BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 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 7:02 pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members present: Glenn Mutter, Paul Gehringer, Michael Bauman, Joshua Sloan, Joel Pilgert, Michael Moll and Matthew Gehman.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Interim Manager/Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There were 2 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.

An executive session regarding an employment matter was held before the normal Borough Council meeting. No votes, no decisions and no action was taken during the executive session. There will be an executive session at the end of the council meeting for another personnel matter.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

- Ambler Bank called the office to request forgiveness on the late fee for their water/sewer account. Tammy Wood stated that they have always paid on time and suggests giving them credit in the amount of $40.10 for the late fee. Matthew Gehman made the motion to give credit to Ambler Bank in the amount of $40.10, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of August 4, 2026 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Paul Gehringer to approve the minutes, seconded by Joel Pilgert. Matthew Gehman abstained. All others, Ayes.
b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented – Glenn Mutter asked Nate how many miles are on the 2022 pickup, that got tires and alignment. Nate stated there was about 18,000 miles. The new tires should last a lot longer this time. What was on the truck were factory tires. Michael Moll made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Joshua Sloan. All Ayes.

PRESIDING OFFICER'S REPORT

- Part-time help – A public works employee is out on disability due to an injury. Nate asked if we could raise the hourly rate from $15.00 to $20.00 for part-time work and have the ability to hire someone if he feels the need. Michael Moll made the motion to approve the $20.00 per hour, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes. Kristy Wood has been helping Public Works when needed since the office is slowing down and Public Works is needing help. A second motion to ratify

Kristy Wood as a helper with public works, on an as needed basis was made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Joshua Sloan. All Ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare Committee

Police – No report

EBFD Fire – EBFD reported 33 calls in the month of August; 2 of which were in Bally. Year to date is 296.

Bally Ambulance – EMS reported 148 calls in the month of August, with 12 of those calls in Bally. Year to date is 1,156. Mike Groff stated that there is an EMS Squad equipped with a full complement of BLS and ALS gear and is capable of responding to EMS incidents as a basic life support, intermediate, or advanced life support response vehicle.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority –Did not meet. Will meet October 20th.

Zoning Hearing Board – There were 2 zoning hearings held on August 26th, Bally Block and Fronheiser. Both zoning applications have been approved to move forward.

BARDS Committee – BARDS would like to invite everyone out for the dog swim on Saturday, September 12. Bake sale starts at 8am, until 12pm. Dog swim is from 12pm-4pm. Entry is free, but there will be a donation bucket.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Payment application #3 to KC Mechanical in the amount of $3,302.50 –** Michael Moll made the motion to approve the payment, seconded by Joshua Sloan. All Ayes.
- **Bally Borough Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Resolution to apply for LSA Grant** – Nate Heffner would like to apply for a grant for the upcoming sewer project. The sewer project has been done before road paving, as to not have to dig up a freshly paved road. We will budget for the work, but would like to apply for the grant through SDE. This grant would be applied for in the amount of approximately $300,000.00. Joshua Sloan made the motion to have Systems Design proceed with a resolution to apply for the LSA grant for the sewer project. Paul Gehringer seconded the motion. All Ayes.
- **Bally Borough Well 6 Project – SDE Survey Proposal, Geologist Proposal** – Motion to approve the site survey proposal made by Michael Moll, seconded by Matthew Gehman. All Ayes. Motion to approve the geologist proposal made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Joshua Sloan. All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Building expansion update** – The expansion project has not been going according to schedule. Glenn Mutter met with the contractor, engineers, and Nate Heffner. The reasoning from the contractor was that they had school contracts and had to get that done before school started. The contractor does agree that things could have been done better. The police have moved in, but the

extension is not fully complete. The office will move into the Council Room for the month of September, in order to have flooring, lights, doors and ceilings replaced. Glenn Mutter made clear to the contractor that the office needs to be back down and running by the October council meeting. Tim Curley stated that he will be reading the contract to see what steps he would recommend from a legal standpoint.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **Employment status – Matt Hoffman –** It has been determined that Matt Hoffman still has his workers compensation claim active and there is no litigation against the Borough. Tim Curley stated that there was an executive session before this meeting regarding this employee and is asking for a motion to terminate the employee. Joshua Sloan made the motion to terminate Matthew Hoffman, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes. Tim Curley will be drafting a letter for his termination.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Bally Borough police received 30 calls for the month of August, bringing the yearly total to date at 243. There were 7 traffic citations, 1 misdemeanor arrest, and 1 felony arrest. The police traveled a total of 815 miles, using 95.44 gallons of fuel. The Mayor has quite a few weddings coming up and is about fully booked for the rest of the year.

ENGINEER STATUS OF PROJECTS – Council read over the Engineer's report. S. 7th St paving warranty check will be performed by SDE, Nate Heffner and the paving company before the November 5th deadline. Glenn Mutter asked if the cracking is normal on newly paved roads. Nate stated yes, it is normal and paving these days lasts only about 10 years.

WWTP Report –The pool has not had many issues this past month. Loss of an employee has been an obstacle in getting any bigger projects done. Essential projects and emergencies are the main priority at this time. The sewer plant has done field trips for high school kids for many years. Nate asked if council is ok with this to continue, as a teacher has recently reached out to him for a tour. Council is ok with this. Tim Curley asked if waivers are signed. Nate replied that there is something set up through the school for this. Joshua Sloan asked about the salt season coming up. Nate stated that we are fully stocked with salt and have no room for more at this time.

BOROUGH OFFICE REPORT –

- Water/sewer bills have been sent out and pool fill credits have been applied.
- 2027 budget is in the works and there has been a few rounds with each department head. Wendy Drabick would like to meet with the finance committee on September 30th to go over the pre-budget before presentation to council.
- WC reporting for 2027 has been submitted.

QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS – None

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS – Joshua Sloan asked the Mayor if anyone inquired about increased coverage at Butter Valley. The Mayor stated that there was an inquiry and he has not been able to meet with the police yet. The Mayor stated he will be discussing it with the Chief at their next meeting.

Break for executive session regarding a personnel matter at 9:08pm.

Back from executive session at 9:12pm, with no votes, no decisions and no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Paul Gehringer to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm. All Ayes.

President

Secretary