

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 26, 2016

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

Present: President: Rick Kime, Council Members: Scott Howell, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Owen McKinney; Bob Campbell, William Hill

Minutes: Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the April 11, 2016 (rescheduled March 29, 2016) meeting.

William Hill & Associates: William Hill attended the meeting to thank Council for approving them as the Borough's Engineer. Council requested a representative only attend meetings when requested. Mr. Hill explained they are there to help when necessary.

N Laurel Lane Property Water Hookup: Council was informed that the property owner called and would like to get approval to put in a 1 inch water line in for the house he is building. He is installing a sprinkler system and concerned about the pressure since the line will be going uphill approximately 600 feet. He is aware of the possible extra expense and willing to pay. Council explained that the ordinance states ¾ inch line and he would need to provide additional documentation based on the volume of the sprinkler system to obtain a variance. After much discussion, Jim Bergolios said he would contact Jim Patterson as well as Land & Sea about any issues involved with allowing the installation of the 1 inch line. Jim will also find out where the line would be hooked in since one ditch will be used for both water and sewer. Andrea will contact the property owner to give him an update.

Community Service: Council was informed of an individual looking to do some community service. Council discussed options and if the person is under 18, they will not be able to operate equipment. Harry will be given the contact information if he needs help with anything.

SEK Audit Documents: Each member of Council was given a copy of the Borough and Municipal Authority Reports from the Auditors. The Auditors suggested the bank statements be reviewed and signed by a member of Council going forward. There were also journal entries required to fix a few items in both the General and Municipal Authority Funds.

PEMA/FEMA Update: Council was updated on the PEMA/FEMA Applicant briefing meeting attended on April 21st which was to inform the applicants about the remainder of the paperwork/approval process. The previously submitted paperwork was missing the dates/times of the 48 hour period we were allowed to claim during the snow disaster. A Kick-off Meeting is scheduled for May 12th with PEMA/FEMA Representatives for final review of the application. The money will be deposited into the General Account and transferred to the Highway Account.

Snow Plowing Contract: A contract was created for use with Mentzer Farms and Services for the 2015-2016 contract year. With Council's approval, Matt will be called to sign the contract for the remainder of the year and in the years moving forward.

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Summer Office Hours: Andrea requested to change the office hours for the summer months to be Tuesday-Thursday 9-3. Council agreed to the change for the months of June, July & August. A sign showing this change will be placed on the office door.

Police PO Box Renewal: A renewal was received and it was decided to keep the box and pay the renewal fee.

Land & Sea Services Code Enforcement Report: The March inspection report was available for review. Andrea reported that she had called Wilbur several times to discuss the Council's concerns, but had not been able to speak with him at this point.

Land & Sea Services Building/Zoning Report: The March inspection report was available for review.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority: The March minutes were available for review.

Martha Schriver: Concerned about traffic travelling on Church Street with parked cars. She would like to have Council consider changing it No Parking during the hours of 8-5. Council agreed and signs will be put up.

Jim Bergolios: He is concerned about the underground fuel tanks located on the vacant lot on Park St. He requested that the code enforcement officer contact the property owner to be sure they are aware before they would start any type of construction on the property.

Rob Gochenauer: Reported that the Police were given numerous used uniforms by another department and need somewhere to store them. Rob would like Council to approve having a closet built in the police office. He also stated that the US flag outside of the Post Office needs to have a light on it. Council agreed to both items and the requests will be given to Harry.

Owen McKinney: Reported that the water bills have always been sent to property owner for them to pay and collect the money from their tenants. Recently property owners have sent the bills to the tenants to pay and Owen is receiving different amounts than what is due. He requested that Council give him approval to notify the property owners that payment must be received from them not a tenant. Council agreed there should be a standard policy.

Bob Campbell: Reported on the 131 Park St property Sheriff Sale scheduled for May 20 and requested that someone attend the sale with him. All property taxes are current and the only liens are from the Borough Water Authority for water and the sidewalk that was fixed. He is concerned that the bank does not want the property because there may be an environmental issue. It was suggested that if someone could find out any information or gain access to the inside

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to see the condition it would be a good idea before the sale. After much discussion, a motion was made by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried to give Bob authority to purchase the property back if that is what Council wishes to do.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated April 25, 2016, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary