

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 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

Minutes: A motion to amend the minutes and add Joe Saum and Scott Howell as attending the December 17th meeting was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Scott Howell, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on December 17, 2024.

Dugan Subdivision Plan Approval: Have not received the waiver letter from Allen Dugan and Council did not want to approve without the letter.

Backup Pump for Water Chemicals: A copy was given to Council requested by Susquehanna for a backup. A motion to buy the pump was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

Audit 2/18-19/2025: Dates for the SEK Audit.

Snow Removal: Concerns about some streets that were icy. Gary requested that we use the One Call Now system to notify residents of snow emergency. PennDOT will be plowing curb to curb going forward.

Plow/Rental Space: A motion to bring the plow over to the office and discontinue renting the space at Michael Showers location was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

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.

Code Enforcement Report: Chief Pennese reviewed the report with Council.

PMCA UCC Report: The report was available for 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. COG would like to have more Boroughs attend the Borough Association meetings. Trooper Haines took a promotion and working on finding a replacement.

2025 Firefighter Tax Credit Ordinance: A motion to approve the firefighter tax credit ordinance following the Adams County guidelines was made by Gary Bretzman, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

Adams Co Borough Association: Would like to get more to attend the meetings. They hold 4 meetings per year at 6:30 at the Emergency Services Building.

Election Petitions: Andrea will call the Election Office to confirm who is up for election this year. Chelsea, Joe, Gary and Micaiah will be on the ballot for Council positions, Pete will be on for Mayor.

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CUSI Electronic Payments: Discussed online payments from residents and if it is something Council would want to do. This software will allow residents to make payments online and would post it directly into their account thru CUSI and Andrea would not have to post payments. There is a \$2000 start up fee and then any fees would be passed on to the customer. Micaiah suggested trying Stripe which charges the customer a fee also. Council will continue to discuss options. Andrea will ask the Auditors if they have any suggestions.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated January 28, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary