

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2014

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

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

Guests: Kevin Jacobs, Glace Associates; Karen Carey; Charles & Gladys Dean; Dr. Lisa Wolkind, DVM; Tax Collector: Owen McKinney, Solicitor: Robert Campbell and Gettysburg Times Reporter: Deb Thomas Lamb

Minutes: Motion to approve by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting.

Dean Water Bill: Received a large water bill while the house was not occupied and would like to know where the water went. The water was shut off at the curb since there was no idea what could be happening inside the house. It was decided the fees for shutting off the water and turning it back on would be waived and a credit issued to the account. After much discussion, several suggestions were given to the home owner to check before they leave and to shut off the valve inside the house when leaving. The next time the home owners are in town, a meter reading will have been taken and the interest accruing on the account will be discussed. Council will decide at that point whether the meter will need to be replaced and if the home owners are responsible for the water usage.

Park Street Sidewalk: Kevin Jacobs from Glace Engineers attended the meeting to discuss the situation with the sidewalk. He suggested replacing the curb, sidewalk and sloping it toward the street. The wall will also need to be repaired/replaced in the future. He stated that Glace could help us with completing applications for grant money to help cover costs of this project. Council decided to block off the portion of the sidewalk that is not safe to protect the residents and the Borough. Suggested that we submit the permit to the state and discuss the money after permit is acquired. Bob Campbell suggested sending letters to the home owner of the 131 Park Street property stating there is a dangerous situation with the sidewalks that needs immediate attention. Motion to approve sending letters by Jim Patterson, 2nd by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried. Kevin also stated that PennDOT required a Notice of Authorization authorizing Glace Associates to apply for occupancy permits in the Borough's name usually done through a motion. Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Jim Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.

Worker's Comp Amerihealth Renewal: Renewal is paid by the Borough. Letters will be sent to Menallen Township, Huntingdon Township and Tyrone Township indicating their portion of the renewal to be paid to Bendersville Borough.

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Budget Training Session: Council agreed Secretary/Treasurer should attend in August.

Feral Cats: Dr. Lisa Wolkind has been practicing for over 16 years and works with the trap, spay/neuter & release program where a cat's ear is clipped as the universal sign that the cat has been spayed/neutered. The cats also receive a rabies shot. She works with many different organizations to accomplish this process. The medical staff would make a decision if a cat had medical issues and would need to be euthanized. She would like to put together a program for the Borough to help control the cat population. She will be getting information together along with costs for the next Council Meeting.

Printing Costs: Secretary/Treasurer requested purchasing pre-printed return address envelopes. Motion to approve by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

Met-Ed Service: Rates for electric service provided by IDT were higher than the Met-Ed rates. Secretary requested to change back to Met-Ed and terminate service with IDT. Motion to approve by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Tax Meeting: Met with Bob Gordon and would like to set up a meeting with the Executive Board of the Fire Department to discuss options with them. A meeting will be scheduled.

Code Enforcement: The April and May inspection reports were available for review.

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

Possum Valley Municipal Authority: The May 8th minutes were available for review.

Martha Schriver: Reported that the street light on Park Street had been called in for repair. Has not received any bids for street repairs.

Jim Bergolios: Dutka property lawn has been mowed, however weeds are still high.

Dan Kuhn: Keystone Marker Signs have been returned. Mike will be putting them back up in a week or so. Costars could be a benefit for purchases in the future. Would like to see the Park Street sidewalk blocked off since it is dangerous and so that no one gets hurt, as well as protecting the homeowners and the Borough. Jim Patterson will get some caution tape and stakes to use to block off the sidewalk.

Owen McKinney: Aged Receivable Report given to Council for review.

Rick Kime: Will call Bob Campbell to discuss updating the pavement ordinance.

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Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Jim Patterson, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills on bill list dated June 24, 2014, 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 8:58 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary