

# **BENDERSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 27, 2015**

## **CALL TO ORDER by Jim Patterson and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**

**Present:** Vice President: Jim Patterson; Council Members: Scott Howell, Martha Schriver, Jim Bergolios, Dan Kuhn; Secretary: Andrea Rivera

**Guests:** David Bolton, Shawn Melhorn, Robert Campbell, Owen McKinney; and Gettysburg Times Reporter: Deb Thomas Lamb

**Minutes:** Motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept the Minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting.

**David Bolton – Hemp Resolution:** VP and Legislative Chair for the Adams County Boroughs Association and currently a candidate for Commissioner in the County. Presented information regarding growing industrial hemp in Adams County. There are many benefits to growing this crop such as helping air, water and land quality. There is much support from farmers and investors to get this growth started. He would like to have municipalities in the County on board in order to petition the state leaders by the end of the year. He would like PA to be on the list as a state that is exploring this industry and giving it the opportunity to do the good things it can for our economy and ecology. Council decided to wait on the resolution in order to research the issue further and until all members were present.

**Shawn Melhorn:** Presented a copy of the Fire Company 2015 budget. He also provided a list of officers, breakdown of incidents and breakdown of incidents by type and municipality.

**Campbell & White Letter:** Would like to have the fees for all services included in a resolution when the zoning fee is updated. The PA Legislature requires a deputy tax collector be named for each municipality and Ellen Black has agreed to take the position in Owen's absence. A motion by Jim Bergolios, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Howell, all in favor, motion carried, to approve and accept resolution naming Ellen Black the Deputy Tax Collection for the Borough.

**Liquid Fuels Report:** Gary Tipton met with Andrea to complete and submit the report. The amount to be received for 2014 was increased from 2013. Gary also stated that he needs to be contacted when any road repairs are done in order to have the appropriate specs given to the contractor. The money that was used for the pothole repairs may need to be repaid from the general account which will be determined by the Auditor General's office.

**2015 Municipal Primary Packets:** Council members were reminded to pick up their election packets starting February 2, 2015 at the Courthouse.

**York Adams Exemption Tax Form:** Each member was asked to complete and return this form if they have another employer who would be withholding the \$10 Local Services Tax (LST) in order to avoid having the tax withheld twice.

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**Speed Limit Signs:** Dave Ogle was informed that the Borough speed limit signs were not reflective. Jim Patterson asked Gary Tipton who was responsible for replacing the signs and said he would get back to us with an answer. Gary asked why the speed limit was still posted at 35mph and not 25mph, but in order to get this changed we need to have a traffic study done. We will wait to hear from Gary before replacing the signs in case there is a traffic study done and the speed limit will be changed.

**Statement of Financial Interests Form:** Council was reminded that each member needs to complete this form prior to the end of May.

**AT&T Discount Info:** Information was passed on to Council regarding the discount AT&T is offering to Borough Employees having an AT&T Account.

**Code Enforcement:** The December inspection reports were available for review.

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

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

**Bob Campbell:** Presented to Council the Quitclaim Deeds for the 10 ft. property/alley between Dan Kuhn and Betty Chronister's properties which will be divided equally between the properties. A motion by Scott Howell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Schriver, all in favor, motion carried for the Borough to accept and sign the deeds, releasing interest in the 10 ft. property/alley (which was never ordained). Deeds were signed by Jim Patterson, Vice President.

**Scott Howell:** Asked if the snow should be removed on the sidewalk in front of the abandoned property on Park Street. Council decided not to remove the snow because of the condition of the sidewalk. Jim Bergolios will look for orange construction fencing to place around the site. He also reported a complaint of a strong sewer smell on Apple Lane. Council suggested contacting PVMA so they could speak directly to the person who complained about the smell.

**Martha Schriver:** Received 3 complaints from the first snow from Fire Department, the School about Rampike Hill Road and Borough Office. Martha has talked to Matt at Upper Bermudian about the priorities which should be Rampike Hill Road, Fire House, the Borough & Post Offices, then the remainder of the Borough.

**Jim Patterson:** Concerned about the black truck parked on Rampike Hill Road because it is a safety issue with all the vehicles/buses and it is a snow emergency route. Would like to suggest no parking along Rampike Hill Road and will talk to Rob to find out how this should be enforced. It was suggested that residents be notified before a resolution is passed.

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**Pay Bills and Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, to pay bills dated January 27, 2015, and accept the treasurer's report. Jim Patterson suggested that the donation check for the Fire Company be written in February. Council agreed.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, on a motion by Martha Schriver, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bergolios, all in favor, motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 24, 2015, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at 125B Rampike Hill Road, Bendersville, PA 17306.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea S. Rivera, Secretary