

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2023

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

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice-President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Pete Stoner, Scott Howell, Chelsea Moore; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Mayor Owen McKinney; Chief Dennis Pennese; Solicitor: Justin George; Amber Valencia, Ruben Guzman-Valencia, Ethan Larsh-Gettysburg Times Reporter

Minutes: Motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the May 23, 2023.

Ruben Guzman-Valencia & Amber Valencia: Attended representing the Mexican-American community and have a right to know what is going on in the town.

136 S Main St Fence-Dustin Stimeling: Residents requested to attend to discuss their fence and other issues but did not attend. They applied for a permit to put up a fence, were given the requirements by Andrew Miller (PMCA), and told him they decided they were not doing a fence. They installed the fence anyway and were not happy to find out they were going to be fined for installing incorrectly according to the zoning ordinance. They may decide to apply for a zoning variance.

1 Apple Ln Water Permit Approval: Water permit was completed and payment made. Council approved and the hookup will be from Rice Ln.

114 Rampike Hill Rd: A letter was sent to the property owner to secure the house and they were given 10 days after receiving the letter. Jim received a quote to secure the house and if that is done, the property owner will be responsible for the costs. A motion to secure the property was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

S Main St Property For Sale: The person purchasing this property would like to put a single wide trailer on this property. A trailer must be permanently affixed to the ground per the zoning ordinance.

ACNB Bank Property: Will be sold to Amrish Patel and it is believed he will be opening a store.

IPMC Ordinance Approval: A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

County Building Improvement Process: Changes made include threshold increase to \$4300, fee has been changed from \$10 to \$5, \$100 for noncompliance. Council was given a copy of the approved ordinance.

Water EDUs for Businesses & Service Line Inventory: Jim wants the water committee to discuss the EDUs for businesses. Ebenezer school will be based on the number of students in the 1st quarter to determine amount to bill them each quarter for the year.

Street Sweeping: Council decided not to do street sweeping this year.

Borough Sidewalks: Scott read the ordinance and the committee has not met yet.

York Springs Police Assistance Update: Council will discuss during Executive Session.

Dugan Storm Drain Repairs: Harry informed Jim that the storm drain is leaking around the outside of the drain. Harry believes the seal is broken around the drain. The water flows around the pipe and is washing away the dirt. Ben Smyers did the pipe work a few years ago.

Treysta Quote for Battery Backup: Backup battery needs to be replaced. A motion to order the battery only was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

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Possum Valley MA Water Discussion: Council was given a copy of an email from Steve Russell at PVMA and would like to join with our water. Several Council members do not want to merge and are concerned about the additional costs including chemicals, electrical and water testing. They would like to sell water to Motts and use that money to offset the costs of building the new sewer treatment facility or the rate will increase an additional \$75/month for each customer. Derek Hemler (water operator) said there is plenty of water in the 3 wells to be able to sell 60,000 gallons to PVMA. After much discussion, Council decided to have a workshop to discuss further options and provide them a proposal. Council decided not to do a rate study.

Office Closed 7/3-9/2023 Reopen 7/10/2023: Andrea will be on vacation and office will be closed.

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

Police Report: Chief Pennese gave the report. Body cameras were donated to the Department. Chief requested approval for 2 freephones for use while on duty which will cost \$30/month. A motion to approve the phones was made by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement Report: Chief asked if Keith was supposed to start charging 114 Rampike Hill Rd a fine for each day that the house was not boarded up as per the letter that was sent. Council agreed and still wants it closed for safety reasons. They rode around and gave some notices for tall weeds.

PMCA UCC Report: 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 review. Elections office is moving in August to the Emergency Services Building. Possibly passing a bill to allow municipalities to advertise items other ways than just the newspaper, which could save some money.

Pete Stoner: Is concerned about the number of representatives there are for the Borough and Menallen Township and would like to

Susquehanna Environmental: Service Line inventory form that will need to be completed for all properties in the Borough for DEP and needs completed in 2024. Also they provided information and fees for other water services they could provide for the Borough if needed.

110 Church St: Sheriff Sale scheduled for 7/21/2023.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Joe Saum, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated June 27, 2023, and accept the treasurer's report.

Executive Session: 8:24 - A motion to move to Executive Session was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried. 8:35 – A motion to return to regular meeting was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting has been changed to Tuesday, July 25, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary