

Bentleyville Borough Minutes
Wednesday, November 08, 2023
7:00PM at the Bentleyville Municipal Complex

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Stan Glowaski asked for a moment of silence for all of those that lost their lives in the Middle East, also for the victims that lost their lives in the mass shooting in Maine.

Roll Call: Present were: Bob Paul, Stan Glowaski, Tom Brown, Tim Jansante, Gary Damich, Tim Miller, Joe Pigeon and Dennis Makel. Absent was: Roy Larimer

Business from the Floor:

John and Loretta Antanovich of 214 Wilna Street asked if the borough was going to install the pipe in the ditch to help with the water issues they are having. Bob said the pipe will only make the issue worse. Council discussed the matter and agreed to meet at the property at 9:00AM tomorrow morning to evaluate the situation.

Old Business:

A motion to approve the October 03, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Gary, seconded by Joe. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Stan to approve the Ordinance for the stop signs. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Tim to advertise the budget. The motion carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Gary to approve the address of 91 Kennedy Road for Zachary Farquhar. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Joe to approve the health insurance renewal. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Joe to extend the EQT Bond, with EQT paying the application fees. The motion carried.

Stan said there are four new bicycles at the Civic Center that belong to the recreation board and asked what council wanted to do with them. Tim Miller suggested donating them to the Assembly of God Church for their Easter Egg hunt. A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Joe to donate the bikes to the church. The motion carried.

Other new business:

Secretary's Report: Quarterly taxes are filed. Kuchar and Associates completed the 2022 Municipal Annual Audit.

Animal Control Report: None

Code enforcement Report: Troy with KLH and Associates said there is a continuance on the variance for 823-825 Main Street and the zoning hearing board will reconvene on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 7:00PM. Tom said a property on Washington Street needs cleaned up. Council authorized KLH to cite the property owner. Stan questioned junk cars on Circle Drive, a residential property. Solicitor Makel told Troy with KLH to send a notice stating they are not in compliance with zoning and they have 30 days to remove the vehicles. Council also talked about wrecked cars at 100 Pittsburgh Road. Solicitor Makel told Troy to send a notice stating the cars need to be removed or a fence needs to be put up. Chief Young stated he and Solicitor Makel met with the property owner approximately three years ago, and the property owner agreed to put up a fence but later council withdrew the request upon advisement from Solicitor Makel.

Engineers Report: None

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Makel said the Borough won the court case against Solomon Auto Group.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jansante said last month he was the moderator for the candidates running for the Bentworth School Board. This Friday he will be the speaker for the Central Christian Academy's Veteran's Day Program.

Committee Reports:

Building & Borough Properties – Roy Larimer, Chair: Stan said Steve with Widmer Engineering contacted him a few weeks ago and wanted to look at the restrooms at the Civic Center to see if council wanted to make changes. The consensus was to leave the plans as is.

Streets & Bridges – Bob Paul, Chair: Bob said the road department guys signed up for a spray class but they do not want to continue. They said the whole program would be too intense in record keeping, they would have to purchase special equipment and would have to ask each home owner before they could spray.

Police & Lights – Tom Brown, Chair: None

Health & Sanitation – Tim Miller, Chair: None

Redevelopment – Joe Pigeon, Chair: Joe requested a motion be made to approve the resolution to apply for the LSA grant for the Borough Street Department Garage. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Joe to add this to the agenda. The motion carried. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Gary to adopt the resolution. The motion carried. Mayor Jansante asked Joe if he received a report from the DEP regarding their findings about the street departments building on Mary Street. Tom asked why the DEP was there. Joe said the DEP did not issue a report and they were not in the building. Joe stated the water in the building is going straight to the creek and suggested any further discussion should be done in private.

Finance & Purchases – Gary Damich, Chair: None

Other Business:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Gary, seconded by Bob. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the receipts was made by Gary, seconded by Bob. The motion carried.

Stan wanted to thank everyone who helped make the Halloween Parade a success.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Bob, seconded by Stan. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Stamm". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a horizontal line.

Tammy Stamm