

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
April 11, 2017  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on April 11, 2017 at 7:00PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alex Andres, Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Alex Sebastian (arrived 7:05), Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush. Absent: Walt McDermott, James Perini
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Judy Cashdollar, Chick O'Data, Sandie Egley, Jeff Hamilton, Midge Sefton, Rick Sprecker, Tommi Wagner, Kim Ruslander, Peggy McKean, Jim Wooley, Robert Rice, Cheryl Hansen

**Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden to accept the March 14, 2017 Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Treasurer's Report**

- March 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. Andres to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Public Participation –**

- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – Thanked the Borough Manager for keeping the tree lights on longer this year in the Business District.

**Reports – Commissions / Authorities**

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

Attended the March 30, 2017 meeting in Monaca, PA – Representative Keith Rothfus was the speaker

**Business District Authority** – No report

**Civil Service Commission** – Reported by Midge Sefton

March 29, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

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

- Two hearings will be held on April 20, 2017 at 7:00PM
  - 265 Third Street – seeking a variance to allow a backlit free-standing sign
  - 1335 Third Street – seeking a variance for relief from off-street parking requirements

**Planning Commission** – Reported by Mr. Rice

March 18, 2017 draft minutes enclosed in council packet

**Tree Commission** –

March 27, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- March 2017 report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Snowden questioned what steps are being taken regarding the business being run out of 1311 Corporation Street.
  - Mr. Sprecker stated a Notice of Violation was mailed to the resident
  - Stated the ordinance regarding utility trucks needs to be reviewed

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

- Motion to pass the Resolution regarding the scope of work in support of the historic preservation activities for the Borough of Beaver – the word “grant” was replaced with “direct assistance”

**Municipal Authority** – Reported by Mr. Sims

- March 15, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Update on the meter replacement project:
  - 1,810 meters have been installed in two months
  - 150 still need installed. Some are due to non-response, vacant properties or properties are for sale.
- Mr. Embaugh questioned the increase of pay for the Operations Manager
  - Mr. Sims stated the Municipal Authority decided not to hire a full time manager. The Operations Manager will absorb a lot of those responsibilities

**Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety** – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- March 22, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Approximately 200 attended the Town Hall meeting held at the Beaver Area High School on April 4, 2017. Received positive comments of all the speakers including Officer Ken Stahl.
  - Will look into having additional Town Hall meetings in the future
  - Will provide a packet of information from the slide show to put on our website

**Finance** –

March 8, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Highway** – No meeting held in March

**General Government** – Reported by Mr. Andres  
March 28, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Code Enforcement** – No report

**Recreation** – Reported by Mr. Embaugh  
April 4, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

## **Reports**

**Manager's Report** – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the March 2017 report enclosed in council packet
- Chick O'Data spoke regarding the conditions of the memorials and the proper respect that should be given
  - In the past years, there was approximately \$67,000 left over from the Beaver County Foundation fundraiser of the Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial
  - They would like to put shrubs around the memorials including the World War II Memorial to make all three memorial look uniform
  - Mr. O'Data and Mr. Sprecker will try to have something in place by Memorial Day

**President's Report** – No report

**Mayor Hamilton** –

Photograph taken at the Y2K event in 2000 was presented to Sean Snowden from the Foster Family to be given to Mayor Hamilton. At the time the photograph was taken, Mr. Jim Foster was Council President. Mr. Snowden stated the photo was hanging in the office of Mr. Foster. Mayor Hamilton presented the photo to the Borough of Beaver.

**Police Chief Madgar** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Borough Engineer** –

March 2017 monthly report enclosed in council packet

**Solicitor Petrush** –

- 418 Fair Avenue – Final and successful resolution for the lawsuit to enforce the Zoning Ordinance
  - Nonconforming use – Three apartment building in an R1 District
  - 2007 fire left the premises uninhabitable
  - Home is still not completely restored
  - Owner wanted to take the home back to the three apartments however, the nonconforming use was abandoned after 12 months of the fire

## **Old Business**

### **Motion – Beverage Production Zoning Provisions**

***Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Beaver Borough Council approve the pending ordinance regarding sales and production of alcoholic beverages in the Gateway West district. This pending ordinance is being referred to the Beaver County Planning Commission and the Beaver Borough Planning Commission for review. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian.***

- Discussion – Mr. Andres stated the Business District should be involved in this decision. The issue needs to be addressed by the consumer not by legislation. By rezoning in the Gateway West district, it is encouraging a brewery to be built there. Not sure if this ordinance deters or encourages. Would like to table the motion to have the Planning Commission review further.

***Roll call vote: Mr. Embaugh – Yes, Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Deceder – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. Andres – No, Mr. Snowden – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote 6-1.***

### **Motion – Solicitation Ordinance**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden that Beaver Borough Council direct the Solicitor to advertise the attached ordinance regarding Solicitation in the Borough of Beaver. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

### **Motion – Zoning District re-designation**

***Motion by Mr. Sims that Beaver Borough Council approve the properties located at 255 and 265 Beaver Street be changed from the RC-2 zoning district to the R-1 zoning district per the Planning Commission recommendation on March 18, 2017. Beaver Borough Council further directs the solicitor to implement these changes as appropriate. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

## **New Business**

### **Motion – Resolution to appoint a liaison between Beaver Borough and Berkheimer**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden that Beaver Borough Council accept the attached Resolution # 2017-05 appointing Vicki Vandembord and Colette Miser as liaison between Beaver Borough and Berkheimer (tax collector). Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

### **Motion – Resolution – Shell Mitigation Project**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution 2017-06 regarding the scope of work in support of the historic preservation activities for the Borough of Beaver. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

### **Motion – Administrative Assistant for Police Department**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden that Beaver Borough Council hire Bonnie Dinsmore as a fulltime employee of the Borough of Beaver effective April 1, 2017 as per the attached document. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Assistant Solicitor**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution # 2017-07 appointing Santicola, Steele & Fedeles, P.C. as Assistant Solicitor pursuant to the Borough Code. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Wine Festival**

***Motion by Mr. Embaugh that the Borough of Beaver approve the request from the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce for the organization to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Wine Festival in the Borough's Business District on September 16, 2017. The event is to be coordinated through the Borough Manager who will involve the Police Department as needed. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

Adjourned at 8:12PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman