

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 26, 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, Sgt Hilliard; Allen Pierce-award; Solicitor: Justin George; Residents: Clayton Cupp, Marlena Rollings, Jessica Daly

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

Awards: Chief Pennese gave Sgt Hilliard and Allen Pierce awards for their help with the stabbing incident that occurred in town.

Clayton Cupp-112 Church St: Would like to request that if utilities need to be accessed it is done from the street or speak to owner before entering property. He would like grass seed placed around the water valve that Baumgardners had to dig out. Jessica Daly would like to hear from Andrew about the fence installed by her neighbor and whether it is approved where it is or if it will need to be moved. Jessica stated that she doesn't want to make Marlena move the fence however she suggested to her a few times before it was installed that she needed to be sure of the property lines.

Marlena Rollings-Alley at 116 Church St: Has had a survey done and is waiting for the report. That will determine the property lines and whether the fence will need to be moved or not. She also has hired a lawyer to do the quit claim deed once the property owners have come to a decision.

She also has a section of roadway on Church St next to her sidewalk that needs to be filled in. It is a PennDOT road and Ryan Picarelli contacted PennDOT who said they would not fix it. They suggested either the Borough or herself put cold patch in the area to keep it from washing out anymore. Council suggested PennDOT be contacted again.

Baumgardner's Water Issues: Council discussed if we want to have the problem shut-offs fixed now or wait. Jim would like a cost estimate for each shut-off needing to be fixed before making a decision.

Unmaintained Alleys in Borough: Justin stated that if the homeowners want to split the property of the unmaintained alleys there is nothing more for the Borough to do. They need to have a drawing done and hire a lawyer to do the paperwork.

Sale of Snow Plow: Council discussed selling the snow plow again. Some Council members feel we won't get paid much for it and decided against selling.

Street Cutting Permit: We need a street opening ordinance with guidelines for how it can be done and how it needs to be replaced. Justin will work on the ordinance and fee to charge for the permit.

Chelsea asked if Columbia Gas is possibly installing gas lines in the alleys. She suggested talking to Possum Valley.

PMCA Code Enforcement Guidelines: Council discussed the guidelines that need to be used by PMCA and the timeline for violations. Eric suggested using 3 steps and 2 weeks between Notice of Violation and Notice of Continuing Violation. After much discussion, Council decided PMCA should give homeowners 1 week to fix a violation.

CDBG Grant Update: Ryan and Andrea will be talking to Deana Duvall about the CDBG Grant later this week and the 19 ADA Ramps that we need to replace. Applications are due 9/15/25.

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General Code Electronically on Website: Jim would like to see the codes put electronically on our website. Council agreed and would like to see a quote for having it done.

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

Police Report: Chief Pennese gave the report.

Code Enforcement Report: There was no report.

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.

American Power & Gas: Called to discuss having us change the energy for our Met-Ed Bill. Council was not in favor of changing at this time.

Fire Ordinance Change: Council would like to change the ordinance to be able to burn after dark. They would also like to have the barrels taken out of the ordinance as well. Justin will work on the changes.

Office Sign: Jim suggested a sign be put up about no tolerance of abusive or aggressive language in the office. No decision was made at this time.

Properties Sold: Dugan Funeral Home and 166 N Main St.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated August 26, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 30, 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 Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary