

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 25, 2017**

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

**Present:** President: Rick Kime; Council Members: Scott Howell, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dave Ogle; Owen McKinney; Solicitor-Bob Campbell; Dylan Miller, Brenda Willman, Betty Chronister, Nancy Navarro, Gary & Karen Thomas

**Minutes:** Motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the June 27, 2017 meeting.

**Brenda Willman/Betty Chronister:** Expressed their concerns about properties close to properties they own that are not being taken care of. Some areas are also becoming health violations. Several pictures were given to Council to see the issues they were referring to. They are upset that the town is starting to look so bad and wondering why code enforcement is not giving out violations. Brenda also asked about having unlicensed cars on properties and reported a sewer smell behind 140 N Main St. Gary & Karen Thomas attending and confirmed seeing garbage and other violations around town. They also expressed their concern about how the town is looking. After much discussion and listening to their concerns, Council told all of them Bill Gardiner will be contacted to discuss their concerns.

**US Postal Service Update:** Rick reported that he, Jim Bergolios and Dan Kuhn attending the conference call with the US Postal Service about the mailboxes on the sidewalks. USPS said they offer delivery service to any resident even though there is a Post Office in Bendersville. Council discussed how to enforce the current sidewalk ordinance. Rick stated that residents within the Borough now have an Aspers address and in order to have delivery to a Bendersville address we would need to contact the Postal Service to have them create a phantom address to include both Aspers and Bendersville. Council agreed the mailboxes need to be placed in a hole in the sidewalk not in buckets along the street. After much discussion, Council would like to have a meeting with the Postal Service earlier so they are able to attend and before school starts so more Council members may be able to attend.

**Ordinance Updates:** It was suggested to update a few ordinances each month. Bob suggested contacting Penns Valley to get a quote on updating the ordinances since this is a big task.

**Sidewalks/Grant Information:** Martha reported that Hill's office explained that there are not many grants that the Borough would qualify for and since the homeowner's are responsible for their sidewalks the Borough would not be eligible. Council members were given a copy of qualifications and there is no guarantee on receiving the money. Hill's office would do the work in order to submit the grant and we still may not qualify, which means we would have to pay for the work and not receive any grant money. Also, it is an 80/20 grant so the Borough would have to pay 20% of the max \$100,000 total cost. Bob suggested Council should give every resident a period of time to get the sidewalks fixed or receive a daily fine and have the code enforcement officer enforce it. It was suggested that Council focus on a section/street to have it replaced. After much discussion, Council will be

**Electronic Recycling:** Information from Universal Waste Solutions was received and passed on to Council. This company is requiring storing the electronics until we have 24 skids. Council agreed not to make any changes and would like to wait to see what is added for the 2018 County waste contract.

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**Adams Co Economic Development Meeting:** Council was informed that the Planning Committee will be attending the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss planning within the Borough.

**Wood Chipper Update:** Rick spoke to Dan Zimmerman about renting his wood chipper for Borough residents to bring brush and branches that cannot be burned. The date has been set for August 12<sup>th</sup> 9-3 at the Cider Mill (141 Church St) and it will cost \$200 for the day. It was suggested that residents call to get a ticket for that day. The tickets will be laminated and should be collected so they can be reused. Scott can pick up if someone needs help hauling. It will be advertised in the bank, post office, newspaper and Rick will send out a phone message.

**Street Repair Bids:** Martha distributed the bids for the repairs. The street repairs are costly due to no base under the pavement. She also told Council Pete gave her a number of a company (Hammaker) that does tar & chip which she will contact. She requested that Council approve the street committee to approve a cost estimate if it is reasonable. Council agreed.

**Code Enforcement Report:** There was no report was available for review. Martha will be contacting Bill regarding the complaints that were received and finding a solution.

**Land & Sea Building/Zoning:** The inspection report was available for review.

**Police Report:** Chief Ogle attended the meeting and gave the report. Rick asked they were able to do code enforcement for the Borough. He wasn't sure legally if he could do code enforcement and Bob said he would research to see if there are conflicts. Chief Ogle and Officer Pennese will be repainting the crosswalks before school starts. There was some discussion about the possibility of upgrading the police car. They are looking into grant possibilities for the vehicle as well as other equipment they could use.

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

**Adams Co Council of Governments:** The minutes were available for review.

**Clouse Property Update:** No updates.

**Martha Schriver:** Would like Council members help during the day to get ready for the carnival.

**Harry Melhorn:** Lee Dugan asked if he could fill in around the catch basin. Harry would like to get a ½ ton of fill from Nolt's. Council agreed to have Harry do this work.

**Megan Vance:** They are considering buy Lots 1-3 on Routsong Lane to put a garage on it. Council discussed this and the information will be given to the Planning Commission for a decision.

**Rick Kime:** Two fire hydrants in Applewood were installed to low and need fixed. The president of Applewood HOA paid the first bill sent to them for fixing the valve box tops. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill was received they realized that Rick Klein should be contacted since he still owns the roads. Rick will be meeting with him to discuss these issues.

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**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated June 27, 2017, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary