

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 28, 2020**

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

**Present:** President: Rick Kime; Vice-President: Martha Schriver; Council Members: Scott Howell, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Joe Saum, Pete Stoner; Mayor: Mike Riley; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Harry Melhorn; Bob Campbell; Owen McKinney

**Minutes:** Motion by Scott Howell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting.

**EMS Services:** Mayor Riley, Martha Schriver and Scott Howell attended a meeting at Arendtsville. Arendtsville is going to make a motion to have AREMS service their area. Menallen did not attend the meeting however they are going to go with Biglerville and Life Team and if that doesn't work out, they will switch to AREMS. Bendersville Fire Co. will have dual dispatch for EMS for their boxes. Martha suggested supporting what the Fire Chief and Fire Co is suggesting based on the fact that they have experience in this area. After some discussion, Council agreed to back Bendersville Fire Co and their decision.

**Fire Tax Discussion:** Martha would like Council to consider adopting a Fire Tax. She explained that since the pandemic started the Fire Co has not been able to do fundraisers and their donations are down. Bob suggested if Council make a decision before the end of the year to get it on 2021 taxes and thinks it is a percentage, but will verify. Joe asked if the Borough donation would change or stay the same moving forward. Jim asked if it would be a permanent tax to each property owner because in the future things may open up and fundraising will continue. Council will discuss further at the August meeting.

**166 Apple Lane:** The homeowner at Apple Lane is having trouble getting deliveries at their location and would like to either have the address changed to 166 N Main St or have the alley be completed so it is recognized as the remainder of Apple Lane. Council was given a map from the engineer which shows Apple Lane paved to a dead end and then the driveway which is maintained by the property owner which is not paved. There was also an emergency call where the Fire Co could not locate the property due to the pavement end before the house. Bob suggested a quit claim where the Borough will release their interest as well as the 2 neighbors and grant an easement for the property owner to use as his driveway for his house. Martha will get deed information from the property owner and Council will look at it at the August meeting.

**Alkalinity Analyzer Repair:** Derek said the equipment is not working correctly. The maintenance contract was not renewed in November. Council asked for the cost of the maintenance contract as well as a quote to get the equipment fixed and they will review.

**YATB Earned Income Tax Comparison:** Council was given a copy of the tax comparison done by YATB due to COVID pandemic.

**Floodplain Ordinance Review:** A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried.

**Fireworks Ordinance Review:** Bob explained there is a state law that says it is illegal to set off consumer grade fireworks, so he doesn't see a need for the Borough to adopt a new ordinance. He says the police should be able to issue a citation using the state law to enforce it. Council agreed to use the state law and not adopt an ordinance.

**Tyrone Twp Worker's Comp Update:** The interrogatory should be sent out soon asking for information and paperwork for the last 10 years. The WC renewal was also sent to them but no response.

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**PMCA Zoning & Inspection Report:** PMCA was not happy with last code officer's performance and he is no longer working for them. Andrew is helping out and may possibly be our new officer. Rick would like to see PMCA handle the sidewalks getting replaced. Council asked if Darrin would come back to do code enforcement for the Borough and asked Andrea to contact.

**Police 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:** There were no minutes for review.

**Dan Kuhn:** Residents were complaining about bulk pickup not happening. Property owners typically get trash pickup for rental units. The landlord should pass on information to renters that bulk pickup is not occurring right now due to COVID but that doesn't seem to be happening.

A neighbor complained that some people were abusing animals and PA law is getting tougher on such things. He will contact Abby at the SPCA.

Parking on N Main St is very tight and neighbors have been complaining about saving parking spaces. He was wondering if there was anything that can be done. Scott suggested using the empty lot on Church St and selling parking passes.

**Mayor Mike Riley:** Since the school is going to be sold, he suggested an ordinance to keep people from turning empty buildings into apartments. Bob believes the school is in village zone. Council would like Bob to research the options of restrictions for the school building. Council would like to send a letter to the school district regarding the water run-off that runs from the school down over the hill, to Rampike Lane, to Rampike Hill Rd and to the center of town.

**Jim Bergolios:** Someone was feeding a cat at the office and he didn't think that was a good idea.

**Martha Schriver:** Reported that 107 Park St has roosters. PMCA will be notified.

**Joe Saum:** KPI provided a site plan for the 50x100 pole building.

The estimate for the bathroom will be kept on file. Council would like to get the specs from KPI before getting bids in order to be consistent and being comparable.

**41 W Imperial Dr:** Water leak between the curb box and the house so the leak was the homeowner responsibility. Baumgardner billed us \$147 to come out and check it out. Council determined the bill should be forwarded to the homeowner.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated July 28, 2020, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary