

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

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

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice-President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Chelsea Moore, Scott Howell, Micaiah Van Evera; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Mayor Owen McKinney; Chief Dennis Pennese; Solicitor: Justin George; Engineer-Ryan Picarelli

Minutes: Motion by Joe Saum, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the October 24, 2023.

Ryan Picarelli-KPI Technology: Attended the meeting to give an overview of the past year and work they have done for the Borough. CDBG Grant applications are due in August if the Borough is interested in any public improvements. Jim asked if ARPA funds can be used for the engineering portion of sidewalk repairs. Justin and Ryan said the money could be used for construction. Council agreed they want to work on the CDBG Grant process at the beginning of the new year.

2024 Budget Discussion: Jim would like to see 2 payments for the police car transferred from the Police Savings Fund to the General Fund. A motion to transfer the payments was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried. Council also discussed a portion of the police time to be allocated from the water fund. A motion to approve 15% of the police time to be allocated from the water fund was made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor motion carried. There will be no tax increase for 2024. A motion to approve advertising the final 2024 budget was made by Scott Howell, 2nd by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried.

Office Sign: After much discussion, a motion to get the wood sign in maroon and gold installed from Len Dick Signs was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Position: Jim, Joe and Chelsea will do an interview with Cody Leer on Dec 5th.

Dan Kuhn Resignation: A motion to accept Dan's resignation was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

PA Rural Water Protection Program Approval: Council agreed to this program. A motion was made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

Tristate Properties: Council is not interested in selling property.

2024 Adams Economic Alliance Membership: Council was not interested in joining.

2024 Meeting Schedule for Approval: Council agreed and there were no changes.

2024 LAB Fees Proposal for Approval: A motion to approve and sign was made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor motion carried.

2024 OnSolve Call Credits for Water: A motion to buy 1000 credits and pay out of the water fund was made by Scott Howell, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

2023-2024 Snow Removal Estimate: Ben Smyers submitted an estimate for this season. A motion to accept his estimate was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

Storage Bay at Mike Showers Rental: Council discussed not needing the storage bay now and will think about it until the December meeting.

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Borough Sidewalks: Scott had no update but will try to contact Ryan and walk in the Borough to discuss the sidewalks.

Tax Collection Report: Council was given a copy of the updated report and had no questions.

Police Report: Council was given a copy of the report and had no questions. Chief collected hourly rate data from other police departments for Council to review. Chief would like to review the ordinances to make them more up to date. Trax program will be installed for issuing tickets, but will have some paper tickets if needed, each officer will be trained to use the new program. The police car needs tires and an estimate was received from Mar-Bar for Council to review. A motion to purchase the tires was made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

PennDOT requested snow emergency for both sides of Main St. Justin will draft the ordinance for review in December and then it will need to be advertised for seven days before adopting.

Code Enforcement Report: Council was given a copy of the report and had no questions. 114 Rampike is for sale and the windows have been boarded up.

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

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review. The sewer rates will be increasing to \$65/month. A letter will be sent with the next billing. The annual report was available for Council to review.

Adams Co Council of Government Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review. Andrea and Joe attended the November meeting. Glass recycling at the EMS Building, 1st Sat each month 9-12. Elections went well, no budget increase, Emergency Responder tax credit.

YATB: Collection fees were reduced from 1.85% to 1.75% and there will be no membership dues collected in 2024.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated November 28, 2023, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 12, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary