

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2020

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

Present: President: Rick Kime; Council Members: Scott Howell, Dan Kuhn, Joe Saum, Pete Stoner, Jim Bergolis; Mayor: Mike Riley; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Owen McKinney; Sgt Dennis Pennese; Sharon Hamm & Andrew Miller-PMCA

Minutes: Motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the September 29, 2020 meeting.

Code Enforcement-PMCA: Sharon Hamm & Andrew Miller attended the meeting to discuss current processes. Everyone agreed the reporting is good. Council asked that PMCA assist with getting the sidewalks replaced. Sharon suggested sending an initial letter in January, reminder in March and give residents a time frame to get the work done. It may also be good to give residents a list of approved contractors. Bob reviewed the ordinance and it states 90 days for completion.

Rick received a call from Gary Guise who owns property 119 N Main St and wants to put a 28-foot box trailer there for storage for his parts. He will put fencing and stairs around it for safety. He is asking if that is possible. Andrew & Sharon will review and let Council know the answer.

Ordinance Approvals: Bob submitted the draft of the fire tax ordinance to Council for review. The tax will be .25 mils not to exceed 3 mils. A motion to approve advertising the ordinance was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried. Bob will advertise for November meeting approval. After some discussion Council decided to change the weed height in the current ordinance from 10 inches to 3 inches on sidewalks, curbs and into the street. Bob will amend the current weed ordinance.

695 Potato Rd Tax Assessment Meeting: Andrea and Pete attended a conference call with the County Tax Office, Commissioners and their Solicitor about the 25 acres we are paying tax on. Approximately 11 acres are being rented by Showers Tree Farm and still need to pay tax on those acres. We should hear their determination by mid-November.

USPS Rental Contract: Bob reviewed the contract and looks similar to previous lease. The lease begins August 1, 2022 for 5 years paying \$12,312/year. Council asked Andrea to contact the agent to find out why a Commission Agreement is needed and why a commission has to be paid for a lease renewal. Council will discuss further at a later meeting.

Treysta Server Backup Quote: The quote for 2 office computers is \$119/month. Currently we use external hard drives weekly. This would back up the server as well every hour and daily to the Cloud. A motion to purchase the equipment was made by Jim Bergolis, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

Ketterman Electric Update: Ketterman has done some of the work to be done. They are not able to get in without a key. There is more work they need to finish but we are unsure when that will be happening.

Lane Hartley Letter: Council members were given a copy of the letter to Cumberland Township regarding Lane Hartley reimbursement. There were no comments or changes and Rick Kime signed the letter.

PAWCS Email from Brian Preski: He was following up on the email he sent and the presentation he did about a year ago. He would like to know if Council is interested in the backflow installation. Council decided to table discussion at this time.

Tyrone Twp Worker's Comp Update: Bob requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

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Donations: Letters requesting donations were received from SPCA and Office of the Aging for the 2021 budget. Council decided to table this item and discuss at the next meeting.

Budget Discussion: Council discussed the animal control line item in the budget and agreed upon \$450. Pete was asked why a donation was given to the fire co as well as the fire tax, because they feel too much is being given to the Fire Co. Council did not agree and didn't make any changes. A motion to approve advertising the proposed budget was made by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried.

Sgt Pennese requested adding the purchase of an SUV Vehicle to the 2021 budge. Mayor Riley stated that there was a Chevy Traverse & Ford Explorer reviewed for purchase. The current police car is a 2008 Dodge Charger is starting to have more problems and will be going to the garage for a squeaky noise. There is money in a police savings account for approximately half of the cost of the vehicle. Jim suggested using the police fund money and finance the remainder. A motion to purchase the Chevy Traverse (Quote \$29,343 or \$590/month), use the police fund money (\$15,661.73) towards the purchase and finance the remaining balance, however if there is money left at the end of the 2021 year it could be paid off was made by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried. Sgt Pennese will contact the dealer he received the quote from and ask him to attend the November meeting to discuss final financing.

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

Police Report: Sgt Pennese attended the meeting and gave the report.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for review as well as their Annual Report and Financial Report.

Adams Co Council of Governments (COG) Minutes: The minutes were available for review.

Joe Saum: Expressed concern about the plans for the maintenance shed from KPI being submitted to Menallen Township for approval. Council agreed that this was the last action they were aware of.

Mayor Riley is concerned that if sidewalks need to be inspected before and after concrete is done, we need to be sure KPI will be able to comply with this schedule.

Mayor Riley: One officer will be on duty to assist with Trick or Treat. He also asked that an officer be on duty during voting hours, just on stand-by in case there should be an incident.

Owen McKinney: Reminded Council about the Tax Collector message.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated October 27, 2020, and accept the treasurer's report.

Executive Session: At 8:25 Council moved to an Executive Session. Council returned to the regular meeting at 8:39.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24, 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, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary