

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
August 11, 2015
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on August 11, 2015 at 7:05PM by President Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Lauson Cashdollar (7:00PM-8:00PM), Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Walter McDermott, James Perini, Alex Sebastian, Pat Sims. Borough officials in attendance: Director of Operations – Chuck Copeland, Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor - John Petrush.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Mark Noll, Jan McGinnis, Marilyn Vogel, Greg Douglass, Esq., Robert & Patricia Lewis, Midge Sefton, Rick Sprecker, Leigh & Yvonne Connor, Judy Cashdollar, Billie Riley, Kaylee Harper, Joe Gradwell, Adam Rathbun, Gisela Reichel, Cheryl Doplaga, Tommi Wagner, Robert Rice

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Embaugh to accept the July 14, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

July 2015 end of month reports and balances reviewed. Reports will be filed for annual audit.

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Jan McGinnis, 336 Beaver Street - Requests council consider increasing the time of leaf pickup with the abundance bark from sycamore trees in town. Presented President Deelo an information sheet of American Sycamore trees which will be forwarded to the Tree Commission.
- Mark Noll, 333 Third Street – Distributed photos of pot holes on Beach & Taylor Avenue behind his business and several other businesses on Third Street. Questioning whose responsibility it is to maintain the alley, if it is a borough owned alley requesting it be fixed as quickly as possible since it is a safety issue.
 - Mr. Deelo requested Mr. Copeland arrange a meeting with Mr. Martone and Mr. Noll to resolve the issue.
 - Mr. Copeland stated Columbia Gas was to fix the alley several months ago.

- Mr. Cashdollar stated Columbia Gas has neglected our streets for months. The borough has been negligent with not insisting they apply for permits.
- Mr. McDermott requests the holes that are safety concerns be fixed by borough workers tomorrow and that Columbia Gas be contacted to discuss a plan of action on repairs.
- Greg Douglass, Esq., 999 Third Street – Regarding Lot #6 of the Ft. McIntosh site. The development was approved without condition on November 11, 2014 and permits were applied for on July 1, 2015. The owners of lot #6, Mr. & Mrs. Conner, are still awaiting the permit. This is being held up to consider a recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding curb cuts.
 - Al Torrence, 640 4th Street – On behalf of the BAR Acquisition, he presented a tentative solution of the three unsold lots to the Planning Commission.
 - He would amend the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant and require the purchasers of lot numbers 6, 7 and 8 enter from the proposed alley.
 - **Motion by Mr. Cashdollar to approve the permit for Mr. & Mrs. Conner for their property on Bank Street. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.**
- Gisela Reichel, 767 5th Street – Having a difficult time pulling into the parking lot of Jefferson Terrace due to residents parking on the yellow lines on Market Street.
 - Officer McCoy stated he has ticketed several cars recently. The curbs are painted yellow and No Parking signs are posted.
 - Chief Madgar request the Director of Operations paint yellow slash marks on the road as soon as possible.
- Kaylee Harper, 485 Dravo Avenue and Melissa Web, 4th Street – Requests Galey Blvd. Extension be repaired since it is a safety issue. In the past this road has been maintained by the borough.
 - Mr. Cashdollar requests the Director of Operations contact Mr. Martone, Borough Engineer, to get estimates to have the road repaired. If there is any budgeted money left over from the Fifth Street Paving Project, there is a possibility Galey Blvd. could be repaired.
- Melissa Web, Fourth Street – Requests a clarification of the ordinance regarding wheeled vehicles up and down Third Street.
 - Chief Madgar stated there will be a new ordinance introduced which will be strict regarding skateboards and bicycles due to safety concerns.

Motion – Granting oversight and executive authority for President, Vice President, and President Pro Tem to authorize expenditures and to direct activities, work and undertaking of the borough in order to carry on borough operations until such time as a permanent manager is appointed

Motion by Mr. Cashdollar that the Borough of Beaver hereby grants authority, jointly and severally to Borough Council's President, Vice President, and President Pro Temp to direct work, activities, and projects of the Borough and direct and oversee its administrations and many operations, and to authorize the expenditure of Borough funds for the Borough's requirements and general purposes. Such authority to be exercised as decided between the three of them. This oversight, managerial, and administrative authority shall begin at 12:01AM on August 8, 2015 and shall last until the Borough appoints a permanent Manager. The authorized parties shall share and exercise this authority as they shall from time to time determine amongst the three of them. Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Reports – Commissions

Council of Governments (COG) – Reported by Mr. Deceder
July 2015 meeting minutes distributed to council members

Business District Authority –
June and July 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board – No report

Planning Commission –
May and July 2015 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report –
July 2015 report enclosed in council packet

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – Reported by Bob Rice
Reviewed the April 23, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety – Reported by Mr. Perini
Reviewed the July 27, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini
Reviewed the July 15, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Highway – Reported by Mr. McDermott
August 6, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

General Government – July meeting cancelled

Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Cashdollar
July 27, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Recreation – Reported by Mr. Embaugh
August 4, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Water & Sewer – Reported by Mr. Sims

- July 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Met with Bridgewater since their sewer contract signed in 1977 has just expired.

- They have a potential development which we will need to consider capacity and age of our equipment.

Reports

Manager's Report – No report

Director of Operations Report – Reported by Mr. Copeland
Reviewed the August 11, 2015 report enclosed in council packet

President's Report –
Update of Shell Appalachia Project

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar –

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer –
July 2015 monthly report enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Petrush –

Old Business

Motion – Approving and enacting the attached ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Beaver Code of Ordinances relating to Motor Vehicles – specifically removal of parking meters from parts of Insurance Street and from parts of College Avenue and designating parking time limits for portions of those streets

Motion by Mr. Perini that the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the Beaver Code of Ordinances relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic and providing for the removal of parking meters from portions of College Avenue and Insurance Street and establishing time limits for parking in those areas is hereby approved and enacted, and that the President of Council is hereby directed to obtain the full execution thereof. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Approving and enacting the attached ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Beaver Code of Ordinances relating to Conduct - Bullying

Motion by Mr. Perini the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Beaver Code of Ordinances relating to Conduct and specifically to bullying be and is hereby approved, adopted and enacted, and further that the President of Council is hereby directed to obtain the full execution thereof. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Approving and enacting the ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Beaver Code of Ordinances relating to Flood Plains

Motion by Mr. Perini that the Ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Beaver Code of Ordinances relating to Flood Plains, as advertised by the Borough Solicitor, is hereby approved, adopted and enacted, and further that the President of Council is hereby directed to obtain the full execution thereof. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Approving and accepting the July 30, 2015 paving bid of Folino Construction for portions of Fifth Street and Sharon Road

Motion by Mr. McDermott, pursuant to the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, that Beaver Council approve and accept Folino Construction’s July 30, 2015 low bid for repaving portions of Fifth Street and Sharon Road for \$99,929.65 and direct the Engineer to prepare a draft contract for review by the Solicitor and send the same to Folino Contracting for execution. I also move that the President of Council obtain the full execution of that contract upon receipt of the partially executed copies from Folino Contracting. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion – Authorizing and directing the Borough Solicitor to develop and draft an ordinance to enact the ICMA-RC 401 Governmental Money Purchase Plan

Motion by Mr. Andres that the Borough Solicitor be and is authorized and directed to develop and draft an ordinance to enact the ICMA-RC 401 Governmental Money Purchase Plan and to advertise said draft ordinance for Council’s consideration and action at the Council’s regular September meeting. Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Authorizing and directing the Borough Manager or Council President to initiate a search for a Borough Manager and to execute and submit a Letter of Intent to obtain guidance and assistance from the Department of Community and Economic Development

Motion by Mr. Embaugh that the Borough Manager or Council President be and are authorized and directed to begin the process of searching for our next Borough Manager, and to execute and submit the attached Letter of Intent to D.C.E.D. seeking guidance and assistance in conducting that search. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Sims that Beaver Borough Council appoint Chief Dan Madgar to Open Records Officer until a new Borough Manager is appointed. Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned at 8:53PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman