Bentleyville Borough Continued Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00pm
Bentleyville Municipal Complex, 900 Main St, Bentleyville PA 15314

The meeting was called back to order by President Joe Pigeon with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called Adrian Gordan, Dennis Makel, Joe Pigeon, Tim Miller, Kara Shaw-Dearth, Kim Sacco, Kathy Rakosky being present. Not present were John Hackinson, Joe Patress and Danielle Ott.

Solicitor Makel announced that Public Comment is not permitted at a continued meeting. Public Comment would be open as regards to the agenda items listed under New Business. There was no Public Comment.

Old Business:

Council addressed a problem with Garbage Collection in the Borough. Dalton, from Pro Waste, reiterated that his company is willing to take on the current contract at the same rate and terms as Earthwise (formerly Bigs.) They would be able to begin immediately.
A representative of Earthwise was also in attendance. He asserted that since he has taken over as route manager there have been no problems with garbage collection in the borough. Council had asked Earthwise to provide an additional dumpster at the Richardson Park Civic Center. To date that dumpster had not been provided. Kim Sacco mentioned that the Borough had been charged for and had been paying for 6 dumpsters since the beginning of the contract, yet for the past several years there had only been 5 in the borough.
Tim Miller moved that we do not make any changes to the Garbage contract before it is up in September. The **motion** was seconded by **Kim Sacco**. All were in favor. Solicitor Makel suggested that we start the advertising now for bids for the September expiration of the current contract.

There was a short discussion of the 2026 Paving Project. Mark Bostich said that he and Joe Patress have not decided which roads to pave this year. It **was moved by Kim Sacco**, seconded by **Tim Miller** to table the topic until the May 5, 2026, meeting. All were in favor.

The Social Media Policy was passed on April 7, 2026. Council did not pass a Resolution at that point. It was **moved by Kim Sacco** seconded by **Kathy Rakosky** to pass a resolution 5 of 2026 to adopt the social media policy. All were in favor and the resolution passed.

New Business

Due to an unintended release of personal information, the Borough Contacted Norton Life Lock to obtain identity theft protection for those impacted by this event. A **motion** was made **by Kim Sacco** and seconded by **Kathy Rakosky** to contract for the plan costing $4,083.00 per year for three years at the highest level of coverage Life Lock is offering. All were in favor.

The PSAB Conference is in Hershey, PA from May 31st through June 3rd, 2026, Kim Sacco recommended that the borough approve sending Secretary Danielle Ott to attend. The cost would be: $255 for conference plus $25 for Boot Camp, hotel accommodation would not exceed $700 for 3 nights and mileage and meal reimbursement would be provided as covered by Pennsylvania Law. A **motion** was

made **by Kim Sacco** to approve Danielle's attendance at the PSAB conference. **Tim Miller** seconded the **motion** and all were in favor.

Course Vector has provided the Borough with two proposals for updating Bentleyville Borough to an ADA compliant website. This is a mandatory improvement due to a new state law. The technology committee met with Melissa Davis at Course Vector and agreed that the single page option would be the most in line with the needs of the borough. This is the option that the committee recommended. A **motion** was made **by Kathy Rakosky**, seconded by **Kim Sacco** and all were in favor of accepting the single page proposal by Course Vector.

The Borough's preferred electricity rate is expiring. **Tim Miller** made a **motion** to authorize a broker to shop for the best possible rate. The motion **was seconded by Kathy Rakosky** and all were in favor.

Council feels that it is in the best interest of efficiency for public meetings to adopt a participation policy. The policy would limit public participation to the beginning of the public meetings to 15 minutes. The first individual to speak on a subject would be allotted 3 minutes. Anyone else wanting to speak on the same topic is permitted to stand, give their name and address and voice their agreement. There was a **motion** by **Tim Miller** and second by **Kathy Rakosky** to adopt a resolution approving this policy. All were in favor.

Council is presenting a new payroll policy due to concerns about not receiving timesheets in a timely manner. Council is advised to review this policy before the May meeting.

Other Business:

Adrian announced a fundraiser for Emily Zoretich on September 12, 2026 at the Richardson Park Civic Center. This will be an all-day event. Tim Miller voiced concern about adequate insurance provided by anyone hired to provide fireworks for the event.

The Bentleyville Public Library would like to ask the Borough if they would do the line painting for the parking lot. Mayor Gordon plans to provide the paint, Solicitor Makel volunteered to contribute toward the paint.

Joe Pigeon questioned Stan Glowaski (former council president and on the library board) about parking meters that the borough had removed from the public parking lot. Mr. Glowaski affirmed that the library intends to auction them off to raise funds for the library.

A **motion** to adjourn was made by **Kara Shaw-Dearth** and seconded by **Tim Miller**. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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