

Minutes Berrysburg Borough Council October 13, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present – Dakota Hoch-Weiss, Herb Mauser, Craig Peters, Rahn Reed, Kent Zimmerman, Mayor - Michael Ward, President – Scott Harner, and Secretary/Treasurer - Diane Kennedy.

Also present were Aimee Lacasse, Donald Herb, Matthew Hauck, Mark Sprauer, Jack Kerwin, Jesse Snyder, Laverne Brown, Martha Ryan, Jeff Hassinger, Gary Leitzel, Marie Bowman, Wendy Warner, Casey Bixler, Allen Bixler, Nina Buffington, Brandon Buffington, and Gerlinde Bond.

Minutes for the September meeting were approved with a motion by Craig Peters, second by Dakota Hoch-Weiss, all in favor.

Treasurer Report for September was approved with a motion by Kent Zimmerman, second by Herb Mauser, all in favor.

Correspondence – none.

Public comment – Laverne Brown commented on the proposed Quality of Life ordinance and that someone could complain regarding anything on your property which would be handled by a zoning officer and not the local government officials. Mark Sprauer also commented on the proposed Quality of Life ordinance – he has lived in Berrysburg for 42 years and has no problems with the current ordinances. Casey Bixler commented on the complaint regarding his demo vehicle that was parked on Park Avenue and stated there is another demo vehicle in the borough.

Jeff Hassinger reported that the belfry at the Community Center will cost as much to fix as to remove it. He provided two quotes for the mini split - \$8,673.66 and \$14,000.00. A motion to split the cost of the mini split 50/50 between the Community Center and the borough was made by Craig Peters, second by Kent Zimmerman, all in favor.

Martha Ryan of 187 W. Market Street is selling her house and questioned the right of way property line beside her garage. Martha had a survey done in 2018. Her neighbors (Kayla and Daniel Eyler) are installing a fence on their property and had a survey completed recently. The borough will research their right of way property line as Martha was requesting time before the fence is installed until the right of way issue is resolved. If the fence is installed according to the Eyler's survey, Martha would not have access to the rear of her property. The mayor will speak to the Eylers and hopefully will have an answer by the next meeting.

Wendy Warner presented council with a thank you letter from the recreation association for the recent borough donation.

Matthew Hauck stated that he has completed classes, and his paperwork is waiting for the governor's signature for approval as the borough EMC. He requested a list of borough property, a disability register, and will be setting up a meeting with a borough representative and PEMA.

Aimee Lacasse and Donald Herb questioned when the Quality of Life ordinance will be ready for public viewing.

Solicitor – reminded council that any millage rate increase must be completed before December 31, 2025.

Mayor's report – Meckley's is paving the streets next week; and Allen Bixler has agreed to remove the snow at the square for the upcoming winter season.

Committee reports – none.

Old Business:

Quality of Life ordinance – solicitor and council are working on the ordinance.

Snow plow bids – no bids were received.

New Business:

A motion to purchase a laptop for the borough was made by Craig Peters, second by Kent Zimmerman, all in favor.

Budget committee work date – the treasurer will provide the budget information to the budget committee.

Engineer bids - tabled.

A motion to pay the borough bills that were read was made by Rahn Reed, second by Herb Mauser, all in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dakota Hoch-Weiss, second by Craig Peters, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy
Borough Secretary