

**BALLY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Michael Bauman, Paul Gehringer, Michael Moll, Joshua Sloan and Joel Pilgert. Matthew Gehman was absent.

Also present: Mayor, David C. Schott; Solicitor, R. Tim Curley; Borough Manager, Wendy Mutter and Borough Secretary, Tammy Wood. There were 2 residents and one reporter in attendance.

President Mutter announced the meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and recorded for minute taking purposes.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS—Resident Amy Xibos is looking to work together for a long-term solution for her property flooding. We are looking for the storm drain be a part of an easement. Motion was made for Borough Manager and Engineer to come up with an estimated cost for this improvement. Joshua Sloan made the motion to approve; seconded by Joel Pilgert. Michael Moll abstained from vote.

Roger Larr spoke about the water issues on the south side of Front St. catch basin. The Borough engineer is working on a solution. This area needs to be re-engineered and approved by the County before anything can be done. GBI Bally Brooke has their engineers working on this.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of August 3, 2021 Council Meeting- A motion was made by Michael Moll seconded by Joshua Sloan, to approve the minutes. All Ayes. Joel Pilgert abstained.
- b. Approval & Affirmation of Bills Presented- A motion was made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Bauman. All Ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health, Safety, & Welfare – EBFD calls for August-43; to date is 284. Bally fire station sold 900 chicken dinners in 2 hours, it was a sell-out. EBFD received approval for 2 AFG grants. One grant will upgrade our aging thermal imaging cameras to meet the latest advancements and replace 4 gas detection monitors. The other grant is a joint effort with Boyertown and Gilbertsville mutual aid to replace aging fire hoses and upgrade adapters and nozzles. Police are waiting for a rifle that is on backorder, along with a glock handgun, which is also on back order. President Mutter thanks public works for all their work during the rain storm.

Planning Commission – Did not meet

Municipal Authority –Did not meet; next meeting is Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Zoning Hearing Board - Did not meet

BARDS Committee –Joshua Sloan would like to commit for the year 2022-\$1,500.00 to help with the cost of certifying lifeguards/trainers and \$2,500.00 for an automated pool vacuum robot. Fronheiser Pool has extended a generous \$1,000.00 discount for this robot. The thank you party for BARDS volunteers at the pool was successful. Thanks to the public works for proper and successful placement of the flood tubes at the pool during the rain storm. This Saturday, September 4th is the dog swim, yard/bake sale. BARDS will be participating on Sept 25th at the Musik in the Park with a basket raffle. BARDS will commit to promoting and helping out with Heroes in the Park, if this is something the Mayor is still wanting to do.

WWTP Report – Well 5 24-hour pump test started on August 24th and is completed. We have no data on this as of yet. Public works installed the new parking signs and striped the parking spots. During the rain storm, public works removed 2 ½ truck-loads of debris from the streets. In the Chestnut St. area of severe flooding, they removed 1 whole truck load including cement blocks. Public works mapped 97 street lights, 46 stop signs and 81 curb stops last month. The waste water pump was fixed that was damaged from rags. Sewer project #3 started today-televising and cleaning lines on Old Rt 100, Front St and behind the Mennonite Church, over to Main and down to 3rd. This project is 2 sewer lateral replacements, 1 spot repair on S 7th St., 1 major spot repair on S Church St, 2526 ft. of lining, 44 manhole linings, 15 frame replacements, 2 chimney seals and 8 channel repairs. Mid-November is when the back-hoe will be available for purchase as of now. President Mutter requested that the snow emergency signs be made a bit bigger or different color, when they are ordered next time. Storms seem to be affecting the borough differently, flooding in different areas. Storm drains were getting clogged faster that we could keep them cleared. Life vests, throw bags, etc, should be looked into, as far as safety is concerned, along with chains and clips.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Notice to proceed with Sewer Project #3 to Mobile Dredging and Video Pipe Inc. Michael Moll made a motion to proceed. Joel Pilgert seconded that. All Ayes.
- Payment Application #5 contract A to Rebcor Construction in the amount of \$94,485.05. A motion was made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.
- Payment Application #2 contract C to RM Schaeffer, LLC. In the amount of \$9275.40. Motion to approve made by Paul Gehringer, seconded by Michael Bauman. All Ayes.
- Resolution 2021-2 Contract for Dispatch Services with County of Berks. Approval to sign the approved version from the Solicitor-Tabled.
- Authorization for Council President to sign contract with County of Berks for dispatch services-Tabled.
- Addendum to Bally Police Collective Bargaining Agreement 2020-2022. Marked up version reflecting the Chief's completion of probation and promotion of Corporal Patt. Both officers have reviewed and are ready to sign. Motion to approve made by Joshua Sloan, seconded by Michael Moll. All Ayes.
- Approval to sign PennPRIME Worker's Compensation Renewal Application. Michael Moll made a motion to approve, Paul Gehringer seconded. All Ayes.
- 2022 MMO for Police and Non-Uniform Employees pension plan presented to Council. \$0 will be due for Non-Uniform and \$0 as well for Police.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bally Borough State of Emergency-Borough Solicitor advised the council that the Borough should continue to suspend the State of Emergency.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- There is still an Easement issue with the property at Well #4 located on Wheeler Lane. Propose to acquire new deeds for each, in order to not violate right of way.

MAYOR'S REPORT – 2 arrests made in August, 27 citations, 2 non-traffic citations, 2 written warnings and 5 parking tickets. Officers Mains and Yeager have completed their training period and are working out in the field. Corporal Patt is in the process of signing up to the annual taser instruction program. This will be a local class that will certify our officers for the next 2 years. Lion's Club dedication went very well. Mayor thanks public works for helping in setting up parking and barricades. Mayor Schott performed 2 weddings last month, with more next month.

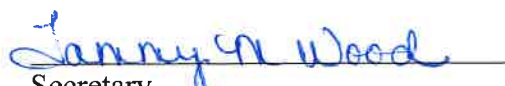
OFFICE REPORT- We did receive our half of the American Rescue funds- \$65,156.58. We still need to form a committee or have finance determine how to use that money. House Bill 1069 requires us to post our council meeting agenda 24 hours prior to meeting on the office door, meeting door and on website. Anything that needs action taken, needs to be in the office the Friday before the meeting. If it is not on the agenda and action needs to be taken, a discussion can be had, but no action can be taken until it is included on the agenda for the meeting. Looking into the budget for the backhoe, we have the funds to cover the cost. Gas contract expired and we are now with Gift Oil. The stormwater issue at GBI catch-basin is being looked into. The new garage is moving along. Rebcor and the plumber have some delays with some items on order. We do have to cover the insulation once the beams and lights are installed for the future mezzanine area. We will get some quotes outside of the bidded work already in process. We will look for 3 quotes in order to apply for the final approved U&O. The accounting system needs to be upgraded to the next level, in order to process W4's at the end of the year. The copier needed to be replaced in July. We renewed our copier lease with an upgraded version of the old style, with the same maintenance rate and \$10.00 increase per month for the lease. Musik in the Park is happening on Saturday, Sept 25th. The public works garage boundary dispute-we have gone back as far as the deeds has started to be recorded and there seems to be about a 7ft overlay as far as both surveyors are concerned. The solution could be to have the surveyors get together and come up with a starting point. We would like to see if the homeowners are willing to split the difference and draw up new deeds, showing new boundaries. If this is not an option, we will have to continue to look for unrecorded deeds. Council is in favor of moving forward with this. Wendy requests an executive meeting after council for employee issue.

Questions from Residents - None

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS –Joshua Sloan stated that the Lion's Club is waiting for a request to provide hotdogs and hot chocolate for the Santa parade. Mayor Schott will ask them.

ADJOURNMENT- A motion was made by Michael Moll, seconded by Joshua Sloan to adjourn the meeting at 8:23PM. All Ayes. An executive session was held for an employee issue following the meeting.


President


Secretary