

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

### **CALL TO ORDER by Rick Kime and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**Present:** President: Rick Kime, Vice President: Jim Patterson; Mayor: Robin Gochenauer; Council Members: Scott Howell, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Officer Dirk Hough; Owen McKinney; Bob Campbell; Matt Showers

**Minutes:** Motion by Jim Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the January 31, 2017 meeting.

**Rampike Hill Rd Right-of-Way (Alley):** Residents did not attend the meeting to give an update and there was no further discussion.

**Showers Tree Farm Agreement:** Matt Showers attended the meeting to discuss the agreement for the land rental. He requested approval from Council to rent the 2 upper fields for an additional 2 years thru 2019. He doesn't do any type of weed spraying and uses an insecticide on the trees. He offered to continue paying the same amount for the rent, but only use the 2 upper fields for another 2 years. Matt offered to clear the fields and cut the stumps level to ground level. A motion to give a 2 year extension for the 2 upper fields was made by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried. Matt will clean the lower 2 fields by the end of the year and have everything flush with the ground.

**Messick's Sign Variance:** Each member was given a copy of the planning commission meeting minutes and they have referred to the Zoning Board. Kubota is requiring the sign which is larger than the ordinance allows. The Zoning Board is meeting on March 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

**SEK Audit:** Andrea reported the audit was completed. They will call when they have finished their review to have a meeting and go over their findings.

**One Call Now Renewal:** The renewal is \$152.95 for 1000 messages. Council agreed.

**Liquid Fuels Account Update:** A copy of the letter from PennDOT was given to each member which states that \$18,993.39 will be received on March 1, 2017.

**Street Committee Update:** The secretary gave a report for Martha Schriver who did not attend. Council members were given a copy of the letter received from Hill's office stating there was sidewalk grant money available but not until later in the summer. Martha is setting up the street sweeping for the end of March or beginning of April.

**Statement of Financial Interests Forms:** Council members were reminded that the forms are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Land & Sea Building/Zoning:** The inspection report was available for review.

**Police Report:** Officer Hough attended the meeting and gave the report.

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

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

**Mayor Gochenauer:** Was contacted by Larry Heller who helped previously with Fire Police & Traffic Control. He would like to continue to help with these services when needed within the Borough. Mayor Gochenauer suggested putting him on payroll as maintenance so he would be covered by the Boro's worker's comp. He could also help with traffic control if there was a water main break or other needs. The secretary stated that he was already on payroll from previous work on water shut-offs. Council agreed.

**Pete Stoner:** Asked if there was an update on the mailboxes around town. Rick said he would go to Aspers to see if the Postmaster is able to come to a meeting or we will have to get someone from Harrisburg. Jim Patterson reported that Channel 8 news had a report that someone shot through a door and the bullet lodged in the wall on S. Main St, Aspers. Jim explained there is no location in Aspers and it should be a Bendersville but since they have a mailbox it is an Aspers address. Pete requested that our code enforcement officer speak to the mailbox owners based on the ordinance that was recently passed.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Patterson, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated February 28, 2017, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary