

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
July 8, 2014
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on July 8, 2014 at 7:00PM by President Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Walter McDermott, Pat Sims, Jarrod Thomas, Borough officials in attendance: Police Chief Dan Madgar, Borough Manager – Adam Rathbun, Director of Operations – Chuck Copeland, Mayor - Tom Hamilton and Solicitor - John Petrush. Absent: Lauson Cashdollar, Dan Deceder, Ron Embaugh, James Perini
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jeff Lloyd, Judy Cashdollar, Joel Shannon, Charles Casbourne, Midge Sefton, Tommi Wagner

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. McDermott to accept the June 10, 2014 Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasure's Report

June 2014 end of month reports and balances reviewed.

- Will be filed for annual audit

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation – No comments

Reports – Commissions

Council of Governments (COG) – No Report

Business District Authority – May 2014 enclosed in Council packet

Civil Service Commission – No Report

Zoning Hearing Board – No Report

Planning Commission – June 16, 2014 draft notes enclosed in Council packet

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Monthly report enclosed in Council packet

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – No Report

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety – Reported by Mr. Thomas

- Reviewed the June 23, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in Council packet
- Researching a secure solution of collecting parking meter money
 - Possibly using armored carrier pickups

Finance – June 18, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in Council packet

Highway – August 7, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in Council packet

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

June meeting was a working session only

Code Enforcement – June 23, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in Council packet

Recreation –

- Mr. Thomas expressed his concerns with the concession stand at the borough pool. Still trying to find a better solution to keep inventory.
- Mr. Rathbun stated he has requested an inventory from the pool manager, he hopes to have one by the end of this week.
- Mr. Sims spoke to the Borough Manager of Dormont, PA, who stated they privatized their pool and snack bar. Gave Mr. Rathbun his contact information.

Water & Sewer – Reported by Mr. Sims

- Reviewed the June 18, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in Council packet
- Mr. Sims stated Chuck Etta provided a copy of the procedures of the valve exercise program along with the flushing of the fire hydrants.
 - Council stressed the importance of both programs on a regular basis

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Borough Manager, Mr. Rathbun

- Shell Corporation has requested a community meeting between the dates of July 16th, 17th or 18th for a power point presentation along with a question and answer session for Beaver residents.
 - After discussion, July 17th at 7:00PM was agreed upon
- Beaver Festival – did not do as well as in the past years due to weather and the festival at the Beaver Valley Mall

- A final report will be put together for council to review and evaluate the future of the festival.
- Used fire truck and police car have been sold
- Dan Martone, Borough Engineer, is preparing the bid proposals for paving projects this summer
 - A separate proposal is being prepared for crack filling
- Met with the borough's health insurance broker to review healthcare costs
 - Since we are less than 50 employee's, the borough is allowed to extend the current health care coverage as long as the medical renewal cost is not greater than 50% of what we have now.
 - We should know the cost by mid to late August.
- PennDOT – He has a tentative outline of the Third Street project from beginning to end of project (May 2015)
 - PennDOT will start with curb work before they start on the street
 - Street milling should start sometime between the end of July to the beginning of August.

Director of Operations Report – Reported by Mr. Copeland

- Reviewed the July 8, 2014 report enclosed in Council packet
- Robinson Pipe videotaped all sewer lines on Third Street from Buffalo Street to East End Avenue
 - Found the north side of East End Avenue sewer line is partially collapsed which will need fixed
- Mr. Petrush spoke as a resident regarding the project on Third Street and Wilson Avenue not being properly orchestrated.
 - No prior notice was given to the residence regarding water shut off until the next day stating water would be shut off for another day.
- Mr. Deelo commented on Mr. Copeland's report regarding the sidewalk streetscape
 - Refer to the Highway Committee to consider comments regarding catch basin, utility poles, etc.

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Deelo

Announced there will be an Executive Session to review the collective bargaining agreement with the police union. No motions are expected.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar –

Received a phone call from resident, Mr. Bundy, regarding a request for stop signs on Corporation and Oak Streets due to recent accidents.

- Chief Madgar stated we need to consider a plan for increased traffic on back streets due to construction.
- Mayor Hamilton stated he is hesitant to put in additional stop signs; however, we do need to think of a solution.
- Mr. Rathbun stated the street lights on Third Street will be synchronized which will ease up the traffic flow.

Fire Department – June 2014 report enclosed in Council packet

Emergency Management Coordinator – No Report

Engineer – July 8, 2014 report by Dan Martone in Council packet

Solicitor Petrush –

- Suggests the borough research the services rendered by Municipal Retirement Trust (MRT).
 - Why are we paying for actuarial services if they ask him to do the research? This expense should not be on the borough.
 - Mr. Rathbun stated he is looking into the matter and will report back to council.

Old Business

New Business

Motion – To approve and direct the full execution of the attached curative resolution regarding the sale of the Beaver Train Station to the Beaver Heritage Foundation.

Motion by Mr. Sims that the attached Curative Resolution regarding the sale of the Beaver Train Station be and is approved and that the designated Beaver Borough Officials be and are empowered to execute the same and affix their signature thereto. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Codification

Motion by Mr. Andres that the codification project by Keystate Publishing be activated immediately and be paid for out of the 2014 budget. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM to enter into Executive Session regarding collective bargaining with the Police Department.

No motions will be taken after Executive Session.

Executive Session ended at 9:15PM.

Submitted by Debbie Hindman