

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
March 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 March 14, 2017 at 7:00PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alex Andres, Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Walt McDermott (via phone conference), James Perini, Alex Sebastian, Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): George Kauffman, Jeff Hamilton, Judy Cashdollar, John Biondi, Rich Tindell, Frank Blaskowitz, Jeff Lloyd, Rick Sprecker, Elliott Cramer, Midge Sefton, Tommi Wagner, Charles Casbourne, Mario Fratangeli, Joan Hohman, John Hohman, Matt Hohman

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Snowden to accept the February 14, 2017 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- December 2016, January and February 2017 end of month reports and balances reviewed.
- Reports will be filed for annual audit.

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Rich Tindell, Chairman of the Memorial for Vietnam Veteran's –
 - Thanked Council and Chief Madgar for their continued support of the Parade and Moving Wall
 - Concerned with the public's lack of respect for the memorials in our parks during public events. The memorials need to be respected where tables, tents and cars are not up against the memorials.
 - Requesting assistance from the borough to have something around each of the three memorials to keep clear between 5'-10'.
 - Chief Madgar, Mr. Deelo and Mr. McDermott thanked Mr. Tindell for his service and his commitment to the memorials. Confirmed the borough will have something in place around each memorial.

- Frank Blaskowitz, 385 Navigation Street – Upset that the Shade Tree Commission was not notified or consulted about the removal of the pine trees in the central parks. Did council approve the removal? There is an ordinance in place stating the injury of trees is unlawful.
 - Mr. Madgar explained that Rick Sprecker had already explained to Mr. Blaskowitz in detail that the main reason for the removal of the trees was for safety reasons. Some of the trees were dead, some of the roots were going into the electrical boxes located under the trees, and some were too tall that a strong wind would knock them over. His job is to keep residents safe and the borough clear of any lawsuits. Also, in past conversations with Mr. Colavincenzo, it was told that pine trees are not considered Shade Trees.
 - Mr. Petrush stated:
 - Pine and Spruce trees are not considered Shade Trees
 - The borough owns the parks and the trees in the parks. The borough does not have to have permission from the Shade Tree Commission to cut down trees on borough property.
 - The borough is well within the rights to do what they did
- John Biondi, 800 Fifth Street – Heard a rumor that council was considering taking the BYOB away from local restaurants.
 - Mr. Deelo stated council has asked the Planning Commission to investigate the ramifications of alcohol sales in town. This does not affect the BYOB.
- George Kauffman, 100 Oak Street – Notifications have been sent out regarding the Flowering Parks Program and the 21 trees that will be planted in the three central parks.
 - Stated the request for additional volunteers is important
 - Mr. Madgar thanked Mr. Kauffman and the volunteers for their time and effort
- Judy Cashdollar, 899 Seventh Street – Asked if the borough can put a fountain in the park for dogs. Also, there is a large tree limb hanging over Dravo Avenue that should be cut down.
 - Mr. Madgar stated we had reported in the past that the fountain would cost between \$3,000-\$4,000. Not feasible at the present time.
 - Mr. Madgar stated he will have the limb looked into. He'll have it removed if it is a safety hazard.

Reports – Commissions

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

Reviewed the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Business District Authority – No report

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Midge Sefton

Next scheduled meeting is March 29, 2017 to review the Rules and Regulations

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

Two variance requests will be scheduled next month then one in May.

Planning Commission –

- February 20, 2017 draft minutes and letter from the Planning Commission dated March 2, 2017 regarding the Ovidia Lot Consolidation enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Deelo stated the Planning Commission is to provide a report regarding alcohol sales. A consultant was hired since it is a zoning issue. Recently revised rules by the Liquor Control Board allow alcohol sales under certain circumstances even though our town is a dry town.

Tree Commission – Reported by Frank Blaskowitz

Reviewed the February 27, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Code Enforcement Officer Report –

February 2017 report distributed to council

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –

- February 22, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Deelo – The Shell Mitigation project benefits Beaver’s Historic Preservation program. The program is administered through the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission with oversight and coordination from HARB’s Steering Committee which he is the Council Representative.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- The public meeting regarding drug awareness is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 6:30-8:00PM at the Beaver High School Auditorium.
 - A Notification will be sent out
- Mr. Deelo stated there is a request from the Mayor to increase the Solicitation Fee – requests the Public Safety Committee and Finance Committee review the request.

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Reviewed the February 8, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Deelo requested the committee research the negative amount between the Bank Balance and Income Statements of last year. Need to find out how and why.

Highway – Reported by Mr. McDermott and Mr. Sims

February 20, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

General Government – No report

Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- Considering adding a permit process for dumpsters
- Rental Registration process is still being worked on

Recreation – Reported by Mr. Embaugh

Reviewed the March 7, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Sims

- February 15, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- January –February 10, 2017 Borough Municipal Authority Engineer report enclosed in council packet

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the February 2017 report enclosed in council packet
- ***Motion by Mr. McDermott to accept the paving projects that are listed by Dan Martone, Borough Engineer referenced in the February 2017 Borough Engineer report: Corporation Street from Beaver Street to Insurance Street; Beaver Street from East Second Street to Third Street; Asphalt section of Canal Street at intersection with Buffalo Street; Wood Alley from Center Way to East Second Street. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

President's Report –

Researching and considering the reactivation of the Street Scape Committee to be an advisory group to the Borough Manager.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar –

Through a grant from the District Attorney's Office, all police officers have had training are now carrying Narcan

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer –

February 2017 monthly report enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Petrush –

- Working on several new ordinances – Rental Registration is one of the ordinances
- Mr. McDermott requested status of 418 Fair Avenue
 - Mr. Petrush stated nothing new has happened in 2017. He has requested Mr. Sprecker put a report together for him
 - Mr. Colavincenzo who is representing the owner of 418 Fair Avenue had until January 1, 2017 to respond. Mr. Petrush will advise Mr. Colavincenzo that he is preparing and proposing a motion.

Old Business

Motion – Ovadia Lot Consolidation

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council approve the Ovadia Plan of Lot Consolidation conditional upon satisfaction of the comments appearing in the Borough Engineer attached letter dated March 8, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. 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 County BOOM sponsorship

Motion by Mr. Embaugh that the Borough of Beaver support Beaver County BOOM at the rate of \$500 for the annual fireworks display. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer

Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution 2017-03 on Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer for Municipal Pension Plan. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Exoneration of Real Estate Tax

Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution 2017-04 for Exoneration from Real Estate Taxes for property owned by Beaver Area School District. Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion –

Motion by Mr. Snowden that Beaver Borough Council direct the Solicitor to revise the Fee Schedule for Solicitation Permits. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Snowden. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:14PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman