

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
September 9, 2014
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on September 9, 2014 at 7:04PM by President Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Lauson Cashdollar, Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Walter McDermott, James Perini, Pat Sims, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Borough Manager – Adam Rathbun, Director of Operations – Chuck Copeland, Mayor - Tom Hamilton, Police Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor - John Petrush
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Bob Smith, Emy McIsaac, Janet Shaddick, Mel Bundy, Dana & Ruth Ann Duff, Frank Ross, Frank D’Amico, Ray Hoppa, Rick Sprecker, Midge Sefton, Joanne Bradshaw, Sue Winters, Jeff Hamilton, Judy Cashdollar, Stephanie Morley, Ed & Dorothy Strawn, Jean & Jeff Lloyd, George Orr Jr., Ethel Icenhour, Judy Reiners, Pauline Copeland, Joel Shannon, Charles Casbourne, Dick Buckus, Robert Rice, Judy Knaul, Ruth Russell, Charles & Marilyn O’Data, Marty Scheidmantel, George Kauffman, Keith Sevy, Debra Bodrie, Tommi Wagner, Pat Neely, Dianne Schermerhorn, Gary Walter, Roberta Good, Carol Evans, Valentine Brkich, Dave O’Leary, Jack Pettibon, Michael Dilauro, William Elliott, Rick & Jennifer Temple, Elaine Savoldi

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. McDermott to accept the August 12, 2014 Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasure’s Report

August 2014 end of month reports and balances reviewed.

Motion by Mr. Andres to accept the August 2014 end of month reports. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Bob Smith – 390 3rd Street, Janet Shaddick – 115 6th Street, Charles Betters – 115 El Shaddai Drive, Charles O’Data – 347 Lincoln Avenue, Richard Granati – 391 Laura Street and Midge Sefton – 1360 River spoke in support of Charles Copeland regarding the motion on the agenda to terminate his employment.

- Bob Rice – 1200 River Road requested the meeting Chairman, President Michael Deelo, change the agenda to vote immediately on the motion regarding Mr. Copeland. The Chairman agreed.
 - ***Motion by Mr. Cashdollar that the employment of Beaver’s Director of Operations be terminated effective immediately and that the Director is hereby directed to give all Borough keys, documents, mail, equipment, and vehicles to the Manager as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. McDermott.***
 - Mr. Cashdollar commented that council has not taken a position to terminate anyone for a personal reason. The issue is whether Mr. Copeland is doing his job or not. This is about failure to do his job, the particulars of which are not to be discussed in public. Council has made changes to his job description in the past due to problems and deficiencies.
 - Mr. Andres stated this motion is embarrassing to the Borough of Beaver, Council and to Mr. Copeland. Council is aware of the concerns with Mr. Copeland.
 - Mayor Hamilton stated he supports Mr. Copeland 100%. He brings considerable value to the community.
 - ***After council discussion, motion failed with 2 in favor and 7 opposed - yes votes from Mr. Cashdollar and Mr. Embaugh; no votes from Mr. Andres, Mr. Deceder, Mr. Deelo, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Perini, Mr. Sims, Mr. Thomas.***

Reports – Commissions

Council of Governments (COG) – Reported by Mr. Andres

Handout regarding the Annual Dinner Symposium featuring Vacant/Blighted Properties, Strategies for Municipal Resolve on September 25, 2014 at the Community College of Beaver County.

Business District Authority – August 2014 minutes enclosed in council packet

Civil Service Commission – No Report

Zoning Hearing Board – There will be a hearing on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:30 in the Borough Community Room regarding a day care center at the First Christian Church.

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Deceder

The subdivision map regarding the Ft. McIntosh site will be discussed at the next meeting on September 15th at 7:00PM.

Tree Commission – July 28, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

- Mr. Perini questioned the invoice from Bartlett Tree Services for \$2,461, trees for planting and when council would be receiving the financial reports from the Tree Commission.
 - Mr. Kauffman stated Mr. Colavincenzo would need to review the invoice and respond. He also passed along the request to Mr. Colavincenzo regarding the financial reports.
 - Mr. Thomas requested Mr. Kauffman and other Shade Tree Commission members to attend the next Recreation Committee meeting on October 3, 2014 since they are part of that committee. Mr. Thomas will then report back to council.

- Mr. Rathbun stated the budget has been exceeded for the Shade Tree Commission.

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

- August 25, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Commend the Police Chief and officers regarding the hard work to capture and arrest the person responsible for all the vehicle break-ins in town. Also, for the arrest of the individual at the library.

Finance – August 20, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Highway – Reported by Mr. McDermott

- August meeting cancelled
- Adding a motion to the agenda involving the authorization of paving.
 - Mr. Deelo stated public participation will be accepted since with is an addition to the agenda.

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- August 26, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Encourages the public to attend the regular council meetings as well as the General Government meetings each month.
- Mr. Deelo thanked the General Government Committee and the Police Chief for initiating skunk control which was a serious problem in town which now seems to be under control.

Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Cashdollar

- Reviewed the August 25, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
 - Received numerous complaints from the public regarding the failure of code enforcement,
 - The problem regarding Fair Avenue has been as issue for too long.
 - The borough does not have proper enforcement, staffing or management for code enforcement. This needs to be looked into before the issues are out of control.
 - Residents need to look at the sidewalks and curbs in town, some of them are less than adequate.
 - Need a code enforcement operation that will require additional ordinances and money.

Recreation – Reported by Mr. Embaugh

- Reviewed the September 5, 2014 meeting minutes emailed and presented to council members
 - Pool – several residents raised issues regarding the pool. Will start discussions earlier to avoid another late opening.
 - Benches in town are deployable.
 - Beaver Festival – Needs to be reviewed since it was not profitable again this year.

- Mr. Thomas stated that Council need to consider the future of the pool. Either update it or disband it.

Water & Sewer – Reported by Mr. Sims

Reviewed the August 21, 2014 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Mr. Rathbun

Reviewed the August 2014 report enclosed in council packet

Director of Operations Report – Reported by Mr. Copeland

Reviewed the September 9, 2014 report and the Third Street Waterline Replacement report enclosed in Council packet

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Deelo

Announced there will be an Executive Session regarding the progress of the collective bargaining agreement and to discuss personnel matter relating to a specific individual.

Mayor Hamilton –

- 9-11 ceremonies will be held at the Beaver Area High School starting at 7:30AM and at the Gazebo @ 5:00PM.
- Veteran's Day Parade will be held in Beaver this year.

Police Chief Madgar – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Chief stated a team effort between the police and a resident that had a camera set up at his home which recorded a partial photo of the person responsible for the vehicle break-ins.
- Of the seventy plus vehicle break-ins, the majority of the vehicles were not locked.
 - Reminder to keep all vehicles and garages locked at all times.

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

Reviewed the August 2014 report enclosed in council packet

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – August 2014 monthly report & 2014 Beaver Borough 2014 Road Paving Project report by Dan Martone in council packet

Solicitor Petrush –

Worked on the Development Agreement of the Trinity Office Building

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion – Directing the Solicitor to advertise a conformed version of the attached Ordinance approving and authorizing the adoption and execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between Beaver Borough and Comcast of Colorado/Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC and further directing the Solicitor to advertise a public hearing on that proposed agreement.

Motion by Mr. Cashdollar that the Borough Solicitor be and is authorized and directed to advertise a conformed version of the attached Ordinance approving and authorizing the adoption and execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement for the Borough of Beaver for consideration at the October 14, 2014 meeting of Council, ant that the Solicitor also advertise a public hearing on the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement for the same meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- A Public Hearing will be held on October 14, 2014 at 6:30PM, prior to the council meeting at 7:00PM.

Motion – Increase pay for part-time police

Motion by Mr. Thomas that Beaver Borough Council approves a pay increase for all part-time police officers from \$15.25 to \$16.25 per hour based on the Public Safety Committee recommendation. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion –

Motion by Mr. McDermott that the Borough of Beaver authorizes a paving contract for Protech Asphalt Maintenance, Inc. according to recommendations by the Borough Engineer dated September 9, 2014. Protech was the low bidder in the amount of \$142,999.75. Seconded by Mr. Thomas.

- A list of all the roads that were in need of repair was prepared by the Borough Manager, Director of Operations, Borough Engineer and the Highway Committee.
- Mr. McDermott stated the contracted was to mill and re-pave the following streets:
 - 4th Street from Market Street to Dravo Avenue
 - Turnpike Street from Insurance Street to College Avenue
 - Bank Street from Wayne Street to College Avenue
 - Commerce Street from Turnpike Street to 4th Street
 - College Avenue from 5th Street to 6th Street
- The submitted bids for the alternate bid, micro-asphalt application on College Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street, were considerably higher than anticipated. Therefore, it was decided not to pave this section.

After council discussion: Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public session ended at 9:03PM to enter into Executive Session regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement and to discuss personnel matter relating to a specific individual.

Executive Session ended at 10:25PM.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Andres, Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.
Submitted by Debbie Hindman