

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 15, 2015**

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

**Present:** President: Rick Kime, Vice President: Jim Patterson; Mayor: Rob Gochenauer; Council Members: Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn, Pete Stoner, Scott Howell; Secretary: Andrea Rivera

**Guests:** Shawn Melhorn, Dave Ogle, and Adam Zei

**Minutes:** Motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the November 24, 2015 meeting.

**2016 Budget:** Jim Bergolios asked if the EZ Dumper discussed at the November meeting was included in the budget. It will be included in the budget and half will be paid by the Municipal Authority. The \$2500 portion to be paid from the General account will be charged to general repairs and the \$2500 paid by the Municipal Authority account will be charged to repairs and maintenance equipment. Council felt there would be enough money in the budget to purchase the trailer which was approved at a previous meeting. A motion to accept the 2016 budgets were made by Jim Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried.

**Sidewalk Ordinance:** Council discussed several issues related to updating the ordinance such as trash cans on the sidewalk. The code enforcement officer would be responsible for enforcing the new ordinance with either trash cans or mailboxes. Rob's opinion is that the Postal Service made a mistake allowing someone living within the Borough to have a mailbox with an address outside of the Borough. Also, Rick feels the sidewalks are in bad condition and need to be fixed for safety reasons. Council agreed that this ordinance is a huge concern for all residents. After much discussion, Council decided to make this a priority and get the ordinance updated. Rick will contact Liz at the Post Office to possibly have someone from the Harrisburg Office attend the Council meeting in January.

**131 Park St Property Lien:** Adam informed Council that this is a lien being recovered from the property because of the unavailability of the owner. It will be processed as any other lien.

**EZ Dumper:** There are several items to consider when purchasing the dumper. Council agreed to have Jim Patterson and Harry Melhorn check on the sizes and options of the insert and purchase the EZ Dumper with a budget up to \$5000. A motion was made by Martha, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried to make the purchase.

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

**Possum Valley Municipal Authority:** The November minutes were available for review.

**Aged Receivables:** Owen McKinney was not in attendance, however the report was distributed to Council members to review.

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**Pete Stoner:** Reported that he has received complaints about the parking in front of Elkhorn Inn since the lines have been painted. Currently parking can be enforced by police or code enforcement or if they mayor appoints someone.

**Jim Patterson:** Reported that Jim Sanders is working on the well house roofs and will be completed in early January. There is a groundhog problem at the reservoir and Mike Baumgardner knows someone who can trap them. Jim gave Mike approval to contact this person to see if they can get rid of them.

**Rob Gochenauer:** Informed Council that he and Dave are working on parking citations. He will discuss with the safety committee who could be appointed to issue parking citations. He plans to have something for Council to review at the January meeting. He will also have police changes ready for the Reorganization meeting.

**Martha Schriver:** Reported there are blinking street lights on Kime Avenue and one out on South Main Street. Met-Ed will be called to replace the bulbs. Council recommended starting to replace the lights with LED lights.

**Adam Zei:** Reminded Council to update the Municipal Authority members and terms during the Reorganization meeting.

**Scott Howell:** Had a question about a cap that was supposed to be put on the wall project on Park Street by Baumgardner and was not used. Some Council members were not happy with final outcome of the unit pricing and feel Kevin Jacobs should answer why the items were not used but the Borough was charged for them. Council discussed other Engineering companies that could be hired and will discuss further at the Reorganization meeting.

**Dave Ogle:** Reported on activity from the past few months and 2668 miles were driven on the car. He wants Council to encourage residents to leave messages for the police.

**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Jim Patterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kuhn, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated November 24, 2015, and accept the treasurer's report.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on a motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 4, 2016. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary