

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
February 14, 2017
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held at the Beaver Station, located on East End Avenue, Beaver, PA and called to order on February 14, 2017 at 7:00PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alex Andres, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, James Perini, Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush. Absent: Dan Deceder, Walt McDermott, Alex Sebastian, Mayor Tom Hamilton
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Gerry States, Tom Stachura, Judy Cashdollar, Adele Smith, Regis A. Collins, Jeff Hamilton, Andy Votilla, Michael Votilla, Garry Gloekler, Frank Blaskowitz, Elliott Cramer, Chuck Copeland, Tod Arbutina, Robert A. Rice, Terry Tidler, Tommy Wagner
- In the absence of Mayor Hamilton, Michael Deelo will assume the role of Mayor and will not vote unless there is a tie.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Snowden to accept the January 10, 2017 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

January 2017 end of month reports are not available

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Mr. Peini to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Gerry States and Tom Stachura, Baden American Legion, presented Chief Madgar a Certificate of Appreciation for the assistance and support of the Veteran's Day Parade along with a check in the amount of \$1,500.
- George Kauffman, 100 Oak Street –
 - Highway – what roads will be paved this summer? He will be attending the Highway Committee meeting next week.
 - Flowering Parks Program – are in the process of ordering trees
- Andy Votilla, 5635 Tuscarawas Road – With Troop 416 of Brighton Township presented his Eagle Scout Project of a chess table and chairs.

- Mr. Madgar stated he and Mr. Regis Collins still need to determine the location the chess tables will be located
- ***Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Beaver Borough Council authorize construction of a chess table and chairs to be placed in one of the central parks and to be built by Andrew Votilla for his Eagle Scout project. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Reports – Commissions

Council of Governments (COG) – No report

Business District Authority – No report

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

Two variance requests will be scheduled in the future

- First Presbyterian Church
- Wendy's

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Rice

Reviewed the December 19, 2015 and January 15, 2017 meeting minutes and 2016 Annual Report enclosed in council packet

Tree Commission – Reported by Frank Blaskowitz

Reviewed the November 26, 2016 and January 23, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Code Enforcement Officer Report –

January 2017 report enclosed in council packet

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – Reported by Mr. Rice

- Reviewed the 2016 Annual Summary of Activities enclosed in council packet
- Requesting a Historic Preservation Officer who carries out the administrative duties including receiving and properly processing all permit applications involving demolition as the ordinance requires
- Requesting an appointment of a Council member to serve on a steering committee

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Sims

January 18, 2017 Reorganization Meeting minutes and Regular Meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- The public meeting regarding drug awareness in in the final planning stages.
- Researching leasing vehicles verses purchasing

- Anyone who had business relations with Steel City Carpets are to contact the police department if their work was not complete.

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini
Report enclosed in council packet

Highway – No meeting in January

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres
January 24, 2017 meeting minutes distributed to council

Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian
January/February 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Recreation – Reported by Mr. Embaugh
February 7, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar
Reviewed the January 2017 report enclosed in council packet

President's Report – No report

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer –
January 2017 monthly report enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Petrush – No report

Old Business

Motion – Proposed Ordinance relating to Health and Safety

Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Beaver Borough Council adopt the attached proposed ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Health and Safety, by adding a Part 3 relating to a Health Officer. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice voted passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion – Shade Tree Commission member

Motion by Mr. Andres that Beaver Borough Council appoint Kevin Walker, 576 Beaver Street, Beaver, as a member of the Shade Tree Commission for a five year term effective immediately and appoint Don Hare as a student representative effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF) Concert in the Park funding

Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Beaver Borough Council approve BAHF's request for \$3,000 to help fund the Concert in the Park scheduled for July 2017. Funds to be provided from the Festival Fund. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Change Zoning District

Motion by Mr. Sims that Beaver Borough Council direct the Borough Solicitor to create an ordinance for public presentation to change the following tax parcels from RC-2 district to R-1 district based on the Planning Commission recommendations from the December 19, 2016 meeting minutes:

- ***255 Beaver Street – 14-003-0201.000***
- ***265 Beaver Street – 14-003-0202.000***
- ***275/285 Beaver Street – 14-003-0203.000***

Seconded by Mr. Embaugh.

- Gerry Gloekler, 610 Western Avenue – owner of 275/285 Beaver Street. His parents owned property since 1972, he took over the property in 1985. He has not received any notification of the zoning change. Wants to keep it zoned as commercial. Questioned why is this the only street being considered for a change?
- Mr. Deelo – This is preliminary. If it is rezoned, his property would be grandfathered. Only if the property would be demolished or major changes, would the property be considered R1.
- Tod Arbutina, 4543 Dutch Ridge Road – Planning Commission is an advisory committee. Why wasn't Mr. Gloekler advised of the consideration of change?
 - Mr. Deelo – Unsure of why he was not aware of the consideration. However, if the motion passes all residents within a certain area will be notified of the public hearing.
- Louis Mckean, 265 Beaver Street – His wife put the petition together. She took to everyone in the neighborhood but did not take to 275/285 Beaver Street since they were renters and not the owners. Primary concern is the property value of the area.
- Tommi Wagner – 230 Beaver Street. Importance of reviewing that allows everyone to speak. Signed the petition since she is concerned with property values as well.
- Mr. Perini – This process is being driven by a property owner concerned with property value.
- Mr. Rice – Process started as an informal discussion. The Planning Commission asked for the concern to be put in writing.
- Mr. Andres stated he's concerned that not all property owners were notified.

Roll call vote: Mr. Embaugh – Yes, Mr. Perini – No, Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Andres – No, Mr. Snowden – No. Motion failed on the indicated roll call vote, 2-3.

Motion – Beaver Business District Authority Resignation

Motion by Mr. Andres that Beaver Borough Council accept Marlin Erin’s letter of resignation as a Beaver Business District Authority member effective January 27, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Tax Payment

Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council approve the face value of \$685.20 for William and Karen Morrow, 467 Corporation Street, parcel number 14-003-0107-000-1 regarding to taxes due for 2016. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Guy’s Mechanical Systems, Inc. – Valve Replacement

Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached quote from Guy’s Mechanical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$24,000 regarding Valve Change Out at the borough pool, pending Solicitor Petrush approval. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council appoint Borough Manager as the Historic Preservation Officer. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adele Smith, Penn State Beaver Campus – Would like to have another homeless simulation in Quay Park on April 23, 2017.

- Authority given by council and to coordinate with the Borough Manager.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Embaugh. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:25PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman