

BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 1, 2025

(rescheduled from June 24, 2025 for Area-wide Power Outage)

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Chelsea Moore, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the Meeting on May 27, 2025.

Mike Smith-Police Academy: Did not pass his physical so he was not able to start the Academy in July. He will possibly start in January.

Ryan Picarelli-Sidewalks & CDBG Grant: Was not able to attend the meeting. Will hopefully attend the July 29th meeting.

PSI Valve Replacement Quote for Approval: PSI feels the valves on Church Street need to be replaced. A motion to approve the valve replacement quote was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Requirements: Council discussed many options, but felt it was necessary to have someone do code that has training and experience doing code enforcement. Andrea will call PMCA to see if they would be willing.

250th Celebration Meeting Update: Chelsea attended the meeting and stated they are looking for volunteers to serve on committees for the Celebration. The grant they applied for was denied and they are working a list of businesses to send letters to for donations. They are hoping to get committees together to meet before the next meeting in October. Eric also attended the meeting and had some concerns about the timing of events.

USPS Renewal Agreement for Approval: The renewal will begin in 2027 for a 5-year term. A motion to renew the lease was made by Joe Saum, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Co & Disaster Plans: Pete wanted to Thank the Fire Company and Tyler Weikert for all they did during the power outage. Pete is working on a committee to come up with disaster plans details. He would like to see the Fire Co get a generator to use for an emergency. They would need the Borough to apply for the grant. Council agreed and told Pete to work on getting the process started. Council also wants to talk to Josh Fitting about possibly joining the NAREMA group.

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. Micaiah said the updated schedule is to have sewer plant done by summer 2027.

Adams Co Council of Government Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review.

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York Adams Tax Bureau Minutes: The minutes were available for Council to review.

Pete Stoner: The gate has been installed and he will get a lock for it this weekend. He requested a letter be sent to the Bear Mountain Association regarding the four-wheelers that are trespassing onto the Borough property.

Street Sign Update: Van sign was removed. We are getting the mounting pieces and concrete bit to install the rest of the street signs.

Vacation: Andrea will be on vacation July 21-25. She can be reached on her cellphone or via email.

Chainsaw: Wasn't working well and a new saw was purchased. The current saw is 10 years old.

Tree Trimming @ Reservoir: Matt Showers recommended that we get the trees trimmed by the power lines up to the reservoir. Andrea will contact Atlas and Whispering Creek Tree Services for quotes. The fence will need fixed where the tree damaged it. Andrea will call a few fence companies for quotes.

Property on Quarry Rd: Several inquiries about this property and the cost to connect to water and sewer which is part in Menallen Township and the Borough. After much discussion, Council agreed they can connect but at the property owners expense.

Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report: A motion by Eric Pelc, 2nd by Joe Saum, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated July 1, 2025, and accept the treasurer's report.

Adjournment: The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 29, 2025, beginning at 7:00 pm at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306. There being no further business, on a motion made by Micaiah Van Evera, 2nd by Eric Pelc, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary