

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **SEPTEMBER 30, 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, Gary Bretzman, Eric Pelc, Chelsea Moore; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dennis Pennese, Sgt Hilliard; Solicitor: Justin George; Andrew Miller-PMCA; Ryan Picarelli-KPI; Victoria Freeny-Gettysburg Library

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on August 26, 2025.

**PMCA Zoning Issues-Andrew Miller:** 101 N Main St is approved for a coffee shop and to sell pastries but not to be a convenience store. The ramp has failed 2 inspections and the sign he put up is not approved. There are several things that have been done and are not approved. Andrew would like to be kept informed of what is being sold inside. A special exception is needed to have pool tables inside.

The fence at 116 Church St has been surveyed but the fence is not splitting the alley 50/50. Andrew is waiting to hear from the property owners how they will split the property for the quit claim deed. At that point Andrew will determine if the fence needs to be moved.

**Gettysburg Library-Victoria Freeny:** Presented updates about the library and the services they provide to the community. Residents saved money by using the library and there is no charge for a library card. She would like Council to consider a donation which will be discussed by Council for the 2026 budget.

**Fire Company-Generator Quote:** This will be discussed at the October meeting.

**Trunk or Treat Night – October 31, 2025:** Stephanie Bobo sent a flyer for a Trunk or Treat to be held at the Fire Co. They would like residents and the Borough to participate so children are safer and not walking around town. Council discussed and they do not want to participate. Council was disappointed at the number of children that participated last year when they were handing out cider at the Elkhorn.

**2025 CDBG Grant Update:** Ryan Picarelli informed Council that our project for the ADA curb ramps was one of 2 selected by the Commissioners. We are still not sure what the funding will be and will still need to put the project out for bid which will determine how many ramps will be able to be done with the funds. Funding should be available in 2026 and can be put out for bid in spring 2026.

**Ryan Picarelli:** Kimes Cider Mill would like to add a cold storage building to their property and have KPI do a site plan. The majority of the building is on land in Menallen Township, however since KPI is the Borough Engineer, Ryan is requesting that Council approve a conflict waiver to allow them to do the site plan. Council discussed and a motion to approve the conflict waiver was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried. Ryan thanked Council for their help.

**Water Treatment Plant Fence Replacement Quote:** Gary received a quote from AL Fence Co. 21 feet of fence is damaged but the posts are still good and barb wire will need fixed. Bid was \$1575 and they will remove the old fence. Gary suggested that the barb wire be replaced on the whole back side of the fence next spring after it is dead and cleared out. A motion to approve the quote was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

**2026 Salzmann Hughes Fee Schedule for Approval:** The letter is increasing the 2026 rate 3%. A motion to approve the 2026 increase was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried.

**2026 PMCA Fee Schedule for Approval:** Council would like to see the current rates and approve at the October meeting.

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**2026 Snow Removal Contract:** Council agreed to send the contract to Ben Smyers.

**2025 Budget Discussion & Workshop:** Workshop was set for October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**2025 Waste Contract Update:** Waste Connections will be the only bidder for the contract. The bid opening will be October 16<sup>th</sup> at Franklin Township.

**Tax Collection Report:** The report was available for Council to review.

**Police Report:** Chief Pennese gave the report. Mayor Stoner asked if Council had any problems with the police department.

**PMCA Code Enforcement Report:** The report was available for Council to review.

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

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

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

**Justin George:** We do have an ordinance for street openings but do not have an application. Justin will work on that for us.

**NAREMA:** Josh Fitting suggested having a person from Council who is able to vote on issues be appointed to the committee so the decisions are able to be made immediately at the meetings which are held quarterly. There are also training courses that the appointed person will need to attend. Josh thinks they will be able to attend the November meeting to discuss details with Council.

**L/B Water Software Upgrade:** They contacted Andrea to let us know the software we are using will be phased out. They are estimating the upgrade cost will be around \$4000. They will plan to meet with Jim and Andrea to go over the new software changes. Further discussion will happen in October after receiving more details. There are still approximately 130 readers that have been ordered. They need updated for the new software which Rob should be able to install.

**Water Rates:** Jim would like Council to think about considering raising water rates. They have not been raised for a long time. Chelsea would like to have EDUs re-evaluated for some properties. The Engineer will have to be involved with making changes to the EDUs. Justin suggested an ordinance for Rental Property Registrations so the Borough will be able to keep track of rentals yearly.

**Water Shut-offs:** Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Rob will be taking care of these.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated September 30, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary