

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **NOVEMBER 24, 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; Mayor: Pete Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera; Chief Dennis Pennese, Josh Fitting & Jed Smith-NAREMA

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on October 28, 2025.

**NAREMA-Jed Smith:** Jed attended the meeting along with Josh Fitting to discuss the NAREMA Organization. The representative should be a voting member in order to make decisions and the organization meets quarterly. Josh explained that this would bring the Borough up to status quo per FEMA requirements for emergency issues. They also explained that they have purchased a truck housed at Tyrone Township to be used for emergencies. If it is voted on to join their board members need to be informed and they need to vote to have us join. After much discussion, a motion was made to ask to join NAREMA was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried. Gary Bretzman was appointed to be our representative.

**E-Codes Annual Estimate:** Still have not received the estimate.

**Diversified Technology Quote:** This quote is to move water billing information from current software to this software with more options. It will be a little costly to get it set up but will be close in price for following years. This system will have features we don't currently have along with more security and backup. A motion to purchase the system but not until we get the answers that are needed for implementation was made by Chelsea Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

**Tax Ordinance for Approval:** 2026 Tax increase is .5 mills was advertised. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried. Chelsea asked about the LST tax and where that tax goes after it is paid. Andrea will contact YATB to find out.

**Rental Registration Ordinance for Approval:** A motion to approve advertising the ordinance was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried. Should be adopted at December meeting.

**2026 Meeting Schedule for Approval:** Council agreed.

**2026 LABS Fees Proposal for Approval:** A motion to approve the fee schedule was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

**2026 Membership Investment Form for Adams Co Economic Alliance:** Council will review in the future.

**2026 PMCA Fee Schedule Approval:** A motion to approve the fee schedule was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried.

**2026 Final Budget Approval:** A motion to approve the final budgets for General, Water and Highway was made by Eric Pelc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried.

**2026 Snow Removal Contract:** We received the contract back from Ben Smyers with the 2026 rates. A motion to approve was made by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

**Tree Removal at Water Plant:** More trees fell on the fence in a different section and one across the road. Rob was able to cut and move them.

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**Roadway Excavation Permit:** Received the permit from Justin.

**Tax Collection Report:** The report was available for Council to review. During the election 2 people tied with write-ins for tax collector and Daniel Kuhn won the draw. The elections office will send out paperwork for him to accept or decline the position. If he declines, the position will remain open and the County will continue to collect the taxes.

**Police Report:** Chief Pennese gave the report.

**PMCA Code Enforcement Report-Ron:** There was no report.

**PMCA UCC Report-Andrew:** There was no report.

**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.

**OnSolve Renewal:** In order to renew the account, calls needed to be purchased. Andrea purchased the smallest amount which was \$60 after Council approved renewal at the October meeting.

**Fire Co Volunteer Reimbursement:** Andrea asked to be sure the information was sent out for the Fire Co Volunteers. Payment is estimated to go out to those who qualify in March.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** A motion by Joe Saum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated November 24, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 16, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary