

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 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: Eric Pelc, Chelsea Moore, Micaiah Van Evera, Scott Howell, Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Solicitor: Justin George; Chief Dennis Pennese, Keith Culbertson; Rob Eger; Ryan Picarelli-KPI

**Minutes:** Motion by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on June 25, 2024.

**Maintenance Job Interview with Rob Eger:** Applied for the maintenance position and came in to meet with Council.

**Ryan Picarelli (KPI) Sidewalks:** Ryan discussed options for Council as far as widening sidewalks within the Borough and also discussed curbs as well. He recommended meeting with Deana Duvall from the County and going out to determine what sidewalks need repaired most and the amount we could apply for the CDBG Grant. We would also need to get an income survey done. Ryan will contact Deana and get a meeting set up.

**Ordinance Changes:** Council reviewed the Burn Ordinance again. After much discussion, Jim asked all members to send recommendations for changes to Andrea for the August Meeting.

**Email Addresses for Police:** It was recommended that each officer has their own email address to be able to communicate with the Courts and other issues pertaining to their cases. The quote from Treysta was \$6/month/email address. A motion to approve the email addresses was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried.

**Vacant Positions:** Maintenance: A motion to approve Rob Eger for the Maintenance position was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor position still needs to be filled.

**Water Tank Level Alarm Approval:** Council questioned who gets the alert and how many can be added. This is the same system that Possum Valley Municipal Authority is using. Andrea will contact them to find out the cost of installation. A motion to approve the installation if it is less than \$3K was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

**Water Requests:** Lloyd Shelleman (182 Park St) is looking to subdivide his land and wanted to be sure he could get water to the other parcel. Council agreed stating he is responsible for line from the main to the property.

Louis Vasquez (119 Park St) would like his meter disconnected since he does not use his water and using the building for storage. Council agreed stating that he is responsible for the shut-off fee (\$75) and will need to pay a new connection fee if he ever wants to have the water turned back on. Baumgardner needs to remove the meter.

**Office Changes:** Chief Pennese discussed changes he would like to see in order for the office to be more safe. He would like to have the police office moved out to the front with a separate entrance. The door will remain locked and a sign placed in the window. Council also suggested a buzzer or a ring door bell as well as costs for materials to do the work.

**Items for Sale on Muncibid:** Council wanted to add a reserve of \$3500 to the spreader listed on Muncibid. The ad will be changed to reflect the reserve price. Butler Township came to see the spreader and was interested in purchasing.

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**Waste Contract 1-year Extension:** The price will remain the same for the extension with Waste Connections. A motion to approve the 1-year extension was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

**2025 Tax Increase Discussion:** A spreadsheet was given to Council to review that includes millage rates for other municipalities in the County. Council tabled the discussion until the October meeting.

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

**Police Report:** Chief Pennese reviewed the report with Council.

**Code Enforcement Report:** Keith reviewed the report with Council.

**PMCA UCC Report:** The report was available for review.

**Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes:** The minutes were available for review. Micaiah spoke about Motts needing more water and if the Municipal Authority would be able to assist with that need. Several options were discussed and there will be future discussions to find a solution with PVMA.

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

**Outstanding Invoices:** Justin had talked to Ketterman and the invoice was for parts used to try to fix the old generator at the reservoir. We are still responsible for paying the invoice. A motion to pay the invoice was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Justin also talked to Len Dick about the Office sign and they agreed to bill us for the wood sign which is what we requested not the vinyl sign that was installed. Council was pleased and the invoice will be paid.

**Pete Stoner:** Would like to purchase another mower for the office and put up a shed to store the tractor in at the reservoir. Quotes will need to be gotten for the shed.

Pete is going to resign as Council Member and would like to accept the Mayor position. A motion to accept his resignation was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried. A motion to appoint Pete as the Mayor was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

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

**Adjournment:** The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 27, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary