

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **DECEMBER 12, 2017**

### **CALL TO ORDER by Jim Patterson and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**Present:** President: Ricky Kime; Vice-President: Jim Patterson; Council Members: Scott Howell, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dave Ogle; Mike Riley; Lane Hartley; Leon Ghougasian

**Minutes:** Motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the November 28, 2017 meeting.

**LG Operations:** Leon Ghougasian attended the meeting to introduce his company which will be taking over the work of Mason Dixon Environmental (George Krichten). Council confirmed there will be no change in the contract prices and welcomed him to the Borough.

**Church St Parking:** Homeowners on Church St were sent letters notifying them of the possibility of changing Church St to No Parking on either side. No complaints have been received. Dan explained that a family member lives in the corner property owned by SPG but there is not adequate off-street parking behind the building. According to the ordinance there is to be two parking spaces for each apartment. Parking is a problem at several apartment buildings. Jim B. suggested sending a letter to SPG letting them know they are not in compliance by not providing enough parking and a copy of the ordinance. There would be an amendment to the ordinance to change Church St. A motion to change Church St to snow emergency was made by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

**Resignation from Planning Committee:** A letter was received from Mike Riley resigning from his position on the Planning Committee. Jim P. explained that the position needs to be advertised.

**Audit Schedule for January 24-25, 2018:** Preliminary meeting scheduled for December 13, 2017. Karen will be meeting with Owen and then coming to the office.

**Business Cards for Mayor & Council:** Suggested getting cards to be able to hand out. Council agreed to small quantities for each member.

**2018 Fee Schedules:** Copies were given to each Council Member for Engineering and UCC Services. Council will review the schedules and make a decision at the January Re-Organization meeting.

**2018 Waste Connections Contract:** According to documents from Waste Connections they will not be picking up yard debris which could be a problem. The new pickup day will be Monday. Many residents have not received any mailings from Waste Connections. Another concern is that if trash is not picked up on the normal day will it be picked up the next day. Andrea will call and ask about the concerns Council has. Chief Ogle offered to take any Christmas trees.

**2018 Re-Organization Meeting Date:** Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

**2018 Meeting Schedule:** Meeting schedule was reviewed with the only change being to move the December meeting earlier in the month. A motion to approve the meeting dates was made by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Updates for 2018:** Possible changes for 2018 were given to Council to review for the January Re-Organization meeting.

**Holiday Hours:** The office will be closed a few days between Christmas and New Year's. Some items will need done before the end of the year so closed hours will be posted on the door.

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**PMCA Code Enforcement Report:** Darrin Catts attended the meeting to give the report. A certified letter was sent to SPG regarding the barn on the Rampike Hill property that is falling down. Darrin explained that the proposal for the BCO has a fee schedule for Council to review and that most costs get passed on to the homeowner not the Borough. They have onsite staff to answer questions and review plans. The website has forms and other information which can be helpful to residents.

**Police Report:** Chief Ogle attended the meeting and gave the report. He introduced Lane Hartley and asked Council to consider sponsoring him attending Police Academy beginning Jan 8th. His parents agree to pay all fees and the Borough will pay HACC. The Borough will pay Lane a salary while in the academy and Lane will work for the Borough as an officer until the reimbursement is complete. A motion approving the sponsorship was made by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried.

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

**Adams Co Council of Governments:** The minutes were available for review.

**Clouse Property Update:** Bob did not attend the meeting, but sent an update which was read by the secretary. "Petition to sell free and clear has been presented to Court for a hearing. Miraculously the other day we received a call from the latest assignee of the mortgage who wanted a payoff figure. We gave them a number including substantial legal fees not yet charged to the Borough and told them we were proceeding with the hearing and final sale which will add more costs. I told them the faster they pay the more they may save. After all these years we could get lucky."

**Martha Schriver:** Confirmed ordering the snow emergency signs for Church St. She also "thanked" Jim P. for all the years he has been on Council and the work he has done. Council agreed.

**Jim Patterson:** Jim thanked Council and offered his assistance with anything in the future.

**Pete Stoner:** Asked about the status of installing security cameras at the reservoir. Chief Ogle got a quote for 2 wireless cameras for about \$300. Officer Hough got a quote for 4 camera system for \$450. He would like to see a separate system for the office as well which could include the parking lot and maybe some of the school. We will continue to work on this issue.

**Wood Chipping Day:** For those who didn't pay prior to that day, an invoice was sent and most did pay. One resident was sent a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice and still has not paid. To be fair to the residents that did pay Pete will contact the resident to receive payment.

**HA Thomson Meeting:** During the meeting it was mentioned that a target range was being developed. The agent wanted to be sure of the location and if the public would have access. He is meeting with Officer Hough later this week to discuss details.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Jim Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated December 12, 2017, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The Re-Organization Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary