

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice President: Gary Bretzman; Council Members: Scott Howell, Harry Melhorn, Eric Pelc, Micaiah Van Evera, Chelsea Moore; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Solicitor: Justin George; Chief Dennis Pennese; Ernesto Manzo, Veronica Arvizu Lua

Amend Agenda: A motion was made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried to amend the agenda to add Computer Monitors for approval and Sidewalk Committee Setup.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on January 27, 2026.

Ernesto Manzo-Chickens: He has chickens and would like Council to consider changing the ordinance to allow chickens. After some discussion, Council decided not to change the ordinance. Code Enforcement will be contacted to notify other residents that chickens are not allowed. He also has cats from the neighbors in his yard and code enforcement will be contacted to take care of them at 100 Apple Ln.

Brightspeed Update: Will be digging on Liberty Ln, Routsong Ln, Kime Ave, Quarry Ln and Orchard View and will be setting up an escrow account to cover the engineering expenses.

Liquid Fuels Audit Completed: Audit went well and there were no issues.

SEK Audit Completed: Auditors were here to complete the audit. They are still finishing and will come back to give their report in March or April.

Street Lighting Discussion: Liquid Fuels money can be used for street lighting which is about \$1300/month. Lights should be updated to LED. Andrea will contact Med-Ed.

Fire Box Card Changes for Approval: A motion to approve the Fire Box Card was made by Gary Bretzman, 2nd by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried.

Printer Maintenance for Approval: A motion to the maintenance needed for the office printer was made by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms Due 5/1/2026: Forms are due 5/1/2026.

Tax Collection Report: The report was available for Council to review.

Police Report: Chief Pennese gave the report.

PMCA Code Enforcement Report-Ron/Ryan: The report was available for Council to review.

PMCA UCC Report-Andrew: The report was available for Council to review.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for review. Fee Schedule for water and sewer is also attached to the minutes.

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

Police Service for York Springs: Council discussed this issue at length and were not sure there could be enough coverage for the Borough and YS. They were concerned about the hours and the rate to provide services to YS. Based on the proposal Council feels the rate should be higher to cover costs.

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Water Meters: The discussion was about whether or not to require homeowners to have a water meter installed in each unit of a multi-unit building in order to keep track of the water usage per unit. The regulations do not require this to be done at this time, however the building should be charged the correct number of EDUs based on the number of units.

Water Issues: 101 S Main St water shut-of in sidewalk, Garretson property N Main St meter needs move to a pit to know if there is a water leak.

Computer Monitors: Quote for 2-24" monitors with new computer. A motion to purchase the monitors was made by Gary Bretzman, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Sidewalk Ordinance: The ordinance needs to be amended and Council can approve advertising the ordinance in April for approval in May. Council was trying to find ways to help homeowners pay for their sidewalks. It was suggested that ACNB or another bank may be able to offer low interest rates for homeowners. Chelsea offered to get 3 quotes for our sidewalk along Rampike Hill Rd. A committee for sidewalks was started including Scott Howell (Chairman), Eric Pelc and Chelsea Moore.

Narema Meeting on 2/17: Gary will not be able to attend the meeting. Andrea will plan to attend and Scott may attend also.

250th Celebration: Andrea will get posters from Kelly. Pete would like it to be put on Facebook also.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Eric Pelc, 2nd Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated February 24, 2026, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 31, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary