

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2014

CALL TO ORDER by Rick Kime and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Present: President: Rick Kime; V. President: Jim Patterson; Council Members: Scott Howell, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Peter Stoner; Mayor: Robin Gochenauer; Secretary: Andrea Rivera

Guests: Denny & Karen Carey, Tax Collector: Owen McKinney, Solicitor: Bob Campbell and Gettysburg Times Reporter: Deb Thomas Lamb.

Minutes: Motion to approve by Jim Patterson, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting.

Park Street Wall/Sidewalk: Measurements were sent to 3 contractors for bids and one has been received to date. Need to wait for 2 others or send to other contractors for bids. Concerns from Residents about costs incurred to replace sidewalks. After much discussion, a question was asked if the repairs could be paid for by the Municipal Authority if the water main replacement caused the separation of the wall and sidewalk. Bob Campbell suggested having the Engineer review the situation and give a possible reason for why this has occurred. Rick to contact Glace Associates.

Resident Complaint about Cats: Resident complaint on N. Main Street was relayed to the Council. Bill Gardiner was contacted to check on complaint. Council is still working on a resolution for the feral cat problem within the Borough.

Recycling Center on Church Street: Temporarily closed because items were left that were not able to be recycled. It has now been reopened for recycling of specific items.

One Call Now Renewal: A motion to approve by Jim Patterson, 2nd by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Call Silver 3000 package. One Call Now does not carry over credits, however there may be an exception if many credits are unused.

CDBG Grant Information: Bob Campbell does not believe that this grant can be used for sidewalks because residents are responsible not the Borough. He suggested contacting our Engineer, Glace Associates to have them help us. Glace was contacted, however no response has been received from them regarding grants.

Sunoco Gas Cards: Received new gas cards for use in the Borough truck as well as the Police car. The Fleet services cards will be cancelled.

Adams Co. Radio System Meeting Notes: Available for Council to review. Rob Gochenauer had some questions about who was contacted regarding emergencies with the school district. He will find out more information.

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Verizon Cellphone: No penalty for early cancellation. This is a card that is used by the Police to obtain information when they are out patrolling.

Columbia Gas Update: Called to find if they would be repaving the area of road they had recently worked on because of a gas leak. The road had been patched but was in need of further paving. Brian stated that an old fitting was found when they did the initial work and after that is replaced a work order will be submitted to have the road repaved.

Audit Meeting Letters: Letters given to Council for the Borough and the Municipal Authority from the Auditors for review. An error which needed fixed was a check for a lease payment that was deposited into the Municipal Authority and should have been deposited into the General Account. A check will be cut from the Municipal Authority Account payable to the General Account. Other journal entries need to be completed with the help of Deb from SEK.

Code Enforcement: March Report was available for Council to review. Reported that 190 Park Street has new owners because work was being done in the basement and a pipe was broken that the plumber was called to fix. It is reported that there have been lights on and it looks occupied. Owen to check the water meter reading to see if water has been turned on.

Discussed the need for property owners to complete a form listing who is occupying rental units and updating each time there is a change to any unit. Council discussed changing the ordinance and increasing the fees for non-compliant property owners. The code enforcement officer will be contacted to get a current list of property owners with rental properties.

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

Possum Valley Municipal Authority: The March 6th minutes were available for review.

Owen McKinney: A vacant property in Applewood had a high water meter reading, a bill was sent and the owners don't want to pay since the property was empty. Water has been turned off. Also, property on Rampike Hill Road is vacant and water has been turned off at street.

Martha Schriver: Questioned whose Worker's Comp insurance covers an injured firefighter. After discussion, a firefighter is covered by their company, not the company that has received the fire call. Biglerville Borough sends out a letter to each member/volunteer to acknowledge that they know the procedures to follow for a worker's comp claim. Council decided that Worker's Comp information should be sent to each member and kept on file in the Borough Office. Martha will contact Tara get an updated list. Martha reported that street cleaning was completed. One complaint was received from a resident whose neighbor's car was not towed and her car had been towed 2 years ago. She asked if it was possible to receive a refund. Council and Mayor stated that there were no police patrolling during 2014 street cleaning, therefore no refunds would be given.

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Jim Bergolios: Bushes need trimmed at end of Liberty Lane. Suggested having Mike trim.

Robin Gochenauer: Met with police and Mike Trostel attended. Mike requested that he keep his badge, trooper's hat and would like Council to purchase a retired officer's badge for him. Police force now consists of Jim Patterson Jr. (Chief), Josh Rosenberger and Matt Trostel (officers). Jim will do paperwork, mail, messages, but will not be patrolling. Josh will patrol about 10 hours/week. It was suggested that the Safety committee possibly interview a retired officer who could fill in the other 10 hours/week. Rob suggested pay increases which would be effective May 1st if approved by Council. Motion to approve items Mike Trostel requested and pay raises for police by Dan Kuhn, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried.

Rob contacted the county commissioner regarding the fire tax. He was given contact information for John Senft who could answer any questions that Council has. Suggested a special meeting with John where Council could ask questions or voice concerns about the fire tax.

Rick Kime: Suggested that the ordinance book be updated for streets and sidewalks, because it has not been updated for many years.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills on bill list dated April 29, 2014, and accept the treasurer's report. Question by Council about the money in the escrow account which should have been previously moved to the General Fund. The money is in account at ACNB Bank and the last statement was sent in October 2013. Jim Patterson asked that the Highway Account be reviewed to fix the potholes that have occurred over the winter. Street Committee needs 3 bids to fix the potholes.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary