

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 31, 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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chelsea Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on February 24, 2026.

**NAREMA Recap from Meeting on 3/4/2026:** We were voted to join NAREMA. Agreements were given to Council members to review and provide comments within 30 days. Justin has a copy of the truck agreement and will review to finalize as soon as possible. Next meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. Gary Bretzman will be the deputy and Scott Howell will be an alternate.

**Water Resolution for Approval:** A motion to increase the water rates \$80 minimum/8000 gallons, \$5/1000 gallons over was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried.

**Water Shut-Off Procedures:** Council discussed the timeframe for how long water will be off once it is turned off. The water will be turned back on the next business day.

**250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Update-Volunteers Needed:** Council was given a copy of the email from Biglerville Borough and where they need volunteers the day of the event. There are flyers to post for the event also.

**Sidewalk Committee Update:** A meeting will be set up and needs to be advertised.

**Sidewalk Quotes:** We received a few quotes, but needed to clarify some items with the Engineer, so we will need to get new quotes. We hope to get 3-4 quotes that are comparable to each other. It will be discussed at the April meeting.

**PSI Inspection Quote:** This quote is for the valves on Church St to be inspected quarterly. A motion to accept the quote was made by Chelsea Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried.

**Upper Adams School District MOU for Police Signature:** After some discussion Council agreed to sign the MOU. The school district was required by the State to make changes which required updating the MOU. A motion to sign the MOU was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried.

**Electronics Recycling at Franklin Township 4/11/2026 8-10AM:** Chelsea would like a flyer.

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

**Tax Collection Report:** There was no report.

**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.

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

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**Street Sweeping:** Has not been scheduled yet. Waiting for a call back from Pruitt.

**Justin George:** Will have the ordinance ready for discussion at the April meeting.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated March 31, 2026, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary