

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 30, 2024

CALL TO ORDER and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag by President Jim Bergolios

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice-President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Chelsea Moore, Scott Howell, Micaiah Van Evera, Eric Pelc; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Mayor Owen McKinney; Chief Dennis Pennese; Solicitor: Justin George

Minutes: Motion by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the December 12, 2023 and Organization Meeting on January 2, 2024.

Handicap Parking at Elkhorn: Another sign will be added for the Handicap parking and lines painted for the two parking spots.

Fire Co Complaints: A complaint was received regarding the fire department speeding back to the station. Council agreed complaints should be made to the fire department.

Main St Invoice from PennDOT: Justin feels the Borough is responsible for paying the balance of the invoice from PennDOT based on the contract that was signed.

Approval of 2024 Tax Collection Resolution & Agreement: This agreement needs to be signed approving the Adams Co Tax Services Office to collect the 2024 taxes for the Borough. A motion to approve was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

PSAB Training: Joe, Chelsea, Micaiah, Owen and Andrea will be attending.

Approval of PSI 2024 Agreement: A motion to approve the agreement was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Hunting at Reservoir Property: Andrea will respond to the person again and tell him no.

Water Meter Reading Equipment Purchase: Jim found that the Autogun was not working during the water reading in December and we had to borrow one from L/B water. Our other equipment is not supported any longer and we could update to a tablet software system. We will not need the Autogun if all homes were updated with radio reads. After much discussion, we will continue to work towards getting all homes updated with radio reads and purchase the Autogun at this time for approximately \$1700. A motion was made to replace the Autogun was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Backup Mixer Motor for Chemicals Purchase: This request is to have a backup motor for mixing chemicals at the reservoir in the amount of \$399. A motion was made to purchase the motor by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Reflective Clothing Purchase: Reflective vests are needed for Aaron when doing Borough work. Jim would also like Aaron to have a badge with his picture on it and we will purchase shirts for the Borough. A motion to purchase these items was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Adams Apple Bike Ride Approval: The approval letter needs to be signed for May 11, 2024.

Borough Contact Lists: Updated contact lists were given to all Council Members.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms: Forms are due 5/1/2024.

Tax Collection Report: Council was given the updated report. Adams Co Tax Services was paid for collecting tax money during 2023.

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Police Report: Council was given a copy of the report. Chief would also like to hire a new officer who will replace an officer who no longer working. Council would like to meet him at the February meeting.

Code Enforcement Report: Council was given a copy of the report. Keith discussed some of the ordinances that need to be revised to be able to enforce more strict codes within the Borough.

PMCA UCC Report: There was no report.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were given to Council to review.

Ebenezer School EDUs: We had been billing them for 4 EDUs. Based on the usage from the past year, it seems like billing them for 8 EDUs will be more acceptable and Jim Stoltzfus agrees as well. A motion was made to change it by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Grant Workshop 2/13/24: Doug Mastriano's office is putting together a grant writing workshop. Andrea is planning to attend and anyone else is welcome to attend. Chief Pennese plans to attend.

SEK Audit 3/4-5/24: Informed Council of the dates and working to get items ready for audit review.

Sign/Decorations: Chelsea said sign is being built and nothing additional on decorations.

Sidewalks with Ryan at KPI: Scott is planning to contact Ryan.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated January 30, 2024, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2024, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary