

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
November 8, 2016  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held at the Beaver Station, located on East End Avenue, Beaver, PA and called to order on November 8, 2016 at 7:00PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alex Andres, Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, James Perini, Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush. Absent: Walter McDermott, Alex Sebastian
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Matthew Ford, Midge Sefton, Ed Hill, Frank Blaskowitz, Richard Sprecker, Robert Rice, Cheryl Hansen, Jeff Hamilton

**Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden to accept the October 11, 2016 Council meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Treasurer's Report**

- October 2016 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. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Public Participation** – No public participation

**Reports – Commissions**

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

**Business District Authority** –

September 2016 and October 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

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

October 12, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

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

Two Zoning Hearings were held in the Community Room on October 25, 2016

- 396 Fourth Street – Requested a variance from section 1076.B.1.a in the Beaver Borough zoning ordinance for the enlargement of a non-conforming use. The request was unanimously approved.
- 394 College Avenue – Requested 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. The request was unanimously denied.

**Planning Commission** – Reported by Robert Rice  
Draft of October 17, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Tree Commission** – Reported by Frank Blaskowitz  
September 26, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** – Reported by Mr. Sprecker  
October 2016 report enclosed in council packet

**Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)** – Reported by Robert Rice  
Draft of October 27, 2016 meeting minutes and Report regarding property at 1335 3<sup>rd</sup> Street seeking Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) – Demolition permit, enclosed in council packet

### **Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety** – Reported by Mr. Snowden  
October 26, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Finance** – Reported by Mr. Perini  
Reviewed the October 19, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Highway** – No report

**General Government** – No report

**Code Enforcement** – Reported by Mr. Sebastian  
October 24, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Recreation** – No meeting in November

**Water & Sewer** – Reported by Mr. Sims  
October 19, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

### **Reports**

**Manager's Report** – Reported by Chief Madgar  
Reviewed the October 2016 report enclosed in council packet

**President's Report** – No report

**Mayor Hamilton –**

This Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM the Veteran’s Day Parade will be hosted in Beaver.

**Police Chief Madgar –** No report

**Fire Department –** No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator –** No report

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

October 2015 monthly reports enclosed in council packet

**Solicitor Petrush –**

Several items worked on:

- Zoning Ordinance – Property at 1311 Corporation Street
- Municipal Grounds – Property at 250 East End Avenue
- General Government – New Beer Sales Facility
  - Received feedback from the law firm in Pittsburgh – found no irregularities in the issuing of the license by the state.
  - Borough Ordinances or Zoning Ordinances should be reviewed by Council and Solicitor
  - Mr. Deelo stated Council needs to look at all possibilities to not allow any additional licenses being issued for the best interest of our community.
- Municipal Finances – Claim for Real Estate Tax Exemption

**Old Business**

**Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 5.B of the Code of Ordinances, relating to a Municipal Employee’s Pension Plan.**

***Motion by Mr. Sims that Beaver Borough Council adopt the attached proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 5.B. of the Code of Ordinances, relating to a Municipal Employee’s Pension Plan Amendment: The definition of the word “Employee” revised to read “Any person, hired on or after the adoption of the defined contribution plan provisions, who is employed on a full-time basis (at least 35 hours per week) by the Borough of Beaver (excluding any uniformed employee). Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**New Business**

**Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 3 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Administration and Government**

***Motion by Mr. Sims that Beaver Borough Council adopt the attached proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 3 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Administration and Government. Chapter 1, Part 3.A, entitled Acquisition of Projects, is repealed in its entirety. Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Reappoint Historical & Architecture Review Board (HARB) members**

***Motion by Mr. Andres that Robert Rice, Joseph Rubino, Val Brkich and Ed Hancock are reappointed to HARB for five (5) year terms. Terms will expire December 2021. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) Appeals Board**

***Motion by Mr. Andres that Beaver Borough Council appoint the following members to the IPMC Appeals Board: Alex Sebastian – Term to expire December 2019; Ron Embaugh – Term to expire December 2018; Dan Deceder – Term to expire December 2017. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Reappoint Business District Authority (BDA) member**

***Motion by Mr. Andres that Mike Delmaso be reappointed to BDA for a five (5) year term. Term to expire December 2021. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Civil Service Rules and Regulations**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden that Council approve the Civil Service Commission’s recommendation to contract Bill Gamble to rewrite the Rules and Regulations according to the attached Exhibit “A” Proposal/Process. Cost not to exceed \$1,100. Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Resignation of Zoning Hearing Board member**

***Motion by Mr. Snowden that Council accept Richard Sprecker’s letter of resignation (attached) as a Zoning Hearing Board member effective November 1, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)**

- ***Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Council approve the attached COA to demolish 1335 Third Street (Tax Parcel 16-004-2020). Seconded by Mr. Perini.***
  - ***Matthew Ford, L.C. Renninger Group, representing the client passed out a new drawing to be considered by the HARB.***
  - ***Motion by Mr. Deceder to table the COA motion until the additional information is presented and reviewed by the HARB. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

***Motion to adjourn by Mr. Deceder, Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Adjourned at 8:20PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman