

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **JANUARY 31, 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, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dave Ogle; Harry Melhorn, Patty Miller, Wayne Miller

**Minutes:** Motion by Jim Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting.

**Rampike Hill Rd Right-of-Way (Alley):** Wayne & Patty Miller are concerned about the property between them and their neighbors' Deb Poland. The Miller's deed shows a 10 foot alley between the homes and their only access to their back yard, but it is being used as parking. They have offered several suggestions on how to make space available for all of them, however nothing has worked. They asked Council to send letter to Deb Poland stating that the property is an alley, not maintained by the Borough, and it should not be used for parking. Bob stated it was a private issue not involving the Borough. The only option is for the Borough to quit claim the property and both property owners could enter into a private right-of-way for use by both owners. Chief Ogle suggested he or another officer could stop to talk to them about the situation. After much discussion, the Miller's are going to contact Deb Poland and have her ask the tenants not to park/block the access to their back yard or digging up the yard. Bob asked them to ask Deb if she would be interested in going together to obtain a mutual right-of-way with the assistance of the Borough Council. Martha suggested having Deb send the Miller's a copy of what she tells the tenants in writing so everyone knows what has been said and done. The Miller's will attend the February meeting and give an update on the situation.

**LABS Cost of Services Contract for 2017:** Council reviewed and will sign the contract.

**Tax Collector Rate Approval:** O. McKinney requested Council approve the 5% of collected revenue pay rate for taxes for beginning January 2018 for a 4 year period. A motion to approve the rate was made by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Patterson, all in favor, motion carried.

**Energy Bid Information:** Council does not wish to bid out energy needs at this time.

**Available Grant Programs:** Information was sent via email to each Council member. Jim P. also stated that there was an article in the Borough News Magazine about grants for sidewalks.

**Statement of Financial Interests Forms:** Each Council member was given a form to complete and return by May 1, 2017.

**Land & Sea Building/Zoning:** The Nov & Dec inspection reports were available for review.

**Police Report:** Chief Ogle gave the report. He also reported Dollar General requested them patrol their store because of the recent robberies in Adams County.

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**Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes:** The Nov and Dec minutes were available for Council to review.

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

**Harry Melhorn:** Reported several Borough roads that need repaired, Rice Lane to Apple Lane, both ends of Liberty Lane and spots on Apple Lane. The street committee will begin work to get the repairs done. Harry distributed the Fire Company report to each Council Member.

**Martha Schriver:** J. Fronheiser contacted her about how the snow removal is done at the end of their driveway. Matt will plow for the homeowner after the Borough is done and bill the homeowner directly.

**Jim Patterson:** Jeff Fronheiser contacted him about the water pressure. He explained the Borough has done everything that can be done. Jeff is planning to install a pressure pump at the hook-up and Met-Ed will supply electric to it in order to operate his sprinkler system.

**Dan Kuhn:** Neighbors complained about bottles in the rear of 122 N Main St. The concern is that someone may drink the contents and they would just like to have the trash cleaned up. Jim P. said he would contact Bill Gardiner since he is doing code enforcement for the Borough.

**Resume Review:** Six resumes were received for the PT (As Needed) Secretary. Chief Ogle will do background checks on the resumes received before the meeting. Council will review the resumes on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

**Computer Issues:** A power outage damaged some equipment, causing computer problems the past few days. Treysta was called and the equipment was replaced. Treysta also suggested replacing a switch which is at capacity and quite old, the quote was \$179.00. A motion to replace the switch was made by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried. Robin suggested they review all the equipment to be sure everything is up to date.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated January 31, 2017, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary