

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
August 8, 2017
Minutes

- A Public meeting regarding a proposed ordinance for rezoning parcels on Beaver Street was held in the Community Room and called to order on August 8, 2017 at 6:30PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Pat Sims. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush, Solicitor Shannon Steele. Absent: Alex Andres, Ron Embaugh, James Perini, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Judy Cashdollar, James Luce, Tommi Wagner, Peggy McKean, Kathy Cava Boyd, Daniel J. Martone, Jim Woolley, Gerard J. Gloekler

Mr. Deelo – Public meeting regarding a proposed ordinance for rezoning parcels on Beaver Street

Mr. Petrush – All requirements for the public meeting have been completed: Necessary notification to Beaver County, advertisement, notification of the closest properties.

Mr. Martone – Proposed change from RC-2 to RC-1 – met with County, there were no issues.

Public Participation –

- Gerry Gloekler, 610 Western Avenue – Property owner of 275-185 Beaver Street. Stated he is in favor of his parcel to remain as is and is in favor of the other two properties to change.

Council Comments – No comments

- Closed Public Meeting at 6:40PM
- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on August 8, 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, Pat Sims, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush, Solicitor Shannon Steele. Absent: James Perini, Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Judy Cashdollar, James Luce, Tommi Wagner, Peggy McKean, Kathy Cava Boyd, Daniel J. Martone, Jim Woolley, Midge Sefton, Charles Casbourn, Gerard J. Gloekler, Jeff Lloyd, Gordan Sheffer, Betty Burk, Valerie Kennedy, Bart Farzati, Sue Prentice, Bill Cutri, Sue Cutri, Robert Rice, Kim Ruslander, Midge Sefton, Charles Casbourn

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Embaugh to accept the July 11, 2017 Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- July 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. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – The Car Cruise this past weekend was a success. The borough was in good shape, thanked everyone involved in the event.
 - Officer McCoy stated there were no issues or complaints.
- Sue Prentice, 427 Wayne Street – Stated the home on the corner of Wayne Street and Canal Street needs to have the shrubs trimmed back from the sidewalk and the neighboring parking lot.
 - Mr. Sprecker stated he would look into the situation.
- Bart Farzati, 300 4th Street – Stated the sidewalks recently installed by the borough did not meet code. He spoke to Chief Madgar regarding the standards that residents are required to meet and the borough should be required to meet the same standards. Suggests reviewing at the state code requirements which will save the residents money and encourage homeowners to replace their sidewalks sooner.
- Midge Sefton, 1360 River Road – Questioned who will pay for the rezoning requests.
 - Mr. Deelo – Currently, the borough pays for the change.
 - Ms. Sefton stated she was not in favor of paying for personal requests.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) – No report

Business District Authority – Inactive

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Midge Sefton

Reviewed the July 12, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

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

The Beaver Borough Zoning Hearing Board will meet on August 24, 2017 at 7:00PM at the Beaver Borough Municipal Building:

- First Presbyterian Church for variances from the zoning ordinance regarding a proposed parking lot located in the R-1 zoning district at 511 and 553 Corporation Street.
- David Damaso for a variance to use the dwelling located in the R-1 zoning district at 741 Bank Street as a two-family dwelling.

Planning Commission – Reported by Bob Rice

- July 17, 2017 and August 7, 2017 draft minutes enclosed in council packet
- Planning Commission is following up on some of the recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan regarding different projects from the survey several years ago. Residents were in support of better use of Quay Park. Council funded a feasibility study which is just now starting the process with the consultant. A well-attended public meeting was held on June 17th. The consultant's considerations will be posted on the borough website. Encourages the public to attend the next meeting on September 18th at 7:00PM.
 - Mr. Deelo stated grants and other funding options are be reviewed

Tree Commission –

June 26, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- July 2017 report distributed to council
- Open burning ordinance needs to be reviewed
- 418 Fair Avenue property has been cleaned up significantly

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –

July 27, 2017 draft minutes enclosed in council packet

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Sims

- July 19, 2017 minutes enclosed in council packet
- UV treatment of sewage treatment plant discharge has been approved by the Municipal Authority and is scheduled for November installation.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety –

July 26, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Finance –

- July 12, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Sims – Budget is in good shape, year to date is \$186,000 positive.
 - Revenue down a little, expenses are under control.

Highway – Reported by Mr. Thomas

Reviewed the June 19, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

No report

Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the May 2017 report enclosed in council packet
- Curbs and sidewalks: Restoration – through a paving agreement with Columbia Gas, the borough will coordinate final road restorations.
 - Mr. Martone – Starting the first quarter of 2018 there will be a massive gas line replacement project through the fall of 2018. Several miles of pipelines will be replaced. Abandon lines in the street and will put new ones under sidewalks. Columbia Gas will provide additional information to affected customers before the projects begin next year.
 - Parts of 2nd Street, Bank Street, Beaver Street, Buffalo Street, Dravo Avenue, Insurance Street, Laura Street, Navigation Street, Orchard Street, Park Street, Turnpike Street and Wayne Street
 - Trying to coordinate paving projects with Columbia Gas
- Pit behind 701 5th Street – a new foundation has been poured
- Requesting the Highway Department and Borough Engineer to review current specifications of curbs and sidewalks. Materials are different now than years ago when the ordinance was written. Need to do what is best for the town and the residents.
 - Tommy Wagner, 230 Beaver Street – Asked if brick sidewalks will be preserved during the Columbia Gas project
 - Mr. Madgar stated the cost factor needs to be reviewed and if we want uniformity through town. Need to decide if it's a borough decision or a homeowner decision. During the 5th Street paving project, uniformity was decided.
- License Plate Recognition – still researching grants
- Highway Department staffing – at the last council meeting a motion was passed to fill a Highway Department vacancy. The position was advertised and filled.
 - Since then, another Highway Department employee retired. An employee from the Municipal Authority requested to transfer to the Highway Department.
- Closing date of the pool will depend on staffing. The date should be determined by the end of this week.

President's Report –

- Executive Session regarding pending litigation and the upcoming Collective Bargaining Agreement discussions.
- Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Fall Leadership Conference will be held October 13-15th. Please let Debbie know if you will be attending.
- Several council members received a letter from a financial advisor regarding pension consideration as a result of an advertisement for the Act 44 Ordinance that will be voted on tonight. Requests the Finance Manager respond to the letter.
- Received a PSAB video of "Understanding Borough Government in PA" – will be available in the borough office if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – No report

- Mr. Sims – there are 113 fire hydrants in town – 24 have been replaced over the last 3 years.
 - Chief Grosskoph requested 6 fire hydrants to be replaced. Three have been replaced so far and will have the other 3 replaced by the end of the year.
 - Mr. Madgar thanked the Municipal Authority for the prompt response the Fire Chiefs request.

Emergency Management Coordinator –

Letter addressed to Borough Council President, Michael Deelo, from FEMA dated July 31, 2017 enclosed in council packet.

Borough Engineer and Municipal Authority Engineer –

July 2017 monthly reports enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Petrush –

Past month worked on the Zoning Ordinance and the Borough Retirement and Pension plans

Old Business

Motion – Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Zoning

Motion by Mr. Thomas that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Zoning. Summary: Section 1: Amends the Official Zoning Map of Borough by the transfer from the RC-2 Retail Core Support District to the R-1 Low Density Residential District the two (2) lots located at 255 Beaver Street (Tax Parcel ID No. 14-003-0201.000) and 265 Beaver Street (Tax Parcel ID No. 14-003-0202.000). Section 2: Repeals any prior inconsistent ordinances. Section 3: States the legal authority for the ordinance. Section 4: Specifies an immediate effective date. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Hire Highway Department vacancy

Motion by Mr. Thomas that Beaver Borough Council hire Christopher Trent in the position of Laborer in the Highway Department effective July 31, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Pennsylvania Act 44 of 2009

Motion by Mr. Sims that the Beaver Borough Council approve the attached ordinance relating to the provisions of Act No. 44 of 2009. Seconded by Mr. Thomas.

- Solicitor Steele – Act 44 requires municipalities who have any pension plans to pass a motion to ensure that all your contractors fill out the form yearly with the borough to ensure there is no conflict of interest. The plan administrator need to fill out the disclosure form and return for Non-Uniform and Police Pension plans.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion – Municipal Authority Operations Coordinator

Motion by Mr. Sims following the recommendation of the Beaver Borough Municipal Authority, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Scott Snyder to the position of Operations Coordinator. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Working Foreman for the Highway Department

Motion by Mr. Thomas that Beaver Borough Council appoint Brent Dawson to the position of Working Foreman effective September 1, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Transfer employee from Municipal Authority to the Highway Department

Motion by Mr. Thomas that Beaver Borough Council approve the transfer of Josh Belfiore from the Municipal Authority to the Highway Department. Mr. Belfiore will be Crewman Apprentice. The transfer date will be effective August 7, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness of 511 Corporation Street

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council approve the Certificate of Appropriateness of 511 Corporation Street upon recording of the Land Development Plan and also granting appropriate variances for the Land Development Plan. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Municipal Employees Pension Plan & Governmental Money Purchase Plan

Motion by Mr. Andres that Beaver Borough Council authorize and direct the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise appropriate ordinances to update the provisions regarding forfeitures in the Municipal Employees Pension Plan and the Governmental Money Purchase Plan. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Land Development Plan for 511 & 553 Corporation Street

Motion by Mr. Thomas following approval by Beaver Borough Planning Commission, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the land development plan for 511 & 553 Corporation Street. This property is owned by First Presbyterian Church. Approval is conditional upon satisfaction of items of appearing in the Borough Engineers review letter dated August 3, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Land Development Plan for 1335 Third Street

Motion by Mr. Embaugh following approval by Beaver Borough Planning Commission, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the land development plan for 1335 Third Street. This property is owned by TTO Real Estate Enterprises, LLC. Approval is conditional upon satisfaction of items of hearing in the Borough Engineers review letter dated August 5, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned at 8:20PM to enter into Executive Session regarding pending litigation and the upcoming Collective Bargaining Agreement discussions.

Executive Session 8:30PM – 9:19PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman