has been delayed until December. We will have 1 small salt shed at the new public works garage in the future and the larger salt shed will stay at the treatment plant. Well 5 meeting scheduled for November 19th, with DEP and Senator Mensch to help determine what we need to do to move forward, as we now know we are affecting the wetlands.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Payment Application #7 contract A to Rebcor Construction in the amount \$47,384.36. A motion was made by Michael Moll to approve payment. Matthew Gehman seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- Payment Application # 1 contract B to Leibold, Inc., in the amount of \$76,500.00. A motion to approve was made by Matthew Gehman and seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.
- Payment Application #4 contract C to RM Schaeffer, LLC., in the amount of \$48,457.26. Paul Gehringer made the motion to approve, Michael Bauman seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- Payment Application #3 contract D to A.N. Lynch Co., Inc. in the amount of \$69,535.65. Paul Gehringer made the motion to approve payment. Matthew Gehman seconded that. All Ayes.
- Quotes for additional electrical work at the garage. Sent out 3 requests for quotes and received only 1, which was A.N. Lynch. A.N. Lynch quoted \$4,995.00. Michael Bauman made the motion to approve AN Lynch for the additional electrical work at the new public works garage. Michael Moll seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- Quotes for additional carpentry work at the garage. Tabled; No votes, no decision.
- Quotes for additional paving at garage. We requested a quote from the current excavator to pave in front of the garage doors. Nyce Excavating quoted \$5,00.00 for an 8 ft strip from the gate to back doors of garage. We would like to do 16 ft strip at \$10,000.00. Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve Nyce Excavating to provide the paving, at under \$11,000.00. Joshua Sloan seconded that. All Ayes.
- 2022 budget review and approval to advertise for viewing. Michael Moll made the motion to approve advertising the 2022 budget. Matthew Gehman seconded that motion. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New public works employee-council is ok with personnel committee to approve new hire.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- There has been a class action law suit against Kimberly Clark for the flushable wipes; Tim will determine if we should accept. For the speeding complaints on N 4th St, speed humps are allowable by PennDOT and do not require a traffic study. PennDOT does have a layout suggested format to perform testing and evaluation for proper placements of the speed humps.

We do need to install signage. Still waiting on proposal from surveyors, regarding the deeds and resolutions concerning the property line at the new garage.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Per President Glenn Mutter: Police report: 2020 police vehicle has been detailed with ghost lettering. 2016 Explorer will be detailed as an unmarked car. Inspection and general maintenance for both vehicles coming due in November. Rifle and handgun still on backorder; expected delivery in December. AED batteries and pads have been received and installed in AED's. Police participated in the Halloween Parade giving out candy and patrolled on foot, as well as bike patrolling.

OFFICE REPORT- The change order for Rebcor needs to be audited to determine a fair amount to pay. 2022 budget highlights: The Fire Company and Ambulance funds have been increased from \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00, as this has been set at \$2,000.00 for at least 8 years. Our engineers determined that Pine Street has no base; we are hoping to get that paved next year. American Recovery Fund: We have received half of the funds at this time. Council has expressed that security cameras, or some sort of security, be purchased with the money for the borough buildings and grounds; we will be looking for quotes in the coming weeks. Reached out to Mike Mutter, President of EBFD to put together a committee of 2 or 3 each from our Borough and the Fire Dept., in the hopes of building better relations. Glenn Mutter, Michael Moll and Joshua Sloan volunteered to represent the Borough. We had 2 audits on Liquid Fuels – no problems. Current police cell phone will not work on the new network, so we will be looking into a replacement phone. DEP meeting with Senator Mensch is November 19th. The audit will be the 3rd week of January. We should be receiving an engagement letter and they require it to be signed by President of Council. Motion to approve Council President Mutter to sign engagement letter in the same terms as previous year; Paul Gehringer made the motion, Joshua Sloan seconded the motion. All Ayes. We are hoping on 3 weeks until completion on the garage.


QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No residents present.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS –Matthew Gehman inquired about the GBI Bally Brooke catch basin issue-GBI's engineers have submitted a new plan to the county and are waiting on approval from them at this time. Butter Valley Church inquired about the cost of repair for the permit. Escrow is still being held in the office for both Butter Valley Church and GBI.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm and move to an executive session for an employee issue. All Ayes.



President



Secretary