

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
May 10, 2016  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on May 10, 2016 at 7:00PM by President Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Walter McDermott, James Perini, Alex Sebastian (via phone conference), Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Director of Operations – Chuck Copeland, Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Pam Learn, Judy Cashdollar, Midge Sefton, Gordan Sheffer, George Kauffman, Keith Sevy, Cheryl Hansen, Marilyn Vogel, Charles Casbourne, Rick Sprecker, Jerry & Aaron Tagg, Deb & Joe Tylenda, Dave Shallcross, Tommi Wagner, Linda Lyden, Paula Johnston, Lloyd Grimes, Jonathan Selavko, Mike Sabo, Marlin Erin, Jim Woolley, John Biodni, Jesse Arrington, Jamie Laughlin

#### **Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. McDermott to accept the April 12, 2016 Council meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- April 2016 end of month reports and balances reviewed. Reports will be filed for annual audit.
- Mr. Deelo introduced Andy Kennedy as the new part-time Financial Manager.

#### **Review invoice and authorization to pay bills**

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

#### **Public Participation –**

- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – Requests a light over the 200 block of Park Street since several cars have been broken into recently.
  - Mr. Deelo suggested he have a petition started and presented to the Highway Committee for review.
- Rob Pasino, owner of Kelly Cut's, Beaver – distributed ordinances from other towns requiring business owners and employees not to park on main street which takes income away from business owners. Requests council members to review the ordinances. Businesses are losing revenue due to business owners and employees taking up parking spaces for up to seven hours. Requesting police assistance in ticketing violators.

- Several other business owners also spoke regarding the same concern: John Bondi, Dave Shallcross, Keith Sevey, Lincoln Kretchmar, Gordan Sheffer, Marlin Erin, Paula Johnston
- Mr. Deelo & Mr. Sims referred to the Public Safety and Highway Committees requesting time to review the information received.
- Judy Cashdollar, 899 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Stated there are 350 parking spaces in the Court House Parking Garage, during evening hours and weekends those spaces could be used.
- Cheryl Hansen, 1260 River Road – Stated skunk removal is a waste of taxpayers’ money. She suggested the homeowner be responsible for paying for the removal.
  - Mr. Andres stated he believes skunks are a community problem and the program has made tremendous progress.
- Pam Learn, 468 Wayne Street – 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Would like to thank the borough workers, George Kauffman and other volunteers for their assistance planting flowers on the corner of Irvine Park. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes raised money for the flowers and enjoyed their day. It was nice to see the students work hard and taking ownership of their town.
- Debbie Skelton, no address provided – Questioned if she could organize a Flea Market April through October in one of the town parks. The money generated from space rental could be profitable and would generate other communities to experience our beautiful community.
  - Mr. Deelo suggested she give her contact information to Mr. Madgar for possible future discussions.

## **Reports – Commissions**

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

- March 24, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Next Manager/Secretary meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Monaca Borough Building
- Two separate events will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> - Training Session on “Estimating for Infrastructure Construction Projects” at Two Mile Run and the Regional GIS Systems dinner/meeting held at the Community College of Beaver County.

### **Business District Authority –**

- April 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
  - Correction – Car Cruise is on August 6<sup>th</sup> not on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Civil Service Commission – No report**

### **Zoning Hearing Board – Reported by Mr. Sprecker**

- Two hearings will be held on May 26, 2016
  - 230 Navigation Street – The applicant is seeking a variance from the Beaver Borough zoning ordinance related to the minimum side yard setback distance.
  - 1501 Corporation Street – The applicant is seeking a variance from the Beaver Borough zoning ordinance related to minimum front, side and rear yard setback distances.

### **Planning Commission –**

- March 20, 2016 meeting minutes and April 18, 2016 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
  - Mr. Perini stated comment #4 of the March 20<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding zoning districts needs to be corrected. Requested Debbie Hindman notify the Planning Commission of the error.
- Legal Advisory from Solicitor Petrush regarding Necessity of Filing of Statement of Financial Interests enclosed in council packet

### **Tree Commission –**

March 28, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

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

- April 2016 report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Sprecker questioned if council had a chance to review the photos in last month's report showing sidewalks and shrubbery. Requesting the ordinance be changed to prohibit the size of shrubbery.
  - Mr. Petrush stated vegetation and sidewalk condition can be discussed under the nuisance ordinance. The General Government and/or Code Enforcement Committee can discuss the situations and make a recommendation to council.

