

Bentleyville Borough Minutes
Tuesday, September 05, 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 the victims in Hawaii that have lost their lives and so many that have not been found, and the victims in the news we have heard in the last few weeks that have lost their lives.

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

Business from the Floor:

Melinda Weisbecker of Pittsburgh Road said a tree spilt on her neighbor's property and she is concerned that the tree might fall onto her property. Solicitor Makel said that is on private property so it is up to the property owners to remove it.

Prudy Nicholson of Level Street wanted to advise everyone that Consolidated Communications is now charging \$4.95 just to mail their invoices out.

Terry Harmon of James Street complained about her neighbor's chickens going onto her property. Sam Vargo with Animal Control said he cannot cite the owner of the chickens because it is an ordinance violation. Chief Young said he will assist in the investigation and cite for any violations as needed.

Officer Jaskiewicz talked about the drug arrest they had on Beallsville Road last week. He said this was a case that they have been working on for several years. He said if anyone has any tip information about drug activity, they can call the non-emergency police phone number. He said they need help from the community, and any feedback would be greatly appreciated. Stan thanked them for all they do. Tom said we have a great police department and they do their job, and they do it well. He congratulated them and said keep up the good work.

Old Business:

A motion to approve the August 01, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Gary, seconded by Roy. The motion carried.

There will be a Halloween Parade meeting at the Borough building on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:10pm, and any volunteers are welcome to attend. It was discussed if local politics were allowed in the parade. Council discussed and agreed that no signs may indicate that anyone is running for a political office. This is not limited to local politics; this applies to county and state politicians as well. Solicitor Makel asked each council member if they agreed. Stan, Bob, Tom, Roy, Gary and Tim agreed, Joe abstained.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Tim to approve the request of the 3-year LERTA tax exemption for Vernon and Donna MacDonald of 130 Gibson Road. The motion carried.

Drainage repairs were done at Caramel Park and Joe Piasecki asked to be reimbursed for the cost of the repairs. Mayor Jansante said he would like to see the invoices for the repairs. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Tom to table this until the invoices are received.

Chief Young noticed there are numerous stop signs that need to be added in the borough. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Tim to have Solicitor Makel prepare a traffic control ordinance concerning stop signs and other signage. The motion carried.

The Planning Commission met about the Coen Oil Amoco signage. Gary said Coen is rebranding from BP to Amoco, they met all requirements and asked for Council's approval. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Roy to approve the signage. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Bob to add to the agenda the use of Richardson Park for soccer and the road department taking a spray class. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Tom to allow BAYSA to use Richardson Park field for soccer practices and games through October. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Joe to approve Mark and Bryan to attend a spray class to get their spray license. The motion carried.

Bob asked that KLH Engineers look into 317 Lincoln Avenue for a clean-up.

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Joe to add to the agenda the date for Trick or Treat. The motion carried. A motion was made by Stan, seconded by Joe to have Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Bob to add to the agenda dehumidifiers and a new police vehicle. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Bob to purchase three dehumidifiers for Richardson Park, not to exceed \$1,000. The motion carried.

Mayor Jansante requested a new police vehicle be purchased using CARES (SLFRF) money. It was estimated that the cost would be approximately \$60,000, and if more was needed council would have to authorize that at a later date. A motion was made by Roy, seconded by Tom to have the Police Committee purchase the vehicle with all the necessary equipment using CARES (SLFRF) money, not to exceed \$60,000. The motion carried.

Tom said people doing work within the borough must obtain necessary permits. Chief Young said he contacted traffic control to reinstall the pressure pads for the traffic light about three weeks ago, and said it still has not been repaired.

Other new business:

Secretary's Report: The Tri County Borough Association meeting for Bentleyville Borough paired with Marianna Borough, will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7:00PM at the Bentleyville Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall.

Animal Control Report: Sam gave his report.

Code enforcement Report: Kerry gave his report.

Engineers Report: Kerry with Widmer Engineering said we received the permit for the restroom renovations at the Civic Center and this must be put out to bid. He said there will be a pre-bid meeting on September 26, 2023 so contractors can look at the project to bid the job. Kerry mentioned there is another LSA grant for next year that must be applied for by November 30, 2023.

Solicitor's Report: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jansante will be attending a Bentworth open house on Thursday, September 07, 2023 to address any questions concerning the borough.

Committee Reports:

Building & Borough Properties – Roy Larimer, Chair: None

Streets & Bridges – Bob Paul, Chair: None

Police & Lights – Tom Brown, Chair: None

Health & Sanitation – Tim Miller, Chair: None

Redevelopment – Joe Pigeon, Chair: Joe said a contract was signed to repair sidewalks, however a signature on the contract needs to be re-signed because it was smudged. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Tim to advertise for sidewalk replacement from Dan Sara's house to the Marodi Funeral home. The motion carried. We do not have the Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) required for the replacement of the sidewalk, but Kerry with KLH said this can be put out to bid while awaiting the HOP approval. Joe said the water fountain in the fire department is still not working. Council will check into replacing the fountain with a water cooler. Joe mentioned there was a possible problem with a dead tree on Johnston Road. Solicitor Makel suggested the road department check into the situation to see if the tree is on the borough right of way. There is a high hedge at the intersection of Hill Street and Wood Street. The visibility is limited and the hedge needs to be trimmed or removed. Troy with KLH will send a letter to the property owner. Joe said the speaker system on Main Street that is used for parades needs a new amplifier. The cost to repair the existing amplifier is \$600. The cost of a new amplifier is approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500. This is tabled until the October meeting. Joe will get pricing and bring it to the October meeting.

Finance & Purchases – Gary Damich, Chair: None

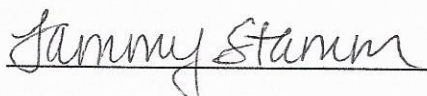
Other Business:

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 Bob, seconded by Joe. The motion carried.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Tim, seconded by Roy. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Stamm". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tammy Stamm