Bentleyville Borough Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 05, 2026
7:00 PM at the Bentleyville Municipal Complex

The meeting was called to order by Council President Joe Pigeon.

Business from the Floor:
Father Ed Yuhas appeared as pastor of St Katherine Drexel Parish, on behalf of their clergy, priests and deacons, pastoral staff, and parishioners to present Mayor Adrian Gordon with a plaque of appreciation and best wishes as he begins his new position as Mayor of Bentleyville. Father Yuhas quoted St Paul, "as you exercise leadership may you be strong and may you be wise."

Ron Sicchitano Jr appeared; Fire chief He presented the 2025 report of calls that the VFD responded to. President Pigeon thanked Ron and suggested that perhaps we could get a monthly report and maybe we could receive a similar report from the police monthly.

Tom Brown appeared and asked what the council's criteria were for not reappointing Tammy Stamm to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. He felt that the council should be ashamed of themselves and that Tammy worked hard and did a good job. Mr. Brown suggested that one of the council people wanted to assume that position. He hopes that the Borough survives another 4 years.

Stan Glowaski wanted to say that he worked with Tammy for four years and she was a very dedicated secretary.

Old Business:
It was moved by Tim Miller and seconded by Kathy Rakosky to accept the minutes of the December 02, 2025, monthly meeting. All were in favor.

It was moved by Kara Shaw-Dearth and seconded by Tim Miller to accept the 2024 Municipal annual audit. All were in favor.

New Business:
Kathy Rakosky moved to accept, with regret, the resignation from Joseph Pigeon IV from council. The motion was seconded by Tim Miller and carried unanimously.

President Pigeon listed four individuals who have submitted letters of interest for the council seat left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Pigeon IV. Those individuals are as follows:

Joshua Gordan
John Pattress
Kerry Pigeon
John Hackinson

President Pigeon entertained nominations to fill the position that would run for two years ending on the first Monday of January 2028.

Joshua Gordan was nominated by Joe Pattress, and the nomination was seconded by Kara Shaw-Dearth. With a roll call vote, Joe Pattress and Kara Shaw-Dearth voted in the affirmative with the remaining council members voting no.

John Pattress was nominated by Kara Shaw-Dearth. The nomination died for lack of a second.

John Hackinson was nominated to fill this vacancy by Kim Sacco, seconded by Joe Pattress and with a roll call vote, Kara Shaw-Dearth voted in the negative with the rest of the councilors voting yes. Mr. Hackinson was appointed to fill the two-year term ending on the first Monday of January 2028.

Solicitor Makel reminded council that he has 10 days to file the necessary paperwork.

A motion was made by Kim Sacco to accept the resignation from Adrian Gordon from the zoning hearing board. The motion was seconded by Kathy Rakosky, and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Tim Miller and seconded by Kim Sacco to accept the resignation from Joseph Pigeon IV from the planning commission. The motion carried unanimously.

Joe Pattress nominated Thomas Riggins for the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Joe Pigeon. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tim Miller to add to the agenda to advertise a special meeting for January 12, to reopen the 2026 Budget. The motion was seconded by Kathy Rakosky, and all were in favor.

A motion to open the 2026 budget was made by Kim Sacco and seconded by Joe Pigeon. The motion passed with three ayes, two nays, and one abstention.

Other new business:

On January 14, 2026, at 6pm, there will be an informational meeting to discuss and gather information for the LSA grant. A Park and Play Structures representative will attend.

Mayor Gordan was overwhelmed by the actions of the borough council.

John Pattress voiced his discontent.

Tim Miller, VP and Chair of buildings and borough properties reported that the Civic Center is ready for business, and he needs to find a rental agreement and tweak the rental fees. He also said that the borough received the $167,000 LSA Grant to upgrade Richardson Park. We also have a $75k grant from the Washington County Redevelopment Authority.

President Pigeon requested that anyone interested in being a member of the Bentleyville Recreation Board contact the Borough. Volunteers are needed.

Other Business:

It was moved by Kim Sacco seconded by Joe Pattress approving paying the bills. All were in favor.
It was moved by Joe Pigeon seconded by Joe Pattress accepting the Receipts as presented. All were in favor.
A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Sacco and seconded by Kara Shaw-Dearth and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly G. Sacco
Interim Secretary Treasurer