

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2024

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

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice-President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Eric Pelc, Chelsea Moore, Micaiah Van Evera, Scott Howell; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Solicitor: Justin George; Chief Dennis Pennese, Keith Culbertson; Steve Russell-PVMA; Gary Bretzman, John Cafarchio, Will Angell, Steven Wolfe

Minutes: Motion by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on July 30, 2024.

Noise Complaint: Several neighbors attended the meeting and are upset about the loud music coming from the house at 271 S Main St. They would like to have an ordinance adopted to allow the police to enforce the rules about the noise.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority-Steve Russell: Attended the meeting to discuss how to possibly provide water to MOTTS and what the process will be to get this started. Steve is attending a PA Municipal Authority Association (PMAA) conference September 15-17 and plans to ask some questions at that time. He has a few questions that need to be answered for DEP before we would get started and will have Chad email them to Andrea.

Communication with Council Members: It was decided that communication will be done via text.

Sidewalk Updates: Jim has a few questions for Ryan and we have not heard back from Deana Duvall.

Ordinance Changes: There were no changes to discuss.

SonicWall Firewall Annual Renewal: Cost for the maintenance and support of the Firewall for the computers is \$589 for 1 year and an optional 2 additional years at a discounted rate of \$819. A motion to pay \$1408 for 3 years was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Water Tank Alarm: Control Systems 21 estimated ½ day installation and \$200-300 for other items needed for the install. After much discussion, a motion to purchase the alarm system was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Vacant Positions: Since Pete Stoner has taken the Mayor's position, there is a vacancy for Council. Gary Bretzman agreed to fill the vacant seat on Borough Council. A motion to appoint Gary Bretzman was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

Items for Sale on Muncibid: Biglerville Borough won the bid for the salt spreader and the winning bid amount was \$3754. A motion to accept the bid for \$3754 was made by Micaiah VanEvera, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried. After much discussion, Council agreed to keep the truck, plow and continue renting the storage bay from Mike Showers.

2025 Tax Increase Discussion: Council will discuss the budget/tax increase at the October meeting.

America250PA Resolution: This sample resolution was discussed at the COG meeting for the 250th Anniversary of the US in FY2026 and any events that the Borough would like to plan for the celebration. A copy of the survey was also given to each Council Member to return.

Tax Collection Report: Council was given a copy of the report.

Police Report: Chief Pennese reviewed the report with Council.

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Code Enforcement Report: Keith reviewed the report with Council.

PMCA UCC Report: The report was available for review. A permit was issued for 101 N Main St and is proposed to be a coffee shop with gaming machines. Council questioned how many machines they can have and how they are regulated.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for review. Micaiah reported that KPI was doing work and surveys were being done. Additional land did not have to be purchased to get the new sewer plant put in.

Adams Co Council of Government Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review. Representative Torren Ecker is helping to provide funds if Council decides to do any events for the America250PA event. No new Fire Study will be done. Child safety seat check September 21st.

Solicitor George: Drafted letters for the two property owners on Liberty Lane regarding water connections.

Chelsea Moore: Would like to have Rob fill the potholes with cold patch. She is concerned about someone falling in the holes.

Adams County Library: A letter requesting funds. Council does not want to donate at this time.

Water Billing Adjustments: July & August adjustments were given to Council to review. The adjustments are much less since meters and readers have been fixed or replaced. We still have about 35 readers that still need to be installed in town.

Upset Tax Sale: 3 properties in the Borough are on the list and sale is September 27, 2024.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated August 27, 2024, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 24, 2024, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary