

Bentleyville Borough Minutes  
Tuesday, October 04, 2022  
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 the victims of the tragic hurricane last week in Florida and in the Carolina's. Also, to remember a past councilwoman Pauline Rakosky who passed away last week. Pauline was a very dedicated councilwoman and a resident of this community.

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

**Business from the Floor:**

Matthew Palyas and Elizabeth Palyas of N.Main Street requested a street light. There was a light there before and a neighbor had it removed. President Glowaski said we will take care of this.

Dom Sicchitano wanted to report the September runs for the Bentleyville Volunteer Fire Department. They had 61 incidents, 45 of which were in the Borough. He said they have an average of 8 responders and the average response time is 6 minutes and 36 seconds.

Mayor Jansante presented Proclamations to Ricky Berry, Washington County Ambulance and Chair, Kim Musick, Washington County Ambulance and Chair and the Bentleyville Volunteer Fire Department for potentially saving lives at a fire of an apartment building on Church Street in the early morning of August 02, 2022. Mayor Jansante also presented a Proclamation to Falon O'Regan at a school assembly on September 22, 2022. Dom Sicchitano said 17 members were on scene. He would also like to recognize other fire departments that assisted: Ellsworth, Cokeburg, Fallowfield, Charleroi, North Strabane Township. And second alarm was: California, Richeyville, Brownsville (Post 5 and 6), and Marianna. Dom also wanted to commend the EMS for responding as well. Tom Brown said Bentleyville's volunteers are well trained and have the best equipment around because they work hard to keep the fire department going. They all deserve our appreciation and our thanks. Stan Glowaski said he is thankful for all of the first responders in our community that come out at all times to keep everyone safe.

**Old Business:**

A motion to approve the September 06, 2022 regular meeting minutes was made by Joe, seconded by Tom. The motion carried.

There was a zoning hearing board meeting last month regarding Taco Bell and the variance was approved. Stan asked what the next step was and Solicitor Makel said they should have the site plan, developers' agreement, etc. in place before anything else can be done.

Kerry Bell of Widmer Engineering said the Borough has MS4 permits that is a requirement from the DEP because Pigeon Creek has sedimentation. Kerry would like the Borough to apply for grants to help pay for the sedimentation projects the Borough has to do.

The road department requested to purchase a new lawn tractor because the tractor they have is in poor condition and leaking oil. Bob received a quote for a John Deere tractor for \$22,096.42. A motion was made by Stan, seconded by Tom to table this until the next meeting so council can review. The motion carried.

Mayor Jansante said pole cameras would be beneficial for the police department and he would like to purchase three of them. The cameras can be moved to different locations and help our officers in areas needed. Officer Jaskiewicz said the police need community assistance and reiterated for anyone that knows of drug activity or have concerns to call the Police office or call 911 to report it. He stated the cameras will be a huge asset along with help from the community. Solicitor Makel said three quotes need to be obtained for the purchase of the cameras and they need to be purchased individually. Tom said we can fund the cameras using the CARES money. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Stan to purchase the first pole camera. The additional two cameras will have to be purchased individually at a later date. The motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Joe to approve the Resolution for local taxes, Act 57 of 2022. Solicitor Makel explained this provides relief for people that purchase property and fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy, allowing them to apply for and receive a waiver from penalties. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Bob to add to the agenda the request from the Mental Health Association for a support letter from the Borough. The motion carried. David Jenko, Executive Director from the Mental Health Association of Washington County, asked the Borough for a letter of support for an LSA Grant they are applying for to build a pavilion for their residents. A motion to write the letter was made by Roy, seconded by Bob. The motion carried.

#### **Other new business:**

Secretary's Report: None

Animal Control Report: None

Code enforcement Report: Troy sent his report

Solicitor's Report: None

Mayor's Report: None

#### **Committee Reports:**

Building & Borough Properties – Roy Larimer, Chair: None

Streets & Bridges – Bob Paul, Chair: Bob said the road crew will be tilling and planting grass tomorrow at the roundabout. He also mentioned he asked Penndot about height restrictions in the roundabout and they didn't get back to him yet.

Police & Lights – Tom Brown, Chair: None

Health & Sanitation – Tim Miller, Chair: None



Redevelopment – Joe Pigeon, Chair: Joe said paint colors need to be picked out for the Eagles building and for the façade in the council room. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Tim to use the FITS program to paint the Eagles an off-white color and to paint the façade the same greenish color it currently is. The motion carried. Joe said they are planning on doing the sidewalk project in mid-October. Mayor Jansante said he would like to meet next week about the Halloween Parade.

Finance & Purchases – Gary Damich, Chair: None

**Other Business:**

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

A motion to accept the receipts was made by Tim, seconded by Stan. The motion carried.

Kerry with Widmer Engineering said there are fall applications for DCNR grants and suggested the Borough apply for it. A grant for the outside restrooms would be a \$60,000 construction cost minimum and the Borough would need to put up \$20,000. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Tim to authorize the application to be done by Widmer Engineering on behalf of the Borough with the Borough putting up \$20,000 for the grant. The motion carried. Mayor Jansante asked about the James Street project. Kerry said the Borough could apply for the county LSA grant and the estimated the grant would be \$110,000. He said a match wasn't required but there would be special consideration if money was put up by the Borough. Mayor Jansante suggested putting up \$40,000 for the grant and possibly using CARES money to fund it. A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Tim to have Widmer Engineering apply for the grant on behalf of the Borough with the Borough putting up \$40,000. The motion carried.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Roy, seconded by Bob. 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 a horizontal line.

Tammy Stamm