

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
June 14, 2016
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on June 14, 2016 at 7:00PM by Vice President, Pat Sims.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Dan Deceder, Ron Embaugh, Walter McDermott, Alex Sebastian, Pat Sims, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor John Petrush. Absent: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo and James Perini
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Mel Bundy, Judy Cashdollar, Adam Rathbun, Betty Burk, Jeff Hamilton, Paula & John Kanapesky, Jason Foster, Midge Sefton, Charles Casbourne, Gisela Reichel, Cheryl Duplaga, Gordan Seffer, Judi Thomas, Janice LaRue, Judy & Chris Dacanay, Viv Mahli, Janet Shaddick, Linda Lyden, Tommi Wagner, Jim Woolley, Rick Sprecker
- A moment of silence was held in memory of Jim Foster after the Mayor, Mr. Snowden and Solicitor Petrush spoke highly of Mr. Foster. Mr. Foster served as Council President with dignity for many years and was devoted to his family and community.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. McDermott to accept the May 10, 2016 Council meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Public Participation –

- Gisela Reichel, 767 5th Street – Requesting status of the drain behind Jefferson Trace Apartments
 - Mr. Madgar stated the grate was removed and cleaned out. The water is being diverted. By the end of the year, he hopes to trench a line and tie it into a different street.
- Vivian Mahli, 1199 7th Street – Condition of alleys are in terrible condition between 5th & 6th Street and 6th and 7th Street. Also, speeding concern at the corner of Buffalo and Seventh Streets.
 - Mr. Madgar stated he spoke to Mrs. Shaddick today regarding the alley between 5th & 6th Street. He will add the other to his list to look at and to have gravel and cold patch put down if required.

- Mr. McDermott and Mr. Madgar explained that some alleys are private and some are public.
- Mr. Madgar stated he has contacted PennDOT regarding the corner of Buffalo and 7th Streets since it is a state route. He is awaiting a call back from them.
- Judy Cashdollar, 899 7th Street – Has requested a multipurpose water fountain for residents and pets in Gypsy Glenn Park for several years.
 - Mr. Madgar stated he will look into the possibility of having one installed.
- Janice LaRue, 1199 6th Street – Thanked the council for listening to the concerned residents regarding the skate park and changing the location away from the tennis courts and moving it back behind the pool.
- Tommi Wagner, 230 Beaver Street – Requests council inform the residents in all decision regarding construction projects.
 - Mr. Snowden stated there was a public meeting regarding the skate board project at a past Recreation Committee meeting as well being mentioned in several council meetings. Suggests residents attend as many meetings as possible.
- Betty Burk, 888 4th Street –
 - Last fall at the public meeting regarding the skate park, funding by the skate store was mentioned. What is the status of the funding?
 - Mr. Madgar stated the store has fundraised and received donations for the equipment that is needed for the pad. The borough will be supplying and paying for the pad only.
 - Mr. McDermott stated the borough will only pay up to \$18,000 maximum and anticipates it will be much lower.
 - Legally, Beaver is a dry town however there are loop holes which is legally allowing Waffles Inc. to serve beer. Requests council be vigilant when it comes to keeping the best interest at heart regarding our town.
- Gordon Sheffer, Manager of Waffles Inc. – Asking council to review and approve the marketing strategy proposal that was in council packets in the amount of \$7,500.
 - Mr. Sims stated General Government will review the information and will forward their opinion to council.
- Jason Foster, 125 Market Street – Thanked council for the kind words regarding his father. Also thanked the police for the leadership in the terrible incident that happened on 3rd Street. No resident felt threatened.
- Sally Foster, no address given – Thanked council for the kind words regarding her husband.

Reports – Commissions

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

March 24, 2016 and April 28, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Business District Authority – No report

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Ms. Sefton

- May 10, 2016 report enclosed in council packet

- Possibility of rewriting the Rules and Regulations
- Invite council members to attend the Civil Service Conferences

Zoning Hearing Board – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

Two hearings were held on May 26, 2016

- 230 Navigation Street – A variance from the Beaver Borough zoning ordinance was approved related to the minimum side yard setback distance.
- 1501 Corporation Street – A variance from the Beaver Borough zoning ordinance was approved related to minimum front, side and rear yard setback distances.

Planning Commission –

March 20, 2016 meeting minutes, April 18, 2016 meeting minutes and May 18, 2016 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Tree Commission –

- April 25, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Dead tree in front of the post office. Mr. Madgar stated he will have it taken down.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

May 2016 report enclosed in council packet

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –

May 26, 2016 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety – Reported by Mr. Snowden

May meeting was cancelled however, he commended the police force for their assistance in capturing the criminal of the terrible crime in the community. No one ever felt threatened. State Police praised our officers who worked with them for their knowledge of equipment and professionalism.

Finance –

May 18, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

Highway – Reported by Mr. McDermott

- May meeting was cancelled
- Micro paving will start June 20, 2016

General Government –

Reviewed the May 24, 2016 report enclosed in council packet

Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

Reviewed the May 23, 2016 meeting minutes distributed to council

Recreation – Reported by Mr. Embaugh

- June meeting was cancelled

- Announced volunteers are needed for Community Day on July 2nd

Water & Sewer – Reported by Mr. Sims

- May 18, 2016 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Received all variable speed drives. PLC program running test tonight. Gives us the ability to adjust from the office in emergency situations.
- Whole lift station has been updated

Reports

Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the May 2016 report enclosed in council packet
- \$8,000 Guys Mechanical – valve repair at pool
- Condition of pool – major renovations can only be performed when empty
- Access Road – Dan Martone is still trying to contact someone at the railroad to receive permission to put equipment on the track.
- PennDot donated 250' of rail for Gailey Blvd.
- Mr. Embaugh questioned -
 - If we received a bid for the painting of the borough building
 - Mr. Madgar stated this was part of the insurance claim
 - Mr. Petrush stated the insurance company was satisfied with the bid
 - How long are the three bids valid to demolish 274 Wayne Street
 - Mr. Madgar stated he was unsure how long they are valid – he would need to verify with each company once a decision is made what to do with the property.

President's Report – No report

Mayor Hamilton – Had an opportunity to go to a press conference that the State Police held regarding the crime on 3rd Street. The State Police appreciated working with our officers, they were knowledgeable and professional. There was a lot of behind the scenes work that he was very impressed with.

Police Chief Madgar –

Regarding the crime on 3rd Street – The case is very complex. When all finished, the officers will have thousands of hours involved in the case. Even though he was on vacation during the incident, he spent a lot of time on the phone and was very impressed on how the department pulled together in his absence. He is extremely proud of the department. Proving how valuable training is and the continued training is just as important with the Shell Plant announcement.

Fire Department –

May 2016 report enclosed in council packet

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer and Water/Sewer Engineer -
May 2016 monthly reports enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Petrush –

- Working on a Traffic & Parking Pattern Ordinance for the next council meeting
- Mr. Sprecker requested update on 418 Fair Avenue
 - Preparing document to have the court system list the case for trial.
 - Mr. Sprecker will need to complete an inspection of the property in the near future

Old Business

Motion – Construction of Skateboard Park

Motion by Mr. Embaugh the Beaver Borough Council authorize construction of a skateboard park to be located in the Northwest corner of Shaw Park. The skateboard park will have a paved surface of at least 7,000 square feet and a perimeter barrier to be constructed at the discretion of the Borough Manager and Borough Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed 5-1, Mr. Sebastian – No.

New Business

Motion – Beaver Municipal Authority Members

Motion by Mr. Deceder to appoint the listed individuals to the Beaver Municipal Authority effective June 15, 2016: Mihcael Deelo, Jeffrey Heasley, Matthew Maloney, Adam Rathbun, Pat Sims. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Roll call vote: Mr. Embaugh – Yes, Mr. Deceder – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. McDermott – Yes, Mr. Snowden – Yes. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Sims abstained.

Motion by Mr. Embaugh to purchase playground equipment, Play Fundamentals Ramp Up in the amount of \$18,553 for Wayne Park, pending approval that Playworld is a COG approved vendor. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned at 8:10PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman