

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 27, 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; Chief Pennese; Bob Campbell-Solicitor; Owen McKinney-Tax Collector, Residents: Patricia Oster

Minutes: Motion by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting.

Manzo Motors Vehicles on Park St: No one attended the meeting.

Patricia Oster-Sidewalks: Presented to Council that she had spoken to Rep Ecker's office and Catharine Wallen had informed her that neither the Commonwealth Grant, the PennDOT Grant or the CDBG Grant would cover any property not owned by the municipality. A suggestion was made to get one contractor to give a bid on the sidewalks throughout town to give the greatest discount and best price for all residents. Council agreed this would be a good option and will try to find some contractors.

Marissa (Grant Writer) called in to discuss sidewalk grants. Bob gave some background information about Borough sidewalks. Marissa explained grants are very competitive process and there is no guarantee. Prior to applying for a grant, a cost estimate needs to be done by the Engineer.

-PennDOT has a 30% match 70% grant reimbursement program on actual spent dollars. The last round 43 projects in 21 counties awarded but there were actually 231 applications submitted for the grant.

-CFA does not have a cap on what can be spent and they do focus on projects that promote economic development. This is a 30% match, 70% grant and reimbursements can be done throughout the project. Deadline is July 31st. The last round had 365 applications totaling over \$402 million, awarded 116 projects.

The fee for grant writing is \$4000/month for 12 months because it is a long process and the grant does not cover the fees, so it would be paid out of Borough funds. The 30% cost sharing would come from the Borough or set up agreement with property owner. After some further discussion, Council feels it is a lot of money to pay out with no guarantee of receiving grant money. Bob will follow-up with Waynesboro, Chambersburg and Gettysburg to see how they have handled sidewalk work. He believes they had contractors lined up to give special rates to property owners for sidewalk work.

SR 4008-FY2022 Resurfacing Project: PennDOT is planning to resurface North & South Main St in 2022. A conference call meeting has been set up on May 5th to discuss this project and anyone is welcome to attend. Jim and Rick will plan to attend.

Tax Collector: If someone is interested in being tax collector and doesn't have a suitable office at their home, they can have set times to collect taxes at the Borough Office. There will also need to be a drop box added outside somewhere that taxes, water bills or any other items can be dropped after hours. Andrea spoke to Christine Redding, County Treasurer, and she agreed that there were many other municipalities looking for tax collectors, but her office is willing to collect the taxes if we do not have anyone elected to the position. She would even have office hours here at the Borough office if needed for residents.

UASD Memorandum of Understanding for Signature: This document needs signed every 2 years by the Chief of the Police Department. Chief Pennese will sign and it will be returned to UASD.

Chamber of Commerce Bike Route thru Bendersville: The Chamber is having the Adams Apple Bike Ride on Saturday, May 15th and part of the route will go thru Bendersville. If Council approves, the memo needs signed by Council and returned to them. They requested Police be present during the ride.

YATB Report Updates: Council was given the monthly Earned Income Tax Report Updates.

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PVMA Articles of Amendment for Approval: Bob reported that Harry Eastman contacted him about renewing the articles since it had been 50 years and a resolution needs to be done for an additional 50 years. Harry will get the resolution to Council for signature and Council agreed to sign.

Tyrone Twp Worker's Comp Update: Some payment was received. Andrea is to schedule a meeting with Tyrone Twp, Heidlersburg Fire Chief, Bendersville Fire Chief, a Council member and Bob to discuss the new census information and come to an agreement.

USPS Rental Agreement: Bob had nothing new to report.

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

Police Report: Chief Pennese attended the meeting and gave the monthly report. Chief also introduced Charles Stuart one of the new officers hired to Council. He will work each Wednesday mid-day to evening. Council asked about the new car and Chief said it was great and thanked Council.

PMCA Zoning & Inspection Report: The report was available for review.

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: Signed the contract with Mike Showers to store our F550 Truck for \$70/month until October when we will review the space he has available at that time.

Scott Howell: Asked if the COVID Relief Funds had been received. They were to be distributed to municipalities by population. No one was aware of any funds and they have not been received at this time.

Martha Schriver: Streets need repaired and would rather not do tar & chip. Apple Lane seems to be the most traveled and is the worst. She will start getting estimates. Pot holes may need to be filled in on other streets.

Owen McKinney: Reminded Council that anyone interested in being the tax collector would have to be bonded. There is some additional training that needs to be done also.

Police PO Box: PO Box 366 was up for renewal and Chief Pennese did not see a need to keep the PO Box. A motion to have all mail for the Borough and Police Dept go to the PO Box 448 and close Box 366 was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Lane Hartley Letter: Bob suggested talking to Harry Eastman for legal advice on this matter moving forward. Council asked Chief Pennese to deliver the letter to Lane at work.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated April 27, 2021, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25, 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 Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary