

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
February 10, 2015
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on February 10, 2015 at 7:00PM by President Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Lauson Cashdollar, Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Walter McDermott (via phone conference), James Perini, Pat Sims, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Borough Manager – Adam Rathbun, Director of Operations – Chuck Copeland, Officer Ken McCoy and Solicitor - John Petrush. Absent – Mayor, Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Alfred Martin, Terry Speerhas, Jim Galasso, Robert A. Rice, Midge Sefton, Michael Cirelli, Charles Casbourne, Jeff Hamilton, Rick Sprecker, Cheryl Hansen

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Cashdollar to accept the January 13, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

January 2015 end of month reports and balances reviewed. Reports will be filed for annual audit.

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Alfred Martin, 148 Wampum Mount Air Road, Enon Valley – Representing American Legion Post in Midland PA. Expressed their gratitude to Mayor Hamilton, Chief Madgar and the Borough of Beaver for their assistance in the Veteran's Day Parade by presenting a check to the Police Department.
- Michael Cirelli, 676 Third Street – Representing the Beaver Chamber of Commerce. Stated the Chamber of Commerce would like to have a Wine Tasting Event on September 19, 2015 in order to raise funds to help offset expenses for Light up Night.
 - Mr. Petrush stated in Pennsylvania, as long as a town is not voted as "wet", the town is considered "dry".
 - **Motion – Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Wine Tasting Event**
Motion by Mr. Embaugh that the Borough of Beaver approve the request from the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce for that organization to host a Wine Tasting Event in the

Borough's Business District on September 19, 2015. The event is to be coordinated through the Borough Manager who will involve the Police Department as needed. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- Mr. Cirelli requested a letter from the Borough Manager stating the motion was passed along with a copy of the motion to present to the Chamber of Commerce.

Reports – Commissions

Council of Governments (COG) – Reported by Mr. Andres

- January 2015 report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Deelo stated Mr. Edward Fosnaught, speaker from DCED, offers assistance for a Capital Loan Program and would like to speak to either the Finance Committee and/or Council regarding the opportunities of this 2% loan program.
 - Mr. Deelo will forward the contact information to Mr. Perini to schedule an appointment with Mr. Fosnaught.

Business District Authority –

January 2015 monthly report distributed to council

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board – No report

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Rice

Reviewed the January 19, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Richard Sprecker

January 2015 report enclosed in council packet

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

- Reviewed a Mitigation Proposal for Beaver Borough distributed to council
 - The possibility of a grant to conduct a comprehensive historic preservation plan. The last survey was completed in 1996.
- A Statement of Interest letter from Beaver Borough addressed to the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PASHPO) is required in order to pursue the development of the proposal further.
- ***Motion by Mr. Cashdollar that the Borough Manager is directed to work with Mr. Rice to draft a letter indicating that Beaver Borough is interested in exploring the option Mr. Rice presented this evening. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety – Reported by Mr. Thomas

No meeting in January

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

Reviewed the January 21, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Highway – Reported by Mr. McDermott

Reviewed the February 5, 2015 meeting minutes distributed to council

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed the January 27, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- No meeting next month, as scheduled

Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Cashdollar

No meeting in January

Recreation – Reported by Mr. Embaugh

- Reviewed the February 3, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Thomas inquired about the status of a carnival this summer
 - Mr. Rathbun stated Mr. Embaugh informed him of three possible companies. He will contact each one regarding their insurance and availability.

Water & Sewer – Reported by Mr. Sims

Reviewed the January 17, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Mr. Rathbun

- Reviewed the January 14 to February 9, 2015 report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Rathbun if the police cars were purchased or leased.
 - Mr. Rathbun stated due to legality, payment will be made in full for all vehicles. As discussed with Mr. Petursh, without an appropriate ordinance or resolution, leasing or borrowing was not an option.

Director of Operations Report – Reported by Mr. Copeland

- Reviewed the February 10, 2015 report enclosed in council packet
- Met with Verizon regarding a SAC Box that needs to be moved from the Ft. McIntosh property development to the Fire Department property.
 - Mr. Copeland will give the engineers report to Mr. Petrush for his review prior to any movement of the SAC Box.

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Deelo

Information will soon be distributed to members regarding the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Annual Conference April 26-29, 2015 in Lancaster.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – Reported by Officer McCoy

- There have been several break-ins into unlocked cars and garages at the lower end of town.
- The next Citizen's Police Academy will begin March 2nd
- Mr. Deelo stated that street closings are needed for two new events: (1) September 12th for the Book Fest and (2) September 19th for the Wine Tasting Event
- Mr. Thomas asked for an update on the lighting in the back parking lot
 - Mr. Rathbun stated Scott Snyder is currently looking into the best lighting options

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

Reviewed the January 2015 report enclosed in council packet

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer –

January 2015 monthly report enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Petrush –

He will present information regarding a potential motion that is not on the agenda after all current agenda motions have been completed.

Old Business

Motion – Approving and enacting the attached Ordinance establishing an administrative process for hearing appeals from notices of violations and orders by a code officer.

Motion by Mr. Cashdollar that the attached Ordinance establishing an administrative process for hearing and deciding appeals from violation notices and orders issued by a code official be and is approved and enacted and that the Borough Manager obtain the full execution thereof. **Seconded by Mr. Embaugh.** **Roll call vote:** Mr. Embaugh – Yes, Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Cashdollar – Yes, Mr. Deceder – Yes, Mr. Thomas – Yes, Mr. Andres – Yes, Mr. McDermott – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes. **Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 9-0.**

New Business

Motion – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Submission for 2015

Motion by Mr. McDermott that the Borough Manager complete and submit the attached CDBG proposal. **The projects, in order of priority, are (1) handicap ramps at sidewalk intersections, (2) handicap accessibility improvements to the Beaver Municipal building, and (3) handicap accessibility**

improvements to the Beaver Municipal Pool. Seconded by Mr. Cashdollar. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Resignations from Shade Tree Commission

Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Council accept the following resignations from the Shade Tree Commission: George Kauffman, effective December 10, 2014 and Ray Hoppa, effective December 11, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Thomas.

- Mr. McDermott stated he encourages both Mr. Kauffman and Mr. Hoppa to reconsider their decision. Both did a wonderful job for the Shade Tree Commission and their dedication is appreciated.
- Mr. Andres stated he believes both Mr. Kauffman and Mr. Hoppa resigned due to the behavior of council at the December 2014 meeting.

Voice vote passed 8-1, Mr. McDermott – No.

Motion – Partnership with Utility Service Partners, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Sims that the Borough Manager enter Beaver Borough into a partnership with Utility Service Partners, Inc. for the purpose of providing a service line warranty program to borough residents. The warranty program would cover external water and sewer lines. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Approving the Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble Summer Concert on July 26, 2015

Motion by Mr. Embaugh that council agree to pay \$555.00 to the Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble for the July 26, 2015 concert. Seceoded by Mr. McDermott. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Petrush stated the Borough Manager informed him that the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) involves commitments by the borough to make two modifications to the police pension plan regarding longevity and the Deferred Retirement option.

- Mr. Petrush drafted two proposed ordinances in order for the borough to meet its contractual obligations to the Beaver Police Association under the latest CBA.
- ***Motion by Mr. Cashdollar that the Solicitor be and is authorized to advertise two ordinance amendments regarding the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement and to be voted on at the next council meeting scheduled in March. Seconded by Mr. Deceder.***

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

Adjourned at 8:20PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman