

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 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, Paul Gehringer, and Joshua Sloan. The following council members were absent Michael Bauman, Joel Pilgert, Michael Moll and Matthew Gehman. Due to the number of council members absent, there was no quorum and no action could be taken on Borough business. Discussions did occur and residents did address council.

Also present: Solicitor, R. Tim Curley and Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter. Mayor David Schott was absent. There were 7 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.

**COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS:**

Karen Bauer addressed the council about a toilet leak at 413 Main Street. The Borough had contacted Mr. Bauer after a meter read showed a leak alarm. Mr. Bauer had the leak fixed as soon as possible. His normal usage is 5000 gallons, but this bill showed usage of 17,000 gallons. The Bauers are asking for some relief for the sewer usage. The council president stated they would not need to come back to the next meeting, the council should be able to make a decision based on the information provided.

Jon Haggert addressed council concerning a toilet running at his property located at 536 Main Street. Mr. Haggert is hard of hearing and did not know about the leak until his bill was received. His normal usage is 5000 gallons, but the current bill showed a usage of 59,000 gallons. Mr. Haggert is looking for some relief for the sewer charges. The council president stated he would not need to come back to the next meeting, the council should be able to make a decision based on the information provided.

Brenda Rohrbach of 132 N Church Street, addressed council concerning the heavy traffic, parking and lack of sight on the 100 block of North Church Street due to commercial vehicles parked on the block. She stated it is creating a dangerous situation for anyone walking in the area and for residents trying to pull out of their driveway. She would like council to do something to make it less dangerous and feels there should be parking on only one side.

Marilyn Seemann of 131 N Church Street, addressed council concerning the commercial vehicle parking on the 100 block of N Church Street. She stated she was nearly hit 3 times because of oncoming traffic. There is one mail box on the odd side of the street and about 6 on the even side of the street. She feels parking on the block should be limited to the odd side of the street. She also asked if there was a noise ordinance for animals and loud cars. There is a vehicle on Cherry Street that likes to rev their car engine late at night and very early in the morning. She also complained about White Tail Disposal leaving empty trash cans in the street, which adds to the traffic situation. Their usual pick up day is Monday morning.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Minutes of August 6, 2024 Council Meeting- Tabled
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- Tabled.

**PRESIDING OFFICER REPORT** - No report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Health, Safety, & Welfare:**

**Police report-** The police reported 37 calls in August with a year to date of 352. There were 20 citations issued. They drove 863 miles and used 68.52 gallons of fuel. Chief Ellick completed his fire arms instructor course.

**Fire report-** EBFD reported there were a total of 41 calls for the month of August with a total of 298 year to date for all municipalities. The chicken BBQ was held at the Bally station on August 24<sup>th</sup> and they struggled to sell out 800 meals. The Fire Company will need to continue to assess the feasibility of continuing to hold the annual Chicken BBQ.

**Bally Ambulance** – Bally had 7 calls with a total of 108 calls for the month. Bally had 79 calls YTD and the company had 843 total calls YTD.

**Planning Commission** – Did not meet.

**Municipal Authority-** Did not meet. Next meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Zoning Hearing Board** –Did not meet.

**BARDS Committee** – The Community Yard Sale will be held September 6, 7 and 8 with the annual bake sale and dog swim scheduled for Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Lions Club will be holding the Cow Chip Bingo on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Jakes. The Halloween parade is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> with a movie in the park following at 7:00 pm.

**WWTP Report-** Nate Heffner provided his report to council. The lining/root cutting project went very well.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Ordinance 310 Imposing a FIRE Tax** – Item was tabled.
- **Ordinance 311 Imposing an EMS Tax** – Item was tabled.
- **Ordinance 312 Amending Water/Sewer Regulations Ordinance #256** – Item was tabled.
- **Approve payment #1 to Performance Pipeline for root cutting/lining of Outfall 1 in the amount of \$156,855.91** – Item was tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Bally Ribbon Mills Discharge Permit Renewal** – Item tabled
- **Surveying for section of N 4<sup>th</sup> St & Dogwood Street** – Item tabled
- **War Memorial brick setting cost \$2915 (Council agreed to pay half \$1457.50)** – Item tabled

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** No Report

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** No Report

### **ENGINEER'S STATUS OF PROJECTS:**

The updated report was provided to council.

## **OFFICE REPORT**

- a. Pension MMO's. The Borough Manager presented the pension cost for the 2025 year. The MMO is based on the covered employees estimated 2024 W2s.
- b. A finance committee meeting will need to be held the end of the month of September to discuss 2025 budget items.
- c. The Manager and PW Supervisor met with DEP engineer and Borough engineer to walk the property of proposed well 6 to determine locations for the test well drilling.
- d. St. Francis has requested the Borough restore a "School Zone" on S 7<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the school. The cost is limited to "School Zone" and "25 MPH" signs.
- e. The permit has been submitted to the State for the annual Halloween parade.
- f. Trick or Treat nights have been set for October 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>
- g. Permission for Borough employees to participate in the Trunk or Treat event to hand out candy if any volunteer.
- h. Camino Farms sent an invitation to council, the Mayor, Fire Company and EMS for an introduction to the site.

**QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS** – No questions or comments

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Paul Gehringer at 8:16 pm. All Ayes.

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President - Glenn Mutter

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Asst. Secretary – Wendy Mutter