

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

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

**Present:** President: Rick Kime; Vice President: Jim Patterson; Council Members: Scott Howell, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner; Mayor: Robin Gochenauer; Secretary: Andrea Rivera

**Guests:** Karen Carey, Owen McKinney, Dr. Lisa Wolkind, Glace Associates: Kevin Jacobs; Solicitor: Adam Zei and Gettysburg Times Reporter: Deb Thomas Lamb

**Minutes:** Motion to approve by Pete Stoner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the August 26, 2014 meeting.

**Park Street Sidewalk Bids:** Two contractors purchased the bid package: Kinsley Construction and Upper Bermudian Excavating. One bid was received from Kinsley Construction was for a total of \$139,500. A motion was made by Dan Kuhn to reject the bid submitted by Kinsley Construction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried. After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided to appoint a committee to meet with Glace Associates to discuss further options or possible changes/modifications for the project. Council also expressed that they would like to see more bids submitted for a comparison and would like to have the bid advertised in more newspapers/websites in the spring. The Council also decided the next bid should be separated into different sections due to property owners being responsible for their portion of the sidewalk. Since the sidewalk is used by children to go to school, it was suggested that we try to find some grant money to help cover the cost of the project. Council decided that the sidewalk should be closed and construction fencing be placed around the area for everyone's safety until the project is completed.

**Feral Cats:** SPCA has set up an account at ACNB to accept funds/donations as part of their fundraising efforts. Nobody's Cats is willing to help with transporting the cats. ACNB has agreed to accept cat food donations and provide a designated area. Nobody's Cats is also willing to assist with trapping techniques and are offering to subsidize 50 cats at no charge. Staging locations are needed for cats prior to the surgery and for 24-48 hours after they are returned. Training will be provided for managing, feeding and cleaning up pre and post-op since the cats will remain in the traps until they are ready to be released. First training session for residents to be held at the Borough Office on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Halloween Treat Night:** The date has been changed for this year to be Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 6-8 pm.

**SPCA Donation:** Council decided not to make a donation at this time.

**WC Audit:** The Worker's Comp Audit on 9/29/14 went well and we will have results in a few weeks.

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**Code Enforcement:** The August inspection reports were available for review.

**Land & Sea Services:** The August inspection report was available for review.

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

**Pete Stoner:** Mike Shreve would like to have Council consider purchasing a more heavy duty type of mower to be used at the reservoir. He would like something that could be used for mowing, moving dirt, etc. The current mower cannot continue to handle the necessary mowing at the reservoir. A committee comprised of Rob Gochenauer, Jim Patterson and Pete Stoner was formed to look into the costs of getting new equipment.

**Dan Kuhn:** Wrote a letter to the editor of the Gettysburg Times to possibly get a petition started to send to PennDOT about dropping the speed limit to 20 from 35mph. Several positive responses were received. North Laurel Lane has had some residents complaining about trespassing on their properties and would like the police to check out this area when they are patrolling. He has also seen very young children playing in the street on Apple Lane and is concerned that someone may be hit, suggested speed bumps to help slow people down.

**Jim Patterson:** Wanted to be sure an advertisement for snow removal had been done.

**Jim Bergolios:** Suggested a call to be sent to all residents regarding closing the sidewalk on Park Street.

**Scott Howell:** Would also like to have a call be sent to all residents regarding the Cat training meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Owen McKinney:** Aged Receivables were given to each Council member. Suggested that the Balutis property water be turned off since it is vacant, however it has already been done.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Patterson, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills on the list dated September 30, 2014, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary