

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 27, 2025

CALL TO ORDER and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag by President Jim Bergolios

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Eric Pelc, Chelsea Moore, Micaiah Van Evera; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dennis Pennese, Officer Keith Culbertson; Solicitor: Justin George

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on April 29, 2025.

PVMA Board Member Appointment: Council has not received official notification, but do not feel that Micaiah Van Evera has not been reappointed for another term. Council asked Andrea to get copies of the PVMA By-Laws and the solicitor to review.

Election Results: Results were posted and no one had any questions.

N Main St Ordinance Approval: A motion to approve the ordinance for No Parking on N Main St was made by Chelsea Moore, 2nd by Eric Pelc, Micaiah Van Evera voted no, vote 5-1, motion carried. We have signs and will need posts. Council would like the Van sign taken down also.

Animal Ordinance Possible Change: After a report of a homeowner having chickens and other issues, Council discussed changing the animal ordinance to allow chickens with specific rules put in place. After much discussion on different options, Council decided not to change the ordinance at this time. Justin will send a copy of an ordinance that was used to allow chickens with requirements in place.

Waste Contract Meeting Update: Andrea attended the meeting at Franklin Township to discuss the upcoming bid for waste services. Last bid cycle there were 2 options for bidders with or without recycling. A suggestion was made to only offer bidders an option with recycling and everyone was asked to get a vote from their municipality. A motion to have 1 option for bids to include recycling was made by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried. Andrea will contact Franklin Township to confirm.

Tax Collection Report: The report was available for Council to review.

Police Report: Chief Pennese gave the report. Officer Hilliard attended the meeting and gave an update on the incident on N Main St.

Code Enforcement Report: Keith Culbertson gave the report. He also requested that Council allow him to step down from doing Code Enforcement. Council agreed and he will be done June 30.

PMCA UCC Report: The report was available for Council to review.

Possum Valley Municipal Authority Minutes: The minutes were available for review. Micaiah will be attending his last meeting in June. Menallen has appointed Lee Pomraning from Aspers. Sewer plant should be completed by 2027.

Adams Co Council of Government Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review. Noted that 23% of Adams Co voted in the primary election. June 5th no handheld cellphones becomes a law.

Adams Co Borough Association Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review.

York Adams Tax Bureau Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review.

Pete Stoner: Matt Showers is going to start mowing the field at the reservoir.

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Chelsea Moore: Matt Showers asked about the shooting at the gun range at the reservoir. Asked about the meeting for the 250th celebration and if it was scheduled.

Vacation: Jim will be on vacation June 1-9 if anyone needs him, he can be reached on his cellphone. Andrea will be off on May 29th for Graduation.

114 S Main St: Property owner is looking to subdivide his lot but the deed says it is 2 lots. The garage belongs to the empty lot. Justin says the deed is more correct than the tax map and he has to comply with current zoning requirements.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated May 26, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report. In the interest of saving paper, Andrea has provided the Council Members with the cover sheet of the report. A full copy of the report is available for members to review and will be kept on file for the auditors.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 24, 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 Micaiah Van Evera, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary