

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Special Meeting  
November 16, 2016  
Minutes

- A special meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held at the Community Room and called to order on November 16, 2016 at 6:00PM by President, Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Walter McDermott, James Perini (arrived at 6:05), Alex Sebastian, Pat Sims. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush. Absent: Alex Andres, Ron Embaugh, Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): None
- Mr. Deelo stated the special meeting is for the purpose of voting on the proposed budgets for the year of 2017 for the Beaver Borough and for the Beaver Borough Municipal Authority.

**Public Participation** – No public participation

**Council Discussion** –

- Council members reviewed several line items that were combined to make the report more efficient
- Mr. Sims questioned if the interest rate of ten percent (10%) per year on resident open liens is a state rate or borough rate. Also questioned if there was a way to decrease the rate to entice residents to pay the lien off.
  - Mr. Petrush stated the 10% is a state law that has to be stated in an ordinance.
  - Mr. Deelo requested the Finance Committee review options and report back to council.

**New Business**

**Motion – Approve proposed General Fund Budget for 2017**

***Motion by Mr. Perini to approve the proposed General Fund Budget for 2017 and to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for adoption at the December 13, 2016 meeting and for the Borough Manager to display copies of the budget locally. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Roll call vote: Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Deceder – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. McDermott – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 6-0.***

**Motion – Approve property tax rate of 24 mills for 2017**

***Motion by Mr. Perini to authorize the Solicitor to draft an ordinance and to advertise the adoption of the tax ordinance for the fiscal year 2017 levying taxes at the current rate of 24 mills. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Roll call vote: Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Deceder – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. McDermott – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes, Mr. Perini – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 6-0.***

**Motion – Approve proposed Water & Sewer Budget for 2017**

***Motion by Mr. Perini to approve the proposed Water & Sewer Budget for 2017 and to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for adoption at the December 13, 2016 meeting and for the Borough Manager to display copies of the budget locally. Seconded by Mr. Sims.***

- Mr. Deelo stated the Municipal Authority will be fully activated January 1, 2017. The Borough is still responsible at this point to make sure the budget is in place.

***Roll call vote: Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Deceder – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. McDermott – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 6-0.***

**Motion – Increase Water & Sewage base fee and rate for 2017**

***Motion by Mr. Sims to direct our Solicitor to draft an ordinance increasing Water and Sewage rates for 2017 and advertise accordingly.***

***Base fee for water - \$27.00 per calendar quarter***

***Base fee for sewage (wastewater treatment) - \$27.00 per calendar quarter***

***Water use rate - \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons***

***Sewage treatment rate - \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons***

***Seconded by Mr. McDermott.***

- Mr. Sims stated the last increase was in 2015. The increase is necessary due to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandated upgrades to the treatment plant.

***Roll call vote: Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. McDermott – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes, Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Deceder – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 6-0.***

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

Adjourned at 6:35PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman