

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025 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, Michael Moll, Paul Gehringer, Joshua Sloan and Matthew Gehman. Council member Joel Pilgert was absent.

Also present: Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. Mayor, David Schott and Solicitor, R. Tim Curley were absent. There were 5 residents and 1 reporter in attendance.

The agenda for this meeting had been posted on the door and the website, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

President Mutter announced the meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes.

Motion made by Joshua Sloan that is a quorum is present, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of September 2, 2025 Council Meeting - A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Joshua Sloan to approve the minutes. All Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of the bills presented. A motion was made by Matthew Gehman to approve the bills, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT - No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Health, Safety, & Welfare – Glenn Mutter

- **Police report** – There were 42 calls for the month of September, with a total of 374 for the year. 21 traffic citations and 1 parking ticket was issued. Total miles traveled was 923 with a total of 111.54 gallons of fuel used. The police will be purchasing a new police car as part of the vehicle replacement plan in the 2026 budget. Chief Ellick requested to keep the 2016 Explorer as a backup, until it is no longer viable to repair. Glenn Mutter stated that it was approved to keep it. Chief Ellick requested for the part-time police salary be increased from \$22.00 to \$23.00 per hour. The Chief is looking for a part-time police officer.
- **Fire report** - EBFD reported 20 calls in the month of September, 0 of which were in Bally, with a yearly total of 375. Matt Bakes introduced Bill Holley, Treasurer of EBFD. Bill provided council with 2023, 2024 & 2025 year-to-date P&L's.
- **Ambulance report** - EMS reported 111 calls in the month of September, 6 of which were in Bally, with a total of 1,079 calls year to date.

- b. **Planning Commission** – Did not meet
- c. **Municipal Authority** – Met September 16th. There were water service requests and a preliminary budget was presented.
- d. **Zoning Hearing Board** – Did not meet
- e. **BARDS – Joshua Sloan** – October 11th is Trunk-or-Treat in the pool parking lot. Craft and Bake Sale at Bally Mennonite Church on November 22nd from 9am-3pm. The first coating of the grip paint was applied to the walking bridge. Boy Scouts will be working on the rails. The arborist came out to look at the tree that split near the Lions garage. Joshua will send the report to Wendy for approval. The Lions Club will fund the work. Power washing of the pool deck to be done in October. Bally Parade is Monday, October 20th. Glenn Mutter asked if the cracks in the walking trail were looked at yet. Joshua stated he is waiting on a date from the contractor.

WWTP Report: All “time sensitive” jobs were completed in September. Blower project at the plant is complete. Manhole frames on N & S 7th Street were fixed before paving. On N 3rd St -1 out of 4 stormwater issues are complete. Some playground equipment will be installed in October. Nate asked Council if Public Works can participate in Trunk-or-Treat with the backhoe and cones. Council approved the request.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Approval to sign Police CBA 2026 through 2028** – Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve signing the Police CBA 2026-2028. Michael Moll seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Approval to sign 2025 Audit Engagement Letter** – Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve signing the 2025 Audit Engagement Letter. Michael Bauman seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Resolution 2025-2 Camino Farms Easement signatures** – The sewer line easement will cross Borough property to connect to the plant. Michael Moll approved signing Camp Camino Easement. Paul Gehringer seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Camino sewer connection plans for signature** – SDE approved the plans. Paul Gehringer made the motion to sign. Joshua Sloan seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Approve signature of Sewage Facilities Planning Module Application for 1606 Main St and Exemption Mailer from Borough Engineers** – SDE reviewed the plans with an exemption that the sewer line between the diner and N 9th St must be repaired before connecting the sewer line. There is capacity in our plant. Michael Moll made the motion to approve signature. Matthew Gehman seconded that. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Well 6 update** – The Borough received approval to drill a test well. This will be done once a budget passes in the state. Wendy will contact Negley’s to set up a meeting with Nate to access the property.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Glenn Mutter read report.

ENGINEER'S STATUS OF PROJECTS:

- Paving costs may come in less than initially approved, as some work was not necessary.
- Wendy is in contact with the owners of the industrial building at N. Front St. concerning the sub-division of the building and water/sewer service to the individual units, but nothing is moving forward at this time.

OFFICE REPORT

- **2026 Draft Budget** – Council decided to hold a special meeting for the budget. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd 2025 at 7:00pm.
- **P&L and Fund Balances for last 8 years** – A spreadsheet was supplied to council for general knowledge.
- **Approval to sign Safety Net Sanctuary Contract for 2026** – Fee to be \$1842.00. Michael Moll made the motion to sign and pay. Matthew Gehman seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Update on office expansion** – There will be a meeting with SDE to review the plans.
- **Letter from Resident concerning S 7th St** – Letter was asking for S 7th Street to be paved, signed by “S 7th St residents”. S 7th St. was in the middle of the paving project when received at the office.
- **Letter from Bechtelsville concerning Joint Zoning Ordinance** – The solicitor will address a letter concerning Bechtelsville Borough withdrawing from the Joint Zoning Ordinance with Bally Borough.

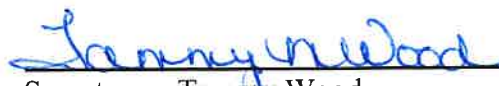
QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – No questions

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ADJOURNMENT –A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Paul Gehringer at 8:09 pm. All Ayes.



President - Glenn Mutter



Secretary – Tammy Wood