

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

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

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice-President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Pete Stoner, Dan Kuhn, Scott Howell, Chelsea Moore; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Mayor Owen McKinney; Chief Dennis Pennese; Solicitor: Justin George; Steve Russell & Mike Johnson-PVMA

Minutes: Motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the April 25, 2023.

PVMA-Steve Russell & Mike Johnson: They are having a rate study done and wanted to know if the Borough is interested in doing the same. They will provide information.

Sewer plant is 38 years old and needs updated. The update is estimated at \$6 million upgrade and estimate that rates will need to be increased \$75/month. Current sewer rate is \$55/month. Motts is interested in another 100,000 gallons per day. PVMA would like to join with the Borough to provide that water and help offset costs for their sewer upgrade. They will be building a modular system to expand in the future. They are also applying for grants to help fund the project and have drilled an additional well for water. They will need some information from us and would like a response in a reasonable amount of time.

Jim mentioned that he is concerned about Menallen picking the next representative for the PVMA Board since Dan Kuhn is not interested in an additional term. After some discussion, it was suggested that Jim contact Menallen Township to discuss the next person to be appointed.

Street Sweeping: Tabled until June meeting when Martha attends.

Tax Envelopes with Postage: Crissy Redding at the Tax Office said if the Borough paid for the envelopes they belong to the Borough. The Tax Office does not want them and we are free to use them.

Borough Sidewalks: Jim provided Council with copies of sample ordinances and would like to form a committee to work on getting sidewalks done. The ordinance needs to be in place to get started and they estimate a 2025 start. A motion to form the committee consisting of Street/Safety Committees with Scott Howell as Chairman was made by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried. Justin suggested Waynesboro or Chambersburg ordinances as a sample. Scott suggested that we get risers for the shutoffs that are in the sidewalks for when the sidewalks are done.

Push Lawn Mower: Harry thinks he can make our mower work until later this summer and get one on sale closer to fall.

SR 4008-FY2022 Resurfacing Project Updates & Contract: Pete reported that the caps on Church St need to be raised. We did not have risers and now the roadway will have to be cut out to raise up the caps.

York Springs Police Assistance Update: Chief Pennese put together a proposal for providing police services to York Springs for Council to review and approve. After much discussion, Council agreed to send the proposal and see if York Springs is interested in moving forward.

Community Media Donation: Joe asked what the benefit is to donating money. The donation is made quarterly from our Comcast Franchise money. A motion to cancel the donation was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

Credit Cards: Paul's Garage gas credit cards were picked up. Agreements need signed and returned.

Tax Collection Report: Council was given a copy of the updated report and had no questions.

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Met-Ed Energy Cost Changes: Council was given copies of Integrity Energy rates provided by Engie Resources and their rate is 10.02 cents for 48 months. The Met-Ed rate is currently 0.12567. A motion to make no changes to the accounts was made by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried.

114 Rampike Hill Rd: Address for property owner has been confirmed and a letter needs to be sent via regular and certified mail saying that the house needs to be secured. If it is not done then we will secure it and a lien will be put on the property. Jim has received an estimate for securing the property. Justin agreed with what is being done and suggested Council also adopt the IPMC ordinance after it is advertised. The ordinance can be approved at the June meeting.

Stormwater Management Fee Approval: Council needs to decide on a fee. Ryan at KPI said the review would cost \$300-500. Jim suggested \$500 and if it is less the property owner will be refunded. A motion to approve the \$500 fee was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried.

FEMA Updates: No one had any updates.

Past Due Water Notices: Andrea requested that Council consider not sending out past due water notices. With the water shut-off notice process in place now it will save time and money not sending them out each quarter. Council discussed and agreed to discontinue sending past due notices.

Police Report: Chief Pennese attended the meeting and gave the report.

Code Enforcement Report: Jim requested a monthly report from Officer Culbertson.

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

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

Adams Co Council of Government Minutes: The minutes were available for review.

Pete Stoner: Received a letter from House of Representatives regarding US Postal Service issues with GPS addresses in Bendersville. The issue is supposed to be resolved in a few weeks.

Office Updates: COG Meeting: Office equipment sale coming soon, Election Office is moving to the Emergency Services Building, YATB reducing collection rate from 1.85% to 1.75%.

One Call List is updated and able to be used for notifying residents of water issues.

Office signposts are rotten and need repaired. Would also like to have it be turned to be read on both sides from either side of the street. Chelsea will get a quote from someone she knows.

Council and Solicitor agreed only Andrea should have access to Facebook to make updates only.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated May 23, 2023, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting has been changed to Tuesday, June 27, 2023, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Scott Howell, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary