Bentleyville Borough Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Bentleyville Borough Complex
900 Main St.
Bentleyville PA 15314

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Adrian Gordon, Dennis Makel, Joe Pigeon, Tim Miller, Kara Shaw-Dearth, Kim Sacco, Kathy Rakosky, John Hackinson, Joe Patress and Danielle Ott.

Public Comment:

Richard Young addressed council and read aloud text messages that he stated were exchanged between council members that concerned himself.

Prudy Nicholson asked about "Slow Down Children at Play" signs in her part of the neighborhood near Level St. Patress is to investigate this.

Lisa Leach asked about changing the Borough meeting schedule so that parents can attend both monthly. Pigeon stated they may be about to change the December meeting to accommodate the community.

A Motion to accept the minutes of August 4, 2026, Meeting was made by Kim with a second by Kathy. All voted yes.

A Motion to accept the minutes of August 8, 2026, Meeting was made by Kathy with a second by John. All voted yes.

Old Business

1. Medical Reimbursements- Solicitor Makel is to contact Dawnne Pettit about this.
2. **A Motion to Table the Skill Machines Ordinance** was made by Miller with a second by John. All voted yes.
3. **A Motion to approve Driveway Ordinance 608** was made by Kim with a second by Miller. All voted yes.
4. **A Motion to table the License Plate Reader Policy until the Mayor, Police Chief and Police Committee discuss** was made by Patress with a second by Kathy. All voted yes.
5. **A Motion to approve the Liquor License Transfer for Jeet Enterprises-Resolution7 of 2026** was made by Miller with a second by John. All voted yes.
6. **A Motion to reaffirm the selection of Earthwise Environmental for a 5-year contract starting September 30, 2026**, was made by Kim with a second by Kara. All voted yes.

New Business

A. Fire Department Report- Ron Sicchitano Jr asked Council to schedule a workshop with him for Emergency Management Planning for larger events in the area. Council agreed.
B. **A Motion to approve new Phone and internet system for 900 Main Street and Public Works building with AT& T after Solicitor Makel reads over the contract first** was made by John with a second by Tim. All voted yes.

C. **A Motion to approve Danielle Ott approved to go to the October PSAB Conference in Erie** was made by Kim with a second by John. All voted yes.
D. Multiple projects were discussed. Council will decide in October which projects to apply for the State and County LSA grants.
E. Discussion of RACW (Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington) Rehab Home Program- This was just information for the public to know about the program. Nothing the Borough needs to approve.
F. A Discussion of Borough MMO's 2027 stating that the current MMO for 2027 as it states is going to cost the Borough $61,619.00. Solicitor Makel asked Danielle Ott to provide the amount the state will be reimbursing at the October meeting.
G. Discussion of who the Floodplain Administrator was asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for this unpaid position.
H. **A Motion to approve Danielle Ott to attend the Local Government Academy and Community Project Hub free classes at North Strabane Township Building with the hours at training being paid as overtime** was made by Kim with a second by John. Roll Call: Kara-Nay, Miller-Yay, Pigeon-Yay, Kim- Yay, Kathy- Yay, John- Yay, Patress-Yay.
I. **A Motion to enter executive session for personnel** was made by Patress with a second by Kim at 7:58 pm. All voted yes. Entered back into meeting at 8:07 pm.

Other new business:

Secretary's Report: Check for CDGB grant was cut after the August 4th meeting in the amount of $11,000.00. Letter received from CDGB regarding where those funds will be applied for the project.
Recreation Board Report: Amanda Blevins gave her report
Code enforcement Report: 9 citations have been filed
Engineer's Report: Pre-Construction meeting for 9:00 am on September 2, 2026, regarding the CDGB project.
Solicitors' Report: None
Mayor's Report: None

Committee Reports:

Building & Borough Properties – Tim Miller, Chair- Miller voiced his concerns about the condition of the Borough Building roof

Streets & Bridges - Joe Patress, Chair: None
Police & Lights – John Hackinson, Chair: Police report
Health & Sanitation – Kara Shaw Dearth, Chair: None
Redevelopment -Kathy Rakosky, Chair: None
Finance & Purchases – Kim Sacco, Chair: None

Other Business:

Bills – **A Motion to pay the bills** was made by Patress with a second by Kathy. All voted yes.
Receipts – **A Motion to accept the cash receipts for August** was made by John with a second by Kim. All voted yes.
Check Detail-**A Motion to accept the August check detail** was made by Kim with a second by Kathy. All voted yes.
A Motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm was made by Patress with a second by John. All voted yes.