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

- April 28, 2016 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Regarding the survey consultant and money allocated for the Historical District Re-Survey – Mr. Deelo requested Mr. Copeland work with Andy Kennedy for financial care and concern.

### **Council Committee Reports**

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

- No meeting was held in April.
- Update of Shippingport community looking to outsource their police department
  - Have been notified Midland police department will be patrolling that community.

#### **Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini**

Reviewed the April 20, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

#### **Highway – Reported by Mr. McDermott**

- Reviewed the April 28, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Recommendation to council not to issue any additional permit parking

#### **General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres**

- Reviewed the April 2016 report enclosed in council packet
- Requested the following to be added to the website: Public Hearing on May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM regarding the review of a proposed Animal Ordinance.

**Code Enforcement** – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

Reviewed the April 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Recreation** – Reported by Mr. Embaugh

Reviewed the May 3, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Water & Sewer** – Reported by Mr. Sims

- Reviewed the April 20, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Committee will be ready to make a recommendation to council soon regarding water meter replacement.

**Reports**

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

- Reviewed the April 2016 report enclosed in council packet
- Police Department received an award from the Vietnam Veterans of America in appreciation of all the assistance during parades.

**Director of Operations Report** – Reported by Mr. Copeland

- May 10, 2016 report enclosed in council packet
- Announced he will be retiring as of Friday, May 13, 2016.

**President's Report** – No report

**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Police Chief Madgar** –

Officer Degori received award for the most detailed case in what turned out to be a nationwide charity fraud investigation head quartered here in Beaver Borough.

**Fire Department** – Reported by Mr. Perini

Reviewed the April 2016 report enclosed in council packet

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Borough Engineer and Water/Sewer Engineer -**

April 2016 monthly reports enclosed in council packet

**Solicitor Petrush** –

Worked on the following:

- Zoning & Land Use – Review of the Comprehensive Plan
- General Government – Inquiry on the Ethics Act
- Municipal Grounds and Buildings – Swimming Pool Refreshment Stand Operating Agreement
- Water & Sewer Operations – New Agreement for Sewage Treatment

## **Old Business**

**Motion – Resolution on participation in Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone Program**

***Motion by Mr. McDermott that Beaver Borough Council ratify the attached Resolution number 2016-03 dated April 12, 2016 titled Participation in Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone Program. The purpose of the resolution is to authorize the filing of a multi-municipal EZ Designation proposal with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

## **New Business**

**Motion – Beaver County BOOM sponsorship**

***Motion by Mr. Embaugh the Borough of Beaver support Beaver County BOOM at the rate of \$500 for the annual fireworks display. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously. (Mr. Sebastian abstained)***

**Motion – Pay increase for Colette Miser**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden that the rate of pay for Colette Miser be increased to \$15.00 per hour effective May 1, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Perini.***

- Mr. Embaugh stated he thought it was too soon to give a raise

***Voice vote passed 8-1; Mr. Embaugh – No.***

**Motion – Construction of Skateboard Park**

***Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Beaver Borough Council authorize construction of a skateboard park to be located between Buffalo Street and the Tennis Courts at Shaw Park. The skateboard park will have a paved surface of at least 7,000 square feet and a perimeter barrier to be constructed at the discretion of the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer. Project cost will not exceed \$18,000. Seconded by Mr. McDermott.***

- Discussion of location choice by council

***Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Financial position**

***Motion by Mr. Perini that Andy Kennedy be offered contract employment at the rate of \$45.00 per hour to assist the Borough Manager and Borough Council with financial management and other projects that may be assigned. This is a part time position expected about 15 to 20 hours per week as assigned by the Borough Manager or Council. Effective date of contract employment is April 18, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed 8-1, Mr. Embaugh – No.***

**Motion – Approving and accepting the Wilson Avenue & Galey Blvd. Paving Project bid**

***Motion by Mr. McDermott that Council approve the bid of Youngblood paving, Inc. for the Wilson Avenue & Galey Blvd. Paving Project in a not to exceed amount of \$68,503.40 in accordance with the Borough Engineer letter to council dated May 10, 2016. Pending review and approval by Solicitor Petrush. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

Adjourned at 9:20PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman