

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
October 11, 2016  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on October 11, 2016 at 7:00PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Walter McDermott, James Perini, Alex Sebastian, Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush. Absent: Alex Andres, Dan Deceder
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Gisela Reichel, Judy Cashdollar, Dave Wakefelt, Frank Blaskowitz, Midge Sefton, Betty Burk, Charles Casbourne, Arlene Tarn, Carol Colalella, Bev Lodovico, Tom Lodovico, Jr., Jack Vaughn, Sheryl Manganello, Rick Sprecker, Liza Fuller, Gordon Sheffer, Tommi Wagner
- Mr. Deelo announced the November 8, 2016 council meeting will be held at the Train Station due to Election Day.

#### **Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden to accept the September 13, 2016 Council meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- September 2016 end of month reports and balances reviewed.
- Mr. Deelo stated the Expense/Revenue Statement indicates \$90,000 for the School Resource Officer. Requesting Mr. Kennedy, Finance Manager, to have the report correctly distribute the revenue into the three appropriate years.
  - Mr. McDermott questioned why the school paid for three years when the motion was to only approve one year.
    - Mr. Madgar and Mr. Kennedy will contact the school for a response
- Mr. Perini and Mr. Embaugh requested verification of budget number amounts of line numbers 301.100, 350.020 and 454.180.
  - Mr. Madgar requested any questions regarding the budget balances be sent to either himself or Mr. Kennedy before the meeting in order to research and give an answer to at the meeting.
- Reports will be filed for annual audit.

#### **Review invoice and authorization to pay bills**

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

## **Public Participation –**

- Carol Colalella, 333 Lincoln Avenue and Diane Wakefield, 445 Wilson Avenue – Board of Trustees of the Beaver Area Memorial Library. Appreciates the support received by Council and by the fund raising events. Requests Council to increase funding, if possible, to the library when reviewing the budget this year.
- Gisela Reidiel, 767 5<sup>th</sup> Street – Inquiring the status of having the pit outside of Jefferson Trace Apartments fixed.
  - Mr. Madgar stated he would like to have it fixed by the end of the year, the latest may be spring 2017.
- Tom Lodovico, Jr., 780 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Inquiring the status of stopping future liquor license being issued
  - Solicitor Petrush stated he has been in contact with a Pittsburgh Law Firm that specializes in liquor license.
    - Mr. Petrush asked the firm to give their legal opinion of how we can make improvements in the future
      - After reviewing their letter of response last week, the law firm will now move ahead on what will be the most productive for the borough.
- Betty Burke, 888 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Questioned if the Liquor Control Board will still issue Beaver Brewing another license in 2017. Also stated how pleased is to see the Post Office has cleaned up the outside of their building.
  - Mr. Petrush stated the entire file of information has been turned over to the law firm for review. If they see that any action can be taken, they will inform us.
- Frank Blaskowitz, 385 Navigation Street – Thanked the police chief and officers for their service to our community. Also questioned if there were any local residents in the recent drug raid, if so could the residents be made aware of who they are.
  - Chief Madgar stated the police department gives all the information to the court system.
- Liza Fuller, 354 Buffalo Street – Is on the Planning Commission and have had residents ask if more activities could be held in the park areas. The Planning Commission requests a line item be added to the 2017 budget to hire a design consultant to review the parks and offer suggestions. This request is consistent with the recently approved Comprehensive Plan. Amount requested is not to exceed \$10,000.
  - Mr. Deelo – referring the request to the Finance Committee

## **Reports – Commissions**

**Council of Governments (COG) – No report**

### **Business District Authority –**

- September 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Snowden stated several residents have requested handicap parking spots. He will forward the information to the Code Enforcement Committee.

### **Civil Service Commission – Reported by Midge Sefton**

- No meeting held in August
- Next meeting will be held on October 12, 2016 at 2:00PM to work on Rules and Regulations

**Zoning Hearing Board** – Reported by Rick Sprecker

- Two Zoning Hearings will be held in the Community Room on October 25, 2016 at 7:00PM
  - 396 Fourth Street – Seeking a variance from section 1076.B.1.a in the Beaver Borough zoning ordinance for the enlargement of a non-conforming use.
  - 394 College Avenue – Seeking variances from section 504.D.1.a, 504.D.2.a.ii and 504.D.3 in the Beaver Borough zoning ordinance related to minimum front, side and rear yard setback distances.
    - Mr. Deelo requested for Mr. Sprecker to confirm that this address is not listed on the Resource Inventory as a contributing structure.

**Planning Commission** –

July 18, 2016 and Draft of September 19, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Tree Commission** – Reported by Frank Blaskowitz

- August 22, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Report titled Streetscape Trees dated September 2016 distributed and explained to council
  - Requests a couple council members meet with the Shade Tree Commission members to review the budget requests for 2017.
    - Mr. Deelo stated all budget requests need to be submitted by the end of the week

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

September 2016 report enclosed in council packet

**Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)** – Reported by Robert Rice

September 22, 2016 meeting minutes distributed

**Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety** – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Reviewed the September 28, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Preliminary talks with Chief Madgar and the school district to have a town hall meeting by January regarding drug awareness

**Finance** – Reported by Mr. Perini

Reviewed the September 21, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Highway** – Reported by Mr. McDermott

- No meeting in September
- Martone Engineering report dated September 28, 2016 regarding Summary of August 5, 2016 meeting to review roads to be repaved in 2017 and 2018 enclosed in council packet

**General Government** – No meeting held in September

**Code Enforcement** – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- September 26, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Madgar updated progress of Rental Registration Program
  - Met with New Brighton to review their process
  - Should be able to run the program without any additional staff

**Recreation** –

October 4, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Water & Sewer** – Reported by Mr. Sims

September 21, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Reports**

**Manager's Report** – Reported by Chief Madgar

Reviewed the September 2016 report enclosed in council packet

**President's Report** –

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**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Police Chief Madgar** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Borough Engineer and Water/Sewer Engineer** –

September 2016 monthly reports enclosed in council packet

**Solicitor Petrush** –

- Several items worked on:
  - Proposed road salt storage shed
  - Claims for real estate tax exemptions
  - Beer sales

**Old Business**

**Motion** – Ordinance amending Chapter 15 relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic

***Motion by Mr. McDermott that Council approve the attached ordinance amending Chapter 15, Part 2 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic. Section 302.1 entitled Angle Parking Required on Portion of Certain Streets; and Section 304 entitled Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – License Plate Recognition**

Motion referred back to Public Safety for review and to be entered into the 2017 budget

**New Business**

**Motion – Transfer employee from Highway Department to the Municipal Authority**

*Motion by Mr. Sims that Council approve the transfer of Walter (Keith) Young from the Highway Department to the Municipal Authority. Keith will be an Operator A. The transfer date will be the date that the Highway Department fills the open position. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion – Supplies for the Municipal Authority Board**

*Motion by Mr. Sims that Council approve the purchase of laptops, router, VPN Clients and labor to install per the attached quote from MGSoft-net for the Municipal Authority board members. Total cost is \$7,805.00. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion – Purchase Software**

At the request of Pat Sims, motion will be put on hold until a future date

**Motion – Inflow/Infiltration Detection**

*Motion by Mr. Sims that Council approve inflow/infiltration detection per the attached quote. Two additional quotes to follow. Cost is not to exceed \$30,000. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion - Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

*Motion by Mr. Snowden that Beaver Borough Council approve and adopt the attached Resolution # 2016-06 regarding Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion – Beaver Area Memorial Library Donation**

*Motion by Mr. McDermott that Beaver Borough Council approve donation of \$26,500 to the Beaver Area Memorial Library. This item is approved in the 2016 budget. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

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

Adjourned at 8:45PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman