

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2014

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

Present: Pres: Rick Kime; Council Members: Scott Howell, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Peter Stoner; Secretary: Andrea Rivera

Absent: V. President: Jim Patterson; Mayor, Robin Gochenauer; Council Member: Martha Shriver

Guests: Cynthia D. Moore, Mike Shreve, Karen Carey, Tax Collector: Owen McKinney, Solicitor: Robert Campbell and Gettysburg Times Reporter: Deb Thomas Lamb.

Minutes: Motion by Pete Stoner, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting.

Cindy Moore: Cindy read a statement stating that she felt she was misrepresented by the Gettysburg Times reporter's article written after the January 28th meeting. She has great concern for the Borough with regards to the diseases that the feral cats may be carrying and spreading to the residents especially in the area of the Bean property. She would like the Borough to find a solution to the feral cat problem. Rick Kime stated that the diseases being carried by the cats are a real concern of the Borough's also. Rick reported that he had contacted Mid-Atlantic Wildlife Control which is an organization that helps trap feral cats. They would set up 20-40 traps for a \$295 setup fee and \$45/cat that they are able to trap. They evaluate the cats, diseased cats are euthanized and healthy cats are spayed or neutered and taken to farms. Another organization discussed was Nobodyscats.org locate in Camp Hill. They will only take cats that are humanely trapped and free-roaming. The organization provides humane traps and dividers for a refundable cost of \$40/trap. There is a charge of \$25/cat and the cats are given shots, spayed or neutered and returned to their outdoor homes. Each cat's ear is tipped to indicate that a free-roaming cat who has been altered and vaccinated for rabies. Bob Campbell said he would look for ordinances dealing with feral cats. Cindy was willing to trap the cats on her own time. She also talked about People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) which traps and euthanizes cats. She had sent comments to them and was awaiting a response. Cindy is very concerned for the cats in the Borough area and suggested each cat should get a rabies shot. She would like the crates removed and the cat feces cleaned up around the Bean property. Rick Kime said he would contact Bill Gardiner regarding the property.

New Secretary/Treasurer: Motion by Dan Kuhn, 2nd by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept Andrea Rivera as the Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

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Municipal Radar Resolution: Tabled until March meeting to discuss with Robin Gochenauer.

Municipal Plan Resolution: Tabled until March meeting to discuss. Will be sent to Harry Melhorn to review.

Code Enforcement: January Report was available for Council to review. Pete Stoner brought to the attention of Council the issue of non-compliant properties due to foreclosures/bank owned/owner out of state and how the Council should deal with the issue. Borough may need to have the work done and put a lien against the properties. A list is to be sent to Bob Campbell for his review.

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

Possum Valley Municipal Authority: The January 9th minutes were available for review.

2014 Tax Forms: Secretary has them available if changes need to be made. Council members were reminded of Statement of Financial Interest Form that needs completed by the April 29th meeting.

Office Computer: New computer to be ordered as well as have Computer Works come out to evaluate current equipment. Evaluation will be scheduled.

Mike Shreve: Reported he will be having surgery on Friday, February 28th. He will be out for 2 weeks and then he will have a few weeks of light duty, tentatively returning to work on April 10th, pending physician release. He will drive Jacob Shreve to do meter readings when they are due.

Scott Howell: Martha Shriver, Dan Kuhn & Scott Howell met with Matt Mentzer of Upper Bermudian Nursery & Excavating regarding snow/ice issues. Discussed the water running down Rampike Lane on to Rampike Hill and where it is repeatedly melting and refreezing causing problems. Martha is also organizing a street cleaning/sweeping for the end of March, weather pending. Mike Shreve offered to help with traffic control if needed.

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Daniel Kuhn: Started discussion about the wall on Park Street and whose responsibility it is to fix if the wall would cave in more. When the drain was placed in the road and PennDOT required it to be raised up, however now the water does not flow into the drain causing the water to run over the wall. Suggested a letter be sent to the State regarding the concerns of the street/wall. Rick Kime stated that he contacted Glace Associates the Borough Engineer to evaluate the situation. Glace was going to check the topographic maps, would visit the site and report back after the snow was melted. Jim Bergolios was to find out of the sewer runs under the street. It was stated that there is no curb because the pavement is very old and the road slants which allows the water to run over wall breaking it down even more.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: Motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Pete Stoner, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills on bill list dated February 24, 2014, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2nd by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary