

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
September 12, 2017
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on September 12, 2017 at 7:00PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alex Andres, Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh (arrival at 7:10PM), James Perini, Alex Sebastian, Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush, Solicitor Garen Fedeles.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Dorothy Hottman, Betty Burk, Karen & Chuck Malone, Jeff Lloyd, Keith Sevy, Midge Sefton, Russell Smith, Gordon Sheffer, Arlene Tarn, Chuck Copeland, Chuck Casbourne, Cheryl Hanson, Juliann Petersen, Margaret McKean, Rick Sprecker, Robert Rice, Ethel Icenhour

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Sebastian to accept the August 8, 2017 Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- August 2017 end of month reports and balances reviewed.
- Mr. Perini – Pension payments due by the end of the year
- 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. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Betty Burk, 888 4th Street –
 - Spoke to a lot of residents regarding Quay Park proposals. The consensus of the Quay Park drawings is that it is an overkill. If it isn't broken, don't fix it.
 - Supposedly 500 residents completed the Comprehensive Study of which none of the residents she spoke to knew anything about the Comprehensive Study.
 - Heard a lot of opposition of the changes in Quay Park. Requests council listen to the residents to hear both sides of the concerns.
 - Mr. Deelo – This serious discussion is taking place with the Planning Commission. Last year they requested funding to follow-up on a recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan. They survey indicated a preference to update Quay Park. Expecting sometime at a later date a recommendation from the Planning

Commission. Encourages the residents to attend the Planning Commission meetings the third Monday of every month at 7:00PM.

- Chuck Malone, 234 Insurance Street –
 - His wife completed the Comprehensive Plan Survey.
 - Should all questions regarding Quay Park be directed to the Planning Commission?
 - Mr. Deelo – Yes. The Planning Commission has assumed the responsibility of reviewing the proposals and making a recommendation to council.
- Keith Sevy, 600 Third Street – Thanked everyone involved in the Car Cruise. Another successful year with positive feedback.
- Julia Peterson, 340 Beaver Street – Has lived at this address since 2001. There is a parking enforcement of 2 hour parking with limited available parking for residents. She and her daughter receive parking tickets for parking in front of their home. Requests council to look into the situation and possibly remove the 2 hour limit.
 - Mr. Madgar – Would like to reevaluate all permit parking and the 2 hour parking enforcement. Not sure what the solution is due to employees utilizing parking areas. Requests Ms. Peterson contact the police department if they receive another ticket, they will work with them to get it resolved.
 - Betty Burk – Requests while reevaluating side street parking to be careful of the blocks that the permit parking will be removed. Residential parking by the Court House is needed.
 - Mr. Deelo – Requests the Highway Committee look into the situation and report back to council

MS4 Presentation – Presented by Dan Martone

- MS4 – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems
- Beaver Borough has a MS4 Permit for storm water to drain into the Ohio River
- Borough owns all the storm sewers throughout town
- Municipal Authority owns all sanitary sewer lines throughout town
- Every 5 years the Borough needs to renew the MS4 permit
 - Need to be aware of what is being put into the drains
 - Copies of the Homeowners Guide to Stormwater BMP Maintenance, what you need to know to take care of your property will be available in the borough office as well as on the website
 - Inspections completed of all catch basins and manholes throughout town
- Keith Sevy – Questioned the problem that the Beaver Super Market is having with their basement flooding.
 - Mr. Martone stated that is a private matter however, the borough is doing what they can to assist the owner.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) – No report

Business District Authority – Inactive

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Midge Sefton

Reviewed the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

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

- The Zoning Hearing Board met on August 24, 2017 for the following variance requests:
 - Approved - 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.
 - Denied - 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.
- There is a new variance request from Tri State Supply Company located at 1231 Third Street. Date of hearing has not been determined.

Planning Commission – Reported by Bob Rice

- August 7, 2017 minutes enclosed in council packet
- Next public meeting scheduled is September 16, 2017 at 7:00PM
 - Encourages the public to attend to be fully informed of Quay Park

Tree Commission – Reported by Jeff Lloyd

Stressed the importance to preserve the trees in the Street Scape area

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

August 2017 report distributed to council

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –

Reviewed the August 24, 2017 draft minutes enclosed in council packet

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Sims

- Municipal Authority and Coordinator of Operations August 16, 2017 minutes enclosed in council packet
- Fire hydrant flushing – residents were notified via borough website, newspaper advertisement and EBlast
- Started installing the UV System

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety – No report

Finance – Reported by Jim Perini

- Budget discussions will start at the next Finance Committee meeting
- October 11, 2017 – need to have all budget information from each department

Highway – Reported by Mr. Thomas

- Reviewed the August 21, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Reviewing the possibility of updating the curb and sidewalk requirements

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- August 22, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Attended the 9-11 Ceremony at the Beaver High School hosted by JROTC

Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Mr. Embaugh

September 5, 2017 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the August 2017 report enclosed in council packet
- Dan Martone – Regarding 5th Street and Buffalo Street intersection – need to meet with PennDot to have a traffic evaluation study completed

President's Report –

Executive Session regarding pending litigation and the upcoming Collective Bargaining Agreement discussions.

Mayor Hamilton –

The 9-11 Ceremony was well represented by the Fire and Police Departments. We are fortunate to have JROTC as part of the community and their support of many events in town.

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer and Municipal Authority Engineer –

August 2017 monthly reports enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Petrush – No report

Old Business

Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 5.F of the Code of Ordinances

Motion by Mr. Andres that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 5.F of the Code of Ordinances, relating to A Governmental Money Purchase Plan for Municipal Employees. Summary: Clarifies the disposition of forfeitures of unvested employer contributions. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Chicken Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Andres that Beaver Borough Council direct the Solicitor to proceed with the Chicken Ordinance with the amendment to change the penalty phase referring for failure to pay fines, from imprisonment to liens on property. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion – 2018 Minimum Obligation (MMO) for Police and Municipal Employees

Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution as prepared by the Borough Solicitor relating to the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Police and Municipal Employees. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Certificate of Appropriateness for 522 Bank Street

Motion by Mr. Snowden, based on the recommendation of the Historical Architectural Review Board, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (permit demolition) of 522 Bank Street, Tax Parcel # 15-001-0400. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Municipal Authority Laborer

Motion by Mr. Sims that Beaver Borough Council hire Joe Omler as a Laborer or the Municipal Authority effective October 4, 2017 at the rate of \$17.31 per hour. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Beaver Station Cultural & Event Center – Pedestrian signs

Motion by Mr. Thomas that Beaver Borough Council approve the eleven (11) historical pedestrian signs to be placed along the sidewalks in the North lawn area of the Beaver Station Cultural & Event Center located at 250 East End Avenue in the Public Zoning District as further documented in the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation letter (with attachments) dated September 7, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Retire K-9 Officer Czar

It is with a combination of pride and regret that I announce the retirement of our K-9 Officer Czar who has been with the Beaver Police Department since October 8, 2009. To the citizens and supporters of the K-9 Unit, we thank you for your contributions and support throughout the years of Czar's service. Due to contributions from the community, the borough has been able to purchase K-9 vehicles, training, vet bills, and equipment for which the borough is grateful. During Czar's years of service, he has worked countless hours protecting the citizens of the Borough of Beaver. He has assisted other municipalities, schools and counties by performing drug searches, searching for suspects and assisting in arrests that led to prosecutions of many criminals. For this we are thankful. It is the borough's hope that Czar will continue to be cared for by his handler and his family, and the remainder of his years are happy and healthy.

Motion by Mr. Snowden that Beaver Borough Council approve by Resolution to retire Czar and sell him to his handler Officer Winjen-Riems for \$1.00. Seconded by Mr. Andres.

Mr. Deceder questioned if the borough will be replacing Czar with another K-9. Mr. Madgar stated he and Mayor Hamilton will reevaluate the program and decide at a later time.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned at 8:15PM to enter into Executive Session regarding pending litigation and the upcoming Collective Bargaining Agreement discussions.

Executive Session 8:20PM – 8:45PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman