

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2021

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

Present: President: Rick Kime; Vice-President: Martha Schriver; Council Members: Dan Kuhn, Jim Bergolios, Joe Saum, Scott Howell; Mayor: Mike Riley; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Owen McKinney; Sgt Dennis Pennese; Brian Preski, Lynn Herman; Ken Wolf (Menallen Twp); BJ Gianguliano (HA Thomson); Attorney Joseph Erb via Phone for Tyrone Township

Minutes: Motion by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting.

Worker's Compensation Discussion: Attorney Joseph Erb attended via phone for Tyrone Township for this discussion. Bob explained that Tyrone doesn't feel that they should pay the amount owed after several years of paying, due to the change in population being served by the Fire Co. BJ explained that the law says that the determination for the premium is on pro per person basis. Randy Carver submitted the form in 2008 that the Rate Bureau has on file showing Tyrone 100%, Butler 8%, Huntingdon 8% and Straban 1%. Our form shows Tyrone 24% which is incorrect if they are claiming 100% for Heidlersburg Fire Co. The purpose of this meeting to get all parties to meet together to discuss this issue. Bob has found out additional information and is suspending litigation until the municipalities discuss this issue. Attorney Erb was contacted by Tyrone to attend the meeting, but was not given authority to make any changes. He will give recommendations to Tyrone to enter into serious discussions with the municipalities and resolve this issue without litigation. Ken Wolf (Menallen Twp) contacted the insurance company after Aspers Fire Co was closed and could not get any information. He went to get maps and counted every house of each fire territory of each township and multiplied by two. After he got the total from the County, he was only ½ percent off for each municipality in 2008. BJ suggested another informal meeting and hopes all municipalities will attend. BJ confirmed that Tyrone cannot change the number of people that is being served in their area and it is a law that is regulated by the Rate Bureau.

Lynn Herman & Brian Preski-Backflow Prevention: Presented information about backflow and cross connection control. His company would like to get the equipment installed and they will take care of all the paperwork. There is no charge for this until the valves are tested. Every time a valve gets tested yearly the operator pays them \$17. A backflow valve database will be created and will assist in keeping the records up to date, assure timely testing and keep backflow from occurring in the water system. The expected cost for commercial valve install is approximately \$300 and residential is approximately \$41. The cost of the yearly test is approximately \$100-\$125 and tests are done every 5 years. Council had some discussion and Jim would like to investigate this process more and discuss at the February meeting.

Curb & Sidewalk Letter from PMCA: Council agreed to changing the date on the letters to residents to March 1, 2021.

KPI Updates: Council was given the updates from KPI. No comments

Fee Schedule Updates: KPI estimates that sidewalk inspections may be approximately \$150/inspection. The rate has to be set by Council before the letters are sent out to residents. Bob suggested contacting Gettysburg to see what their fee is for sidewalk permits.

Electronics Recycling Change for 2021: The current group has decided to change from 4 electronics recycling events to 2 for 2021. Scott has volunteered to help with both events.

USPS Lease Agreement: Bob had nothing new to report.

Municipal Building Quotes: Optional quotes were received from different businesses, however it still needs to be bid out. We are still waiting for the bid package from KPI.

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SEK Audit & Management Letters: Audit has been completed and the management letters need to be signed and returned.

2021 Municipal Box Alarm Card Review Form: Chief Jeff Kime dropped off the box card form which needs signed by a few Council Members and returned to him.

2021 Fire Tax Account: Andrea spoke to the bank about setting up a new account. Council would like to have the account set up like all the other accounts with the same signers.

2021 Bid Amounts: Council was given a copy of the bid amounts for this year.

Liquid Fuels Report-Wages: PennDOT recommended only claiming expenses for materials and not wages for snow removal since we own the truck and it is not a contracted service. If we claim wages each employee needs to complete a form documenting every minute on each street/alley. Council agreed.

YATB Report Updates: Council was given a copy of the updates that were sent out regarding the Earned Income Tax collection.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms: Council was given the form which is due May 1st.

PMCA Zoning & Inspection Report: There was no report.

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

Police Report: Sergeant Pennese attended the meeting and reported that they are having trouble using the lines to track speed. He is going to borrow an NRAD from Gettysburg to track speed. He is also looking for one to purchase for our use.

Martha Schriver: Received a call from Upper Adams School District that someone from the Borough used cinders on their parking lot. UASD does not want anyone on their property and they do not want to clean up the cinders.

Tax Resolution: A motion to approve the tax resolution for 2021 with no changes except the addition of the fire tax was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor motion carried.

Water Bills: Changes to the water bills are needed and need to place order. Council agreed.

Speed Sign: This sign would be movable and track speed where there are the most issues. Council asked Sgt Pennese to get prices on the NRAD equipment. This would allow the officers to write more tickets.

GIS Map: The new map was received and Council would like to see it framed to hang on the wall.

Mayor Riley: Reported that Lane Hartley turned in his uniforms, badge and key to the office. He also has 2 applications for officers to interview. He asked if there were no parking anytime signs for Rampike Hill Rd since we changed the ordinance. He thought Harry did a good job pre-treating the roads before the snow. He would like to have an executive session at the end.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated January 26, 2021, and accept the treasurer's report.

Executive Session: At 9:10 Council moved to an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and litigation on a motion made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Jim Bergolios, all in favor motion carried. A motion to return to regular meeting at 9:42 was made by Martha Schriver, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried.

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Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary