

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 25, 2026

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

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice President: Gary Bretzman; Council Members: Scott Howell, Harry Melhorn, Chelsea Moore; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Solicitor: Justin George; Chief Dennis Pennese; Matt & LeeAnna Cooper, Brian Weikert

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on July 28, 2026.

Council Member Vacancy Appointment: Jim let Council know that Brian Weikert agreed to complete Micaiah Van Evera's term on Council. A motion to approve him for Council was made by Gary Bretzman, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Emergency Notifications: Jim would like to see a notification system on our new website so residents can notify someone about an emergency situation. Two situations recently were a sinkhole near Dugans as well as wires down on S Main St. No one is sure what the process is for notifying the correct companies. Gary will put together a list of companies and phone numbers for notifications. Chelsea ordered some supplies for emergencies at the office.

Kinsley Sinkhole: There was a sinkhole by Dugans in an area where Kinsley was replacing the gas line near the storm drain that a resident drove into. He damaged his car and was unable to drive it. Council was not notified until later the next day.

Brightspeed Work Areas: They are installing fiber optics in the Borough and will be doing horizontal boring. We are not aware of a start date.

NAREMA Truck Insurance: Our insurance company will not insure borrowed vehicles. Since we cannot insure the vehicle as required Council decided to back out of the Truck Agreement. Andrea will send JR and email letting them know. Council would like to talk to Josh about equipment needed for our office.

Website Discussion for Approval: Council was given information to compare for the new website design. After some discussion, Council asked Andrea for her opinion. Merch & Method is local and the setup fee is \$1250 and then we will be billed monthly for services. A motion to hire Merch & Method was made by Gary Bretzman, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Snowplow Municibid Approval: The last bid on Municibid was for \$5900. A motion to approve the bid was made by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Harry Melhorn, all in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Position Ad: Rob has resigned, however he will continue to mow until we hire someone. An ad will be placed on Indeed. Justin also suggested PSAB and Council suggested the Gettysburg Times. Council would like the maintenance person to be sure the garage has the supplies needed.

Budget Workshop: Council will review the budgets in September and schedule a workshop for October.

Employee Holiday Policy: The current policy states the holiday must fall on a regular day worked. It will be revised to say that the holiday can be taken another day during the pay period. Justin will revise and have a resolution done for approval in September. A motion to revise the policy was made by Gary Bretzman, 2nd by Harry Melhorn, all in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collection Report: There was no report to review.

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Police Report: Chief Pennese attended and gave the report for Council to review.

PMCA Code Enforcement & UCC Report-Andrew: The report was available for Council to review.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for review. The rates will be increasing to \$86/month.

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

Sunoco Gas Card: The cards are being closed. Another card will be ordered through the credit card company for the police to use to purchase fuel.

Scott Howell: Asked if there were updates on the cell tower location. Jim has no update.

Snow Removal Contract: Andrea has the contract ready to mail to Ben Smyers for signature.

Executed CDBG Grant Contract: Deana Duvall emailed saying our contract was signed and executed. We have until January 2029 to complete the ADA Ramps with the CDBG Grant money.

SES Request for Humidifier Purchase: Requested to purchase a humidifier for \$200-300 to help with mold and mildew in the water treatment building. A motion to amend the agenda to add this item to the agenda was made by Scott Howell, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried. A motion to approve the purchase up to \$300 was made by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Harry Melhorn, all in favor, motion carried.

Matt Cooper: Attended to ask for an update on Rice Lane.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Eric Pelc, 2nd Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated August 25, 2026, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Brian Weikert, 2nd by Gary Bretzman, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary