Bentleyville Borough Minutes
Tuesday, May 06, 2025
7:00PM at the Bentleyville Municipal Complex

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present were: Tom Brown, Stan Glowaski, Tim Jansante, Joe Patress, Tim Miller, Kara Shaw-Dearth, Joe Pigeon III, Joe Pigeon IV and Dennis Makel.

Council President Stan Glowaski asked for a moment of silence for the mass shootings, boating accidents and Pope Francis passing away.

Business from the Floor:

Brett Forsyth of 201 Pine Street said there are several tractor trailers going on his road and asked for truck deterrent signs to be placed. Chief Young said some GPS units are made for cars and truck drivers are using them. Joe Patress said if a road does not have a weight limit posted, the GPS will take them on those roads. Chief Young suggested getting signs with pictures on them for drivers that do not speak English. He said he will get signs placed.

Gary Rankin of 367 Rankin Road, Washington, PA owns the old bank building by the traffic light. He said he needs to level out the sidewalk because it is sinking. He said he talked to the state and they directed him to the borough. Kerry Krider said the Ordinance states sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. Solicitor Makel said the state installed the traffic light, not the borough, and this would be the states responsibility.

Chief Young said he had several requests from residents to put the speed sign on their road. He was able to purchase a few speed trailers so they can place signs in different areas. Chief Young wanted to address the comments being made about the number of police vehicles they have. He said all the police vehicles are being used, and the comments need to stop. There are hypocritical comments being made that seem to be a political issue about the number of police vehicles. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Bentleyville Borough, one of his responsibilities is to ensure they have the proper equipment for the safety of the community. As Mark on the road department needs certain equipment to do his side, however; no comments are made about them having nine vehicles, with several of them not even operational. He also addressed people commenting about police officers being out of town. He said that could be for court, getting supplies, serving warrants, etc. There are also comments being made if there are multiple officers out at the same time. He said that could be for officers' safety if they are serving warrants, or if they have court at the same time. He also said Facebook is helping with warrants, it is reducing the hours of manpower. Lance Kavakich stated people think the borough is spending money on the police vehicles, but the vehicles are purchased with grant and casino money. President Glowaski said people should know what they are talking about before they make comments. He said this tends to happen around election time. He also said if people have questions, contact the Police Chief.

Old Business:

Advertised bids for the 2025 Paving Project. The bids were opened by Solicitor Dennis Makel.

Bidder	Amount of Bid	Signed	Bond
Morgan Excavating, LP	$ 79,515.50	x	x
Redstone Excavating LLC	$ 80,115.00	x	x
El Grande Industries, Inc.	$ 84,597.00	x	x

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Joe Patress, to accept the lowest bid from Morgan Excavating to do the paving project. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Kara, to approve the April 01, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Joe IV, to reappoint Joseph Pigeon III to the Bentleyville Municipal Authority. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Stan, to donate $3,500 to the Recreation Board account for the fireworks display. The motion carried.

Joe III said they would like to expand the parking lot at the Civic Center using the millings that are there. He said they will need help from Ellsworth Borough, Cokeburg Borough and Somerset Township using some of their equipment. He also said they need nice weather to do this. Chief Young asked if this would be completed by July 5th and Joe III said they hope to have it done in June, weather permitting.

A motion was made by Kara, seconded by Tom, to accept the Higbee Insurance renewal. The motion carried.

President Glowaski asked for a motion for the Higbee Cyber Liability Insurance, no motion was made.

Other new business:

Secretary's Report: Quarterly taxes and the annual CARES/SLFRF reporting is complete.

Animal Control Report: None

Code enforcement Report: Kerry gave his report. Jack Stone, Public Safety GIS Manager, contacted Kerry regarding a discrepancy with an address on Gibson Road. Solicitor Makel said he would check into who is responsible for changing the address.

Engineers Report: None

Solicitor's Report: None

Mayor's Report: Mayor Jansante said he received calls and messages regarding different questions, the most concerning was regarding the ambulance service. The question came from Jason Cole as he was concerned about the certification of EMT's. Jason was in the audience and was asked by the mayor for his comments. Jason replied that upon further determination the certifications for the EMT's were up to state code.

Committee Reports:

Building & Borough Properties – Tim Miller, Chair: Tim would like to have a workshop regarding rental rates for the Civic Center. Tammy suggested raising the pavilion rentals. The workshop will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30PM.

Streets & Bridges – Joe Pigeon III, Chair: Joe said a tree was removed from Wood Street and wanted to thank Somerset Township for helping remove the tree with their equipment. He also said they are buying used road work signs with stands that will cost about $1,000. He asked to increase Thomas Sprowls hours from 32 to 36 or 38 hours. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Joe Patress, to approve 38 hours per week. The motion carried.

Police & Lights – Tom Brown, Chair: Tom said the police department will continue to use the park building to house the speed trailers.

Health & Sanitation – Kara Shaw-Dearth, Chair: Kara said clean up day is this Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Redevelopment – Joe Patress, Chair: Joe asked Kerry about the blight program. Kerry said it is still on hold. Joe also asked about the playground grant, that is also on hold.

Finance & Purchases – Joe Pigeon IV, Chair: None

Other Business:

A motion to pay the bills was made by Joe Patress, seconded by Kara. The motion carried.

A motion to accept the receipts was made by Joe IV, seconded by Joe Patress. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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