

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 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: Mayor, David Schott; Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter; Secretary, Tammy Wood and Superintendent, Nathan Heffner. There were 2 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.

**There was an executive session prior to the Council Meeting. There was a quorum, no votes and no action taken.**

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS:** A letter was sent via E-mail to Bally Borough concerning “road safety on N Church St.,” due to the parking on both sides of the street. No action was taken. Borough resident, James Tankred spoke concerning the “no cash policy” being instituted at the Bally Borough Hall Office, stating that he felt as a government body, we should accept cash to honor the United States currency. Solicitor, Tim Curley, stated that this is mainly a security and controls risk, with liability issues to have cash in the office or carried to the bank. James stated he could respect that, and said he can submit checks.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of August 5, 2025 Council Meeting - A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Joshua Sloan to approve the minutes. Matthew Gehman abstained from the vote. All others, Ayes.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of the bills presented. Glenn Mutter inquired if the Gift Oil (fuel account for Borough vehicles) invoices were sent twice monthly. Secretary, Tammy Wood stated that they were sent twice monthly. A motion was made by Michael Moll to approve the bills, seconded by Joshua Sloan. All Ayes.

**PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT** - No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Health, Safety, & Welfare**

- **Matt Bakes EBFD Funds Withdraw Request** – Matt Bakes requested \$23,500.00 from the tax account held by Bally Borough, to be released to Eastern Berks Fire Department. Paul Gehringer approved the transaction, Michael Bauman seconded that. All Ayes.
- **Matt Bakes Ambulance Funds Withdraw Request** – Matt Bakes requested \$23,500.00 from the tax account held by Bally Borough, to be released to Bally

Ambulance. Joshua Sloan approved the transaction, Matthew Gehman seconded that. All Ayes.

- **Police report** –No report
- **Fire report** – EBFD reported 26 calls in the month of August, 4 of which were in Bally. The new attack truck will be on display at the Wildwood Fire Expo on Sept. 12 & 13. It will then go out to be lettered and EBFD will then take ownership.
- **Bally Ambulance** – EMS reported 125 calls in the month of August, 4 of which were in Bally, with a total of 968 calls year to date.
- **Planning Commission** – Did not meet
- **Municipal Authority** – Did not meet, next meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Zoning Hearing Board** –Did not meet

**BARDS Committee:** Joshua Sloan updated Council on BARDS activities, including the Annual Bake Sale and Dog Swim on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the pool parking lot. There will be no movie this year. Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm will be the Craft Show at Bally Mennonite Church. BARDS will coordinate with Nathan Heffner about when to power wash the pool decking, along with coordinating the new watering fountain to be installed in the park.

**WWTP Report:** September will be a busy month. The blower relocation is going well and almost complete. Preparing to get N and S 7<sup>th</sup> Street ready to be paved, with raising of manholes, patching and various other things. Lead and copper samplings of about 10 households are due by end of September. The pool will need to be winterized.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Remove Matthew Hoffman from probation as of September 14** - This is his 90-day probationary period which will end. Matthew Gehman made the motion to approve his release from probation, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.
- **Police CBA 2026 through 2028** – Tabled
- **Pension MMO's for 2026** – These were presented by Manager, Wendy Mutter as required.
- **Discussion on Ordinance for commercial/industrial tenant registration** – Manager, Wendy Mutter would like to update the current Ordinance to include all commercial/industrial businesses must register all tenants with the Borough Office. Also to have inspections for water, electric, etc. to be up to code and annual reporting and transfer inspections. Council suggested the Ordinance in place be updated. Matthew Gehman made the motion to continue with the draft, Michael Moll seconded that. All Ayes. New Ordinance to include Use and Occupancy for new businesses, motion made by Matthew Gehman, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Well 6 update** – Manager, Wendy Mutter stated she has not yet heard from the PES Engineers on whether funding will be available at this time.
- **Purchase used roller \$14,000.00** – Nathan Heffner brought some quotes to the table. Matthew Gehman made the motion to purchase from Stoney Creek Rentals a 2021 roller for \$14,000.00. Michael Bauman seconded that. All Ayes.

- **Updated Pavilion Rental Agreement** – The rental agreement was updated to reflect \$50.00 rental for residents and \$150.00 rental for non-residents. Also, a deposit of the same to be held by the Borough Office until it has been proven that the bathrooms, pavilion and park are in the same condition as before the rental. The matching deposit will be returned to the renter once approved. Michael Moll made the motion to approve the updated form, seconded by Paul Gehringer. All Ayes.

#### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

- **Camino Farms Easement signatures** – Per R. Tim Curly, suggested that Camp Camino, Washington Township and Bally Borough are likely all in agreement and the easement will be signed.
- **MAYOR’S REPORT:** There were 42 calls for the month of August; yearly total is 332. There were 23 traffic citations issued and 1 arrest. Both police cars traveled a total of 714 miles, using 99.66 gallons of fuel. The Mayor has 4 weddings in the next 2 months and will “lead the cow” for Cow Chip Bingo at Jakes Flea Market.

**ENGINEER’S STATUS OF PROJECTS:** Report not provided.

#### **OFFICE REPORT**

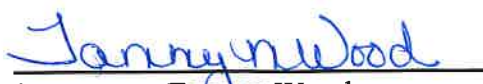
- **Credit Card system has been installed** – The credit card machine in the office will be used for permits, parking tickets, rentals, etc. It will not be available for water/sewer payments.
- **Fall Community Yard Sale** will be held on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. No permit is needed.
- **Schedule Finance Committee meeting** – This meeting has been decided to take place on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, with Michael Bauman, Josh Pilgert and Glenn Mutter.

**QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS** – Is there an update on the police extension? There is no update from the engineers for the extension.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS** – Joshua Sloan asked if the Lions Club could have an arborist come in to look at the tree in the parking lot that is split. They would evaluate, trim and/or remove the tree. Council agreed to this.

**ADJOURNMENT** –A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Matthew Gehman at 8:21 pm. All Ayes.

  
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 President - Glenn Mutter

  
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 Secretary – Tammy Wood