

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2015

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

Present: President: Rick Kime, Vice President: Jim Patterson; Mayor: Rob Gochenauer; Council Members: Scott Howell, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera

Guests: Kevin Jacobs, Glace Associates; Crystal McKee, Robert Campbell; and Gettysburg Times Reporter: Deb Thomas Lamb

Minutes: Motion by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the June 30, 2015 meeting.

Kevin Jacobs – Park Street Project Update: Project is moving along. PennDOT doesn't feel the inlet top needed replaced therefore the Borough will be responsible for it. Council is concerned about the homeowner's cost for replacing the sidewalk. Kevin discussed several options for pricing each homeowner's portion of the sidewalk. He suggested comparing the quotes received by the Carey's to complete their portion of the curb/sidewalk with the quote for the curb/sidewalk of the whole project to determine if all variables are equal.

Council is also receiving different answers about replacing curb/sidewalks adjacent to a state road. Kevin explained that the curb is a drainage structure to direct stormwater run-off from the road into an inlet, so if there are not inlets there is no need for a curb. Kevin suggested speaking to the Municipal Coordinator to get the correct answers for curb/sidewalk questions.

Kevin gave Council examples of curb and sidewalk plans to be given out to anyone in the Borough replacing such items. The curb is the typical plan for PennDOT and Council has decided to use this spec for all properties within the Borough. Development areas have mountable curbs which allow vehicles to drive on them to park along a sidewalk, but they are much wider than normal curbs used along a street. Kevin reported not much grant money is available for municipalities to update sidewalks for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. He also requested a copy of the current sidewalk ordinance.

Crystal McKee: Resident who was questioning loud explosions near the Borough which has been causing her dog to destroy her house. She would like some sort of notification to be given so homeowners can be prepared. Rick reported that a nearby fruit grower was using explosives in groundhog holes. He will check to see if there is anything that can be done.

Industrial Hemp Resolution: Council agreed not to adopt the resolution.

Quickbooks Change: Council was informed that the subscription and online backup were bundled into one package and in doing this saved approximately \$250.

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Water Hookup on Property between Quarry Rd/Laurel Lane: The homeowner is requesting water and sewer hookups be done prior to beginning building on the home. The original thought was to hook into Quarry Road, but Possum Valley said the sewer will need to be pumped. If they are hooked into N Laurel Lane it will be gravity flow. The property owner would like to have sewer and water in the same ditch. Jim P. reported that over 100 feet requires an additional water meter in order to detect a leak between the curb hookup and the property. Jeff (PVMA) and Jim will be determining the best location to hookup because the sewer line has to be below the water line. This will be a cost savings to the homeowner to put lines together.

Sidewalks on Rampike Hill Road: A question was asked about who was to repair the sidewalks that were disturbed by Columbia Gas since they were installing the new gas line. Council agreed Columbia Gas would repair the road and the sidewalks to our specifications now.

A Resolution to accept the plans from Glace Associates as the standard for the construction of the curbs and sidewalks within the Borough that conform to PennDOT standards was made by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Since the last letter was sent, we received no response. They have not been working on the issues that we requested, therefore Council agreed to terminate them immediately. A certified letter will be sent terminating their services and asking them to return the Borough Code Book. Rick will contact Land & Sea Services to start code enforcement services.

Land & Sea Services: The June inspection report was available for review.

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

Pete Stoner: Contacted 6-8 contractors about fixing the sidewalk and we received 1 bid for about \$4000. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Dan Kuhn: Received a complaint about the 2 telephone poles next to him when will the old pole be taken out and the sidewalk fixed. Utility company should fix the sidewalk.

Jim Patterson: Council was given a Thank you card for the planter when he was in the hospital. He appreciated everyone's thoughts while he was recovering.

Rob Gochenauer: Suggested Council should purchase a 12-14 foot trailer for between \$1000-\$1500 depending on the number of ramps that are purchased. The size and weight classification will determine if we can transfer the tag from the current trailer or need to get a new one. Rob will talk to Harry to get his recommendation. Discussed putting a 20x20 slab out back for Baumgardner's supplies so they are easier for him to access when they are needed. Jim will try to talk to Baumgardner's to see what would be needed to keep his supplies.

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Martha Schriver: Requested that Andrea prepare the snow removal ad for 2015-2016. Has had several requests to amend the burn ordinance so that residents are able to burn tree debris or brush. No change was made. Harry gave a list of 16 street signs that are needed and Council approved the order.

Bob Campbell: Reported that the Sheriff Sale went thru for the Balutis Property and the Borough should be receiving some money back for the liens on the property. Council questioned Bob about the mailbox delivery within the Borough and the mailboxes in buckets on the sidewalks. Bob will review and look into this issue for the next meeting.

Home Business License: A resident asked if a business license was required if he has a home business. Council agreed a license is not needed if there are no sales done out the home.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: Motion by Jim Patterson, 2nd by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated July 28, 2015, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: 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 8:43 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary