

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag by President Jim Bergolios

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Scott Howell, Eric Pelc, Chelsea Moore, Micaiah Van Evera, Gary Bretzman; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dennis Pennese; Solicitor: Justin George

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on February 25, 2025.

Dan Kuhn-Water Questions: He asked about the picture of the pipes that were requested. Andrea explained the picture was for the DEP Service Line Inventory for the water line into his house. He stated he had emailed the picture and Andrea received it.

He has also noticed a strange taste in his water and oily film on glasses. He stated the pipes are old and maybe he needs to have a plumber come take a look. Council agreed he should have a plumber come look as there have been no other residents with this issue.

Asked about the process of annexing Applewood Development into Bendersville.

Brandon Brookens: Wanted to know what was needed from the Borough for a Quit-Claim Deed for the alley between 110 and 112 Church St. Justin estimated about \$200 for the documents to be done and then the cost of the Engineer to draw the documents. Brandon will decide and let us know.

Sidewalk Workshop: Scheduled for April 10th @7:00 PM. A reminder will be sent to Council. Also suggested to get estimates for the Borough sidewalk.

Rick Klein Applewood Development Updates: Outline for the dedication for Applewood will be presented in May. Justin explained that we will take over the water lines after they exercise all the valves and provide a maintenance bond for 2 years. If anything happens within 2 years the bond will cover the costs to fix any problems.

Adams Co Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting 4/10/2025: No one plans to attend.

Chevy Traverse Final Payment: The final payment for the Police car will be made this month. Fisher Leasing will contact us later this year regarding a buyout or new car lease.

Windows 11 Computer Updates: Windows 10 will no longer be supported in the near future. The Commonwealth of PA required the police department computers be updated to Windows 11. Keith did the police updates and Council would like Keith to update Andrea's computer also.

Liquid Fuels Audit Update: Audit went well and there were no findings.

Statement of Financial Interest Forms: Forms are due 5/1/2025.

Tax Collection Report: No report.

Police Report: Chief Pennese reviewed the report with Council. One officer who wasn't working was released and all equipment was returned.

Code Enforcement Report: No Report.

PMCA UCC Report: The report was available for Council to review.

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Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for review. Micaiah reported that they received a schedule from the Engineer for the install of the new sewer plant which should be around July-Aug 2027. They are talking to Tyrone Twp about possibly purchasing their sewer plant and taking over their customers and debt. The Tyrone operator is working PT for PVMA.

Micaiah Van Evera's term ends in June and it is Menallen Township's turn to appoint a board member. Council would like to talk to Menallen Township.

Adams Co Council of Government Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review.

Adams Co Borough Association Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review.

Pete Stoner: Would like to know the status of the cameras for the reservoir and the water sensor equipment for the tank. We need to get 3 cameras and prices. He also wants to get the gate installed across the road. Council will discuss further at the April meeting.

Chelsea Moore: Noise complaint on N Main St for loud music.

Joe Saum: He is wondering if we are testing for the chemicals that may be seeping into our water system like East Berlin. He is concerned that we are currently testing and preparing for something like this. There could be many reasons this is happening in East Berlin. Jim said he will contact Derek.

Right-to-Know Request: The police got a RTK request for an incident that happened about 18 months ago. The District Attorney's office said the request was denied. The requester appealed the denial thru the Open Records Office. It is waiting now for the DA's office to reply. We have spent approximately \$1700 in solicitor fees. Justin stated that RTK requests can cost a municipality a lot of money and there is no recouping the money. Responses should be done in writing.

Electronics Recycling: April 12th at Franklin Township, 8-10 AM.

Street Sweeping: Scheduled for May 6th, rain date May 7th. Council would like to have it done April 22nd or 23rd. Andrea will contact Pruitt Trucking to try to change the date.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated March 25, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary