

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **AUGUST 29, 2023**

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

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

**Minutes:** Motion by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the July 25, 2023.

**114 Rampike Hill Rd:** Neighbor was considering buying this property and asked to be added to the agenda to discuss. Did not attend.

**62 Routsong Ln Taxes:** Resident who moved in 2019 wanted to have fees waived on per capita taxes they say they never received from 2022. Andrea made many phone calls to the Tax Collection office, YATB, UASD and Tax Services and found that taxes were paid before and after 2022. After some discussion, Council decided not to waive the fees and they should be paid.

**Martha Schriver Resignation:** A motion to accept the resignation was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

**New Council Member Appointment:** A motion nominating Micaiah Van Evera for the vacant Council position with term ending 2023 was made by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, vote 4-1, motion carried. Mayor McKinney swore in Micaiah and he took a seat at the table.

**Highway CD Transfer:** The Highway CD (\$5029.26) was transferred to the Highway Account. A motion to accept the transfer was made by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

**Municipal Advertisement for F550 Truck:** There is a buyer's fee and several pieces of information are needed before the ad can be finished. It was recommended to sell for \$36000 and will include the tailgate, spreader and plow. Harry will get the plow and spreader on, load the tailgate and get it cleaned up.

**Water Diffuser for Hydrants:** Used to test water pressure and how much water flows thru the hydrant. 10 hydrants in Applewood and 26 in the Borough which need to be done every 5 years. Council would like to know more about the agency and how often it is to be done. Tabled the discussion on diffuser.

**Borough Sign:** Chelsea will work on getting quotes to have the sign turned so it can be seen from both directions of the street.

**Borough Sidewalks:** Scott made a chart comparing major items listed in our ordinance and the sample. He would like the committee to meet and decide what to add/remove in the ordinance and allow for variances where needed. Jim suggested the committee (Scott, Dan and Chelsea) meet and discuss.

**York Springs Police Assistance Update:** A letter was received in response to the letter Chief Pennese dropped off earlier in August, however they still did not approve the police assistance at this time.

**Possum Valley MA Water Discussion:** Jim, Joe & Pete suggested taking over their water system and they did not seem interested. Jim also spoke to someone in Texas that said the

**Tax Collection Report:** Council was given a copy of the updated report and had no questions.

**Police Report:** Chief Pennese attended the meeting and gave the report.

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**Code Enforcement Report:** Chief Pennese gave several grass/weed notices with 10 days to comply. A notice was given to someone on Routsong Ln whose trees hang over the fence to Laurel Ln and need to be trimmed. Council as well as Solicitor George agreed that the trees are the responsibility of the homeowner.

**PMCA UCC Report:** The report was available for Council to review. Zoning hearing for the fence at 136 N Main St will be Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 PM.

**Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes:** The minutes were available for Council to review. Pete asked Harry about the cost of \$8 million to replace the sewer tanks yet they are giving raises/bonuses to employees. One employee is currently certified and the other two employees need to work onsite for about 3 years to get their license. Council is concerned because there isn't enough information being provided by the Borough representatives. They asked that Harry provide more about what is discussed so they are aware. Harry decided to resign from the Board at PVMA and as an employee from the Borough.

**Adams Co Council of Government Minutes:** The minutes were available for Council to review.

**Pete Stoner:** Matt Showers is willing to mow at the reservoir for \$80/hour. A motion to approve Matt mowing was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Micaiah Van Evera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated August 29, 2023, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Executive Session:** A motion to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried.

**Adjournment:** The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary