

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 30, 2021

CALL TO ORDER by Rick Kime and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Present: President: Rick Kime; Vice-President: Martha Schriver; Council Members: Jim Bergolios, Joe Saum, Scott Howell, Pete Stoner, Dan Kuhn; Mayor: Mike Riley; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Bob Campbell-Solicitor; Owen McKinney-Tax Collector, Residents: Patricia Oster, Patty & Wayne Miller

Minutes: Motion by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting.

Patty Miller-Parking on Rampike Hill Rd: Requesting a change to the No parking anytime ordinance. Council is concerned with the parking on the street and the traffic going in and out of the Post Office. Wayne asked about the right-of-way beside his house and how to claim that property. Bob explained that a survey would be required and both property owners would then agree to split the property 50/50 which would give them more space for parking. The Miller's would like Council to allow parking on weekends and holidays. A motion to make an exception and allow parking from 5pm Friday-midnight Sunday & holidays was made by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried.

Patricia Oster-Sidewalks: Presented Council with a few options for grants to apply for assistance with curb/sidewalk replacements. CFA Multimodal Grant is due 7/31/2021 and PennDOT Grant is due 11/2021. She spoke to PA State Representative Ecker's office and they felt sure that some grant money could be obtained to help the homeowners fix their sidewalks. She would like Council to consider postponing the sidewalk replacements for a year to apply for these grants. Bob said he would contact the grant writer in his office to discuss the grants and have them possibly attend the next meeting. The fee for a grant writer is very costly, but there may be a way to offset the fee with the grant. After much discussion, Council thanked Patricia for the research she did and will continue to try to find assistance for the homeowners.

SR 4008-FY2022 Resurfacing Project: PennDOT is planning to resurface North & South Main St in 2022. Gil at KPI will be contacted about this project and the ADA ramps can be done at the same time. Sidewalks will be on hold until this project is discussed further. Jim will assist Andrea completing the form to be returned to PennDOT. Rick will do a robo call to let residents know about the sidewalk delay.

Tax Collector: Owen spoke with the person he thought was going to run on the ballot at the next election and he did not seem to be interested any longer. Owen did reconfirm that Ellen Black, Menallen Township would still be interested if that is something Council wishes to do. Bob will find out the process.

KPI Update: Council members were given the updates from KPI. Both issues they are working on will be ready to go for bid soon.

Police Reorganization: Mayor Riley announced that Chief Ogle resigned and he wanted to stay on Part-Time. Mayor Riley and the safety committee felt it was better to start fresh and add additional officers. Dennis Pennese will be moved from Sargent to Chief, Dirk Hough from Corporal to Sargent, and Alex Babik from Patrolman to Corporal and 3 additional officers will be hired to fill the open positions. A motion to approve the changes was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Water Rates Survey: Water rates from area municipalities were collected by Biglerville Borough for comparison and a copy of the results were given to Council for review.

Worker's Comp Update: Bob requested an Executive Session.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms: Council was given the form which is due May 1st.

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

PMCA Zoning & Inspection Report: The report was available for review. Council is still concerned about the vehicles on the empty lot on Park St. Chief Pennese will stop to talk to them about the vehicles.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for review.

Adams Co Council of Governments (COG) Minutes: The minutes were available for review.

Joe Saum: The space we wanted to rent from Mike Showers has been rented and will not be available until October. When the space is available, we will rent it and store the truck, plows, trailer, etc. For now, we can rent space for the truck. \$106 includes the trailer storage. A motion to pay \$270 in October for the larger space and pay \$70 for now, amending the contract terms for 6 months until October and then for a year term was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Martha Schriver: Street Sweeping is April 5th & 6th. Rick will do the robo call on Sunday to remind homeowners and signs will also be put out. Alex Babik will be working to ticket cars still on the street.

Bob Campbell: Routsong Lane Snow Emergency Ordinance for approval. A motion to approve the ordinance change was made by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Pete Stoner: Had 2 complaints of a dog barking at 109 Church St.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated March 30, 2021, and accept the treasurer's report.

Executive Session: At 8:15 Council moved to an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues on a motion made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Jim Bergolios, all in favor motion carried. A motion to return to regular meeting at 8:41 was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion giving authorization to Bob to contact Tyrone Township to process payments based on their calculations for 3 years, but request that payments are not be marked final was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to change police wages with a probationary period of 90 days was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary