

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 29, 2025

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

Present: President: Jim Bergolios; Vice President: Joe Saum; Council Members: Scott Howell, Gary Bretzman, Eric Pelc, Chelsea Moore, Micaiah Van Evera; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dennis Pennese; Solicitor: Justin George; Ryan Picarelli-KPI; Paul Royer-Running For Judge; Residents: Brandon & Brittany Brookens, Marlena Rollings, Ronda Miller, Maylin Reynold

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on July 1, 2025.

Scott Lee-Parking on N Main St: Did not attend the meeting.

Marlena Rollings-Alley at 116 Church St: Would like to get approval from Council to obtain her portion of the alley between her and 112 Church St. She has installed a fence on what she thought was her property but it may be a little over 50% of the alley. Justin stated that if the alley has not been open or used in over 21 years the property goes 50/50 between the property owners filing a Quit Claim Deed. She is deeply sorry and wants to do what is right with the neighbors. Council suggested getting the property surveyed. She thanked Council for listening to her and helping her resolve her issues.

Brandon Brookens 110 Church St also stated that he got different instructions when contacting PMCA about his fence along the alley between him and 112 Church St. He would like to have PMCA giving the same information to all residents. Council agreed.

Street Parking on N Main St: Resident from N Main St is concerned about where she should park now that it has been changed to No Parking. She asked if there was a parking permit she could buy. Justin reported that per the ordinance parking is required by the landlord, but did specify how many spots. After much discussion, Council agreed there may be too many apartments for the area and landlords are not supplying enough parking. They will continue to look into this issue to find a resolution.

Ryan Picarelli-Sidewalks & CDBG Grant: Ryan and Jim drove around the Borough looking at the sidewalks. He said the CDBG Grant will only cover ADA Ramps. There are 8 ramps on Rampike Hill Rd, 9 on Park St, 2 on N Main St for a total of 19 ADA Ramps to be replaced and apply for funding. The County would like to award the money (\$118,000) for 1 large project. Application deadline is 9/15/25. We would have 3 years to use the money. Ryan would put together a cost estimate for the number of ramps that could be done for the money they have remaining. A motion to move forward with the application for the ADA Ramps was made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Postal Mail: Brandon Brookens also wanted to address the mailbox/PO Box issue. He has spoken to Brian in the Pittsburgh Office and the Post Office is supposed to provide a free box. They want a list of who has a PO Box vs Mailbox so it can be fixed directly by the USPS. According to the current Postmaster the solution to remove the street mailboxes would be to put in mailbox clusters. They would be purchased and installed by the Borough and maintained by the US Postal Service. Council does not want to spend the money so they will wait to hear from the new Postmaster when he arrives to address this issue. They are still unsure if that will help the address issue.

Code Enforcement Agreement with PMCA: A motion to approve the PMCA Agreement to do Code Enforcement for the Borough was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Council is concerned with the property at 101 N Main St and that is it approved to be a coffee shop but that may not be what it is being used for by zoning. Andrew will be contacted.

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

Police Report: Chief Pennese gave the report.

Code Enforcement Report: The report was available for Council to review.

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 Council to review. Commissioners stated there were no tax reassessments.

Pete Stoner: Keys were given out and Andrea has the extra keys. Lock will be put on when he returns.

Gary Bretzman: Asked if the Emergency plan was received. Jim will talk with Gary to discuss and feels a committee should be established.

Worker's Comp Payment: Council discussed making payments since the cost increased significantly. A motion to make 3 installment payments by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated July 29, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 26, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary