

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **DECEMBER 16, 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, Micaiah Van Evera; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Solicitor: Justin George; Chief Dennis Pennese

**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 November 24, 2025.

**Santa Ride on Fire Truck on December 22 @ 5:00PM:** Council agreed and Police will assist with the Santa Ride thru Applewood and the Borough.

**Paper Alleys for Quit Claims:** Locate the alleys between properties and notify homeowners that the property will be split 50/50. Justin feels a letter will work but first the properties need to be identified. After much discussion, Council will determine where the alleys are and decide if a letter needs to be sent.

**E-Codes Estimate:** This quote is for \$2330-2635 to update all codes and get everything up to date with the exception of the last 2 ordinances that were approved. The eCodes online will be \$1295/year. A motion to approve the updates was made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

**Diversified Technology Quote:** Council asked how long it would take to get the information transferred to be up and running. The answer from Diversified is 60-90 days and then we will run concurrent systems when we do the next billing. The tablet was just ordered. The readers are almost all done and updated in the current software system. Diversified expects we can be ready for the March billing cycle but if not definitely June. A motion to approve the software with the removal of 2 components was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried.

**Rental Registration Ordinance #4 for Approval:** Rentals within the Borough would be tracked and landlords required to complete a form every time there is a tenant change. The fee will be \$75/unit. The ordinance was advertised and a motion to approve the ordinance was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried.

**LST Tax:** This \$10 tax is collected for the School District. If the Borough wanted to collect \$42 it would be from anyone working in the Borough. Council decided against collecting this tax at this time.

**2026 Borough Fees List:** The changes were discussed by Council. A motion to approve the new fees was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

**101 N Main St Update:** Zoning shut down the convenience store due to not opening a coffee shop which is what was approved. Now Patel has applied to demo part of the building to open a convenience store. The guys who are renting the building are upset with Patel since they stocked the store but he did not disclose the correct information about the convenience store.

**USPS Main Delivery Update:** An email came out from Brian Peterson in the Pittsburgh Office regarding no longer delivering to mailboxes in the Borough. He said this should have never been started within the Borough since it changes the town being delivered to from the Borough. It was suggested that a meeting happen between all parties (Aspers PO, Bendersville PO, Borough Office and Pittsburgh PO Manager) but nothing has been scheduled yet. After much discussion, Council would like to have the Aspers Postmaster attend the meeting in January. Andrea will contact him.

**Tax Collection Report:** Dan Kuhn declined the position therefore the Adams Co Tax Services will continue collecting the taxes for the Borough.

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**Police Report:** Chief Pennese gave the report. No questions.

**PMCA Code Enforcement Report-Ron/Ryan:** The report was available for Council to review.

**PMCA UCC Report-Andrew:** 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.

**Gary Bretzman:** Wanted to follow-up on the EMA issue. Jed said the next meeting will be in March when they will vote on the Borough joining.

**PSAB Boot Camp:** Newly Elected Officials will be held January 30-31 if anyone is interested.

**Reorganization Meeting Agenda:** A copy was given to Council for review along with the contacts list for review.

**Rules of Council Webinar:** Will be attending thru PSAB on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Water Shut-offs:** We are not regulated by the PUC and can shut-off water between November and March. Council agreed we do not need to follow this and can issue shut-off notices all year.

**Water Rate Increase Letter:** Council would like to have the letters mailed.

**Joe Saum:** Thanked everyone for the last 8 years and wished everyone well.

**Jim Bergolios:** Gift cards for employees - \$50 each. Council agreed. He also thanked Joe for his service on Council and wished him well.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated December 16, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** The Reorganization Meeting will be held Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 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 Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary