

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2016

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

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

Guests: Shawn Melhorn, Harry Melhorn, Mike Shreve, Ken Mayers, Owen McKinney and Bob Campbell

Minutes: Motion by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting and the January 4, 2016 Reorganization meeting.

US Postal Service: Ken is aware of the concerns Council has about the mailboxes within the Borough and he is hopeful that a representative from Harrisburg will attend the February meeting. He explained that the mailboxes should not be in buckets. They should be permanently mounted in the sidewalk. Mailboxes should not be moved out into the street in front of snow piles. He reported that there is also concern about the Americans with Disabilities Act and having mailboxes on the sidewalks. After much discussion, Ken will report to his supervisors the concerns that Council expressed.

Water Meter Readings & Animals: Mike Shreve reported that Lou Barretto's dog bit him while reading the water meter. Lou was upset because Mike entered the property without telling him. Mike explained that he has been doing this for years and suggested a remote readout be put on the property at the property owner's expense. Mike has also had issues with other dogs while reading the meters and a legal letter will be done by Campbell & White to the property owners also suggesting getting a remote readout at their expense. Mike explained that even with the remote readout he still needs to read each meter since they are not in sequential order. Rick asked if there are only a few property owners can they be called to notify them that they will be reading the meter. Mike said that is fine but if they don't have the dog tied when he gets there he will have mace to use if the dog comes towards him. Mike reported that all of his bills have been covered and his is fine. Mike will submit for reimbursement if he uses the mace.

Sidewalk Ordinance: Council discussed more options for the ordinance. It was suggested that a pedestal is installed for the mailbox by the Borough at the resident's expense. Another suggestion is to use the ADA guidelines to remove the mailboxes altogether. Dan suggested charging a yearly fee for mailboxes. Council decided to table further discussion until the USPS representative attends the next meeting.

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Engineering Proposals: Proposals were requested from CS Davidson and William Hill. Copies of the proposals were given to Council members for their review. Jim Bergolios suggested calling Possum Valley to get a copy of the rate schedule for KPI also. Council members will review the proposals and will discuss at a future meeting.

Adams County COG Membership: Council discussed the option of becoming a member of the Council of Governments. There is a \$100/year fee but there are many benefits which could be used by the Borough if we were a member. A motion was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Dan Kuhn to join the organization, all in favor, motion carried.

Treysta Server Quote: Council was given a copy of the quote from Treysta to upgrade the office computer server. After some discussion Council agreed to approve the quote. A motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried to purchase the new server.

Pumping Solutions Yearly Maintenance Contract: Council agreed to continue this service for the reservoir. There was no increase in cost, the contract was signed and will be returned.

SEK Audit 2/25 & 2/29: Andrea reported that SEK will be doing the annual audit on these dates. The contracts were received and the estimated costs will be \$3850 for the Municipal Authority and \$5800 for the Borough. The contract was signed by Rick Kime and will be returned.

150th Anniversary: PA State Association of Boroughs sent a notice stating the Borough is celebrating the 150th Anniversary in 2016. PSAB would like to know if anything is being planned for the celebration and will be presenting a plaque. Nothing is being planned at this time.

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

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

Shawn Melhorn: Shawn distributed a report of Fire Co calls and incidents for 2015. He also provided Council with a copy of the 2016 budget and questions can be directed to Dave Taylor. He also reported that the fire hydrants were cleaned out after the last snow.

Harry Melhorn: Reported that Matt Mentzer is concerned that the fire hydrants are not marked and could be hit while plowing snow. He would like Council to consider approving the purchase of markers for the fire hydrants. He found markers on the internet for \$15 each and there are 52 hydrants within the Borough that need to be marked. A motion to purchase the hydrant markers by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried.

He would like to request the purchase of 2 additional batteries and 2 mics for the radios provided to the Borough which he and Rob have. He will find out the cost and let Council know.

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Martha Schriver: Reported that Matt Mentzer wanted to know about moving snow out of Routsong Lane and from the square up Rampike Hill Road. Council asked Harry to remove the snow on Routsong Lane and Matt to clean one side of Rampike Hill Road from the square to make it wider for the buses. Harry was asked to open up some drains, but doesn't have anywhere to take the snow. Harry will talk to Matt about opening up drains and moving snow out.

Also, Rob asked Martha to have Council review the parking tickets. Rob said the ordinance will need to be adjusted according to the costs on the tickets. Council was also informed that 3 new officers were hired and will be starting soon. A motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Scott Howell to approve the parking tickets with fees and change the resolution, all in favor, motion carried.

Pete Stoner: Reported that the state approached him about parking on North/South Main and Church St. It makes plowing difficult with cars parked along the streets. A motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Dan Kuhn to make all streets in the Borough which would now include North/South Main and Church Street snow emergency routes, all in favor, motion carried.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated January 26, 2016, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on a motion by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary