

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 28, 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, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner; Mayor: Robin Gochenauer; Secretary: Andrea Rivera

**Guests:** Owen McKinney, Brenda Wileman, Betty Chronister, Shawn Melhorn, Shawn Cramer; Solicitor: Robert Campbell and Gettysburg Times Reporter: Deb Thomas Lamb

**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 September 30, 2014 meeting.

**2014-2015 Snow Removal Bids:** One bid from Upper Bermudian Nursery & Excavating. Martha had a concern about the snow removal for the fire company and will talk to Matt Mentzer to be sure it is included when he does the remainder of the Borough areas. A motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried to accept the bid for the 2014-2015 season.

**Park Street Sidewalk Bids:** Jim Patterson reported that the committee met with the Engineer and he agreed to research other ways to complete the project at a lower cost. Martha contacted Anne Thomas regarding grant money and unfortunately there is no money available. The Borough needs to be over 50% of low income families to qualify for grant money and the Borough was at 48%. The Engineer will be giving an update at the November meeting.

**Feral Cats Update:** Dan Kuhn reported that volunteers from Gettysburg College and SPCA are helping to feed and take care of the cats. Nobody's Cats in Camp Hill is donating \$1250 of services which includes surgeries, vaccines and other items. The SPCA is providing traps and will be transporting the cats for the surgeries. The Biglerville Ag class is building feeding stations and ACNB is collecting food donations. A location is still needed to house the cats before and after the surgeries. A motion by Dan Kuhn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried to use the Borough's Garage space to house the cats before and after surgeries.

**Zoning Fees:** Council was informed of the fees incurred for the last zoning hearing vs. the fee that was paid by the potential property owner. After much discussion, it was determined that the fees for a zoning hearing need to be increased.

**Donation Letters:** Council decided not to make donations at this time.

**Alley Inside of Barn:** Dan Kuhn & Betty Chronister would like the Borough to consider abandoning the 10 ft. alley between their homes. After a discussion, it was determined that the alley was not ordained and the Borough did not wish to claim the property. A motion by Jim Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, Dan Kuhn abstained, all in favor, motion carried for the Borough to relinquish the property. The costs of changing the deeds and filing the paperwork will be paid by the property owners.

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**Municipal Authority Resolution:** This resolution was sent to the Municipal Authority as part of the Business Partner Agreement. It needs to be signed by the chairman and vice-chairman of the Municipal Authority. A motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried to approve the Municipal Authority Resolution.

**Quote from OC Rice:** Rob discussed the costs from OC Rice for the new tractor needed for work at the Reservoir. Council would like Mike Shreve take a look at the tractor to see if it is what we need. It was suggested that we get a few other quotes to compare prices. Also, it was discussed that the reservoir road is in need of some repairs or pipes installed due to the water run-off. Jim Patterson will contact someone to look at the road and see what may need done.

**Land & Sea 2015 Fee Schedule:** The fee schedule was available for review.

**Budget Workshop:** A budget workshop has been scheduled for November 11, 2014.

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

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

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

**Jim Patterson:** 136 Park Street had water running and the plumber replaced the water line. The leak was actually from the main line which was fixed and patched. Arentz Enterprises were authorized to replace the road patch with PennDOT regulated patch. The property owner is responsible for fixing the sidewalk that was disturbed by the plumber that was hired. Council suggested that the Code Enforcement Officer send a letter to the property owner to get the sidewalk repaired. Also, trees at well house #2 will be trimmed in a week or so.

**Martha Schriver:** Asked if the yellow truck on South Main Street could be moved. It is parked on a state road and if it is legal to be on the road, there is nothing Council can do about it. Cannot attend PennDOT Winter Services meeting, no one else was able to attend.

**Jim Bergolios:** Reported a broken window on the Clouse property. It was suggested that someone check out the house to be sure nothing has been disturbed inside. Bob Campbell will fax contact information to the Borough Office so the property owners can be notified.

**Owen McKinney:** Governor signed a new law in PA regarding tax collection, which requires training and testing in order to be a qualified tax collector. Training is required yearly in order to maintain the position. Each tax collector has to assign a deputy, however some details are still unclear and he will have more information at the November meeting. Also, he would like to request a raise for water bill collections in 2015.

**Bob Campbell:** Suggested a budget line item for expenses to be repaid by property liens.

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**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills on the list dated October 28, 2014, 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 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

\*At this time Council went into an Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary