

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 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, Paul Gehringer, Michael Moll and Joel Pilgert. Joshua Sloan was absent.

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

President Mutter announced the meeting is not being broadcast via Zoom but recorded for minute taking purposes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS– Daryl Peck from Concord Public Finance was present with an Analysis of Savings and Reduced Interest Exposure for Note 2011 and Note 2016. Rates are at all-time lows and now would be the time to re-finance. Council made a motion for Daryl to move forward with presenting some proposals and return with some concrete rates for the next council meeting. Matthew Gehman made the motion, Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. All Ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of September 7, 2021 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Bauman, seconded by Michael Moll, to approve the minutes. All Ayes. Matthew Gehman abstained.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare – EBFD calls for September-49; to date is 340. The 2 fall fundraisers at Jake's Flea Market and Grandview Speedway went well. October is fire prevention month and EBFD will be visiting local schools and churches. EBFD will also be attending an early fire prevention show at Weis in Gilbertsville Thursday October 7th. 1606 Rt 100, which is an abandoned building, will be a location of training for fire fighters at an abandoned home on Monday evenings.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority –Met Tuesday, September 21, 2021. It appears to be operating within its' income and not exceeding expense. Rates appear to be adequate at this time. November 16th will be the next meeting.

Zoning Hearing Board - Did not meet

BARDS Committee –We are hoping to have an entry in the Halloween Parade and are currently promoting the craft show fundraiser at the Bally Mennonite Church.

WWTP Report – September has been the wettest month so far this year and highest flow for the year. We have not been able to clean the clarifiers as of yet, hoping to get to them in November. Sewer Project #3 is moving very slow right now; waiting for review of camera work at this time. We have changed 2 of the 3 meters in Victoria Village that were difficult to get to. One curb box replacement this past week, and one to do tomorrow. The berm at the pool is complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Payment Application #6 contract A to Rebcor Construction in the amount \$36,200.73. A motion was made by Michael Moll to approve payment. Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- Payment Application # 3 contract C to RM Schaeffer, LLC. in the amount of \$10,048.50. Motion to approve made by Matthew Gehman, Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- Payment Application #2 contract D to A.N. Lynch co., Inc. in the amount of \$61, 633.35. Michael Moll made the motion to approve, Michael Bauman seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- Resolution 2021-3 Employee Hourly Rates for 2022. Matthew Gehman called for the motion. Michael Bauman made the motion; Michael Moll seconded the motion. All Ayes. Noted: President Glenn Mutter was not in the executive session and abstained from voting.
- Approval for council president to sign municipal tax form for 2022 tax billing. Motion to approve by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.
- Preliminary 2022 Budget-Council will review and it will be tabled until next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2021-2 Contract for Dispatch Services with County of Berks. Motion to approve made by Michael Moll. Joel Pilgert seconded that. All Ayes.
- Authorization for council president to sign contract with County of Berks for dispatch services. Matthew Gehman made the motion, Michael Moll seconded. All Ayes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- Letter will be sent to resident on Wheeler Lane to express appreciation for moving the rocks, however, he needs to abide by the actual setbacks moving forward.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Chief Ellick and Corporal Patt will be attending a free 1-day medical marijuana workshop at the end of the month. Police cars are getting re-lettered. 3 arrests made in September, 26 citations, 1 non-traffic citation, 3 written warnings and 5 parking tickets. New batteries were ordered for the tasers and a new mobile printer for the second police car. As the complaints continue about the speed of people driving on 4th St, putting temporary speed bumps may be a solution.

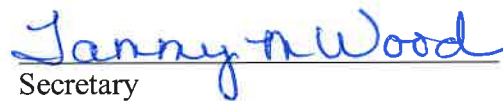
OFFICE REPORT- We are ready to receive information for the security gate at the garage. Public works have not been able to clean out storm drains as of yet, due to worker shortage. We would like to rent a vacuum for a day, costing \$2,800.00-approval granted. The new pickup truck is a 30-week lead time to order. We will be obtaining some quotes. We would like to purchase the push camera for public works, which will be necessary in order to do our own lateral work. There has been a price increase from \$7,000.00 to \$10,300.00-approval granted. We have come to a verbal agreement with the property owner behind the public works garage to split the difference of 7.5 feet. New deeds will be drawn up for each, and each will pay his own. Well 5—the second pump test showed a draw down in the wetland. DEP performed a test that showed very little chance of groundwater being drawn. The well is pumping good clear water. Wendy requested a meeting with Senator Mensch's office. We had 2 Liquid Fuels audits this month. We are not getting many applicants for the public works position.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – Tractor Drive October 16th, 12pm beginning at the Block Factory. Brett Beitler will come in to fill out a parade permit and we will try to have police available to monitor traffic.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS –Matthew Gehman inquired about the GBI Bally Brooke catch basin issue. It was found that the excavator did what was on the drawings, it just is not working properly. They will need to come back with revised engineered drawings and get them approved by Berks County. Butter Valley Church water line capping is causing issues again.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. All Ayes. An executive session was held for an employee issue following the meeting.



President

Secretary