

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
November 10, 2015  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on November 10, 2015 at 7:00PM by President Michael Deelo.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:30-9:00PM), Dan Deceder, Michael Deelo, Ron Embaugh, Walter McDermott, James Perini, Alex Sebastian, Pat Sims. Borough officials in attendance: Director of Operations – Chuck Copeland, Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor - John Petrush. Absent: Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): George Kauffman, Midge Sefton, Jeff Hamilton, Charles Casbourne, Betty Burk, Rick Sprecker, Cheryl Hansen, Marilyn Vogel

Mr. Deelo announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss a potential real-estate purchase. A motion may be made after adjournment of the Executive Session.

#### **Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. McDermott to accept the October 13, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

***Motion by Mr. Perini to accept the October 27, 2015 Special Meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

October 2015 end of month reports and balances reviewed. Reports will be filed for annual audit.

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

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

#### **Public Participation –**

- Betty Burke, 888 4<sup>th</sup> Street –
  - Congratulated the council members from the recent election. Suggested council work together towards transparency.
  - Has heard many negative comments regarding the home being built on the Ft. Mac property. Wants to make sure all the building requirements are met. If they are, she suggests the requirements be reviewed and possibly rewritten.

- Mr. Deelo and Mr. Petrush stated the drawings were approved through the Zoning Officer in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, not by council. Council only gets involved regarding conditional use.
- Brian Fife, 263 Wayne Street – Requests parking permits be issued on Wayne Street since business employees are parking in resident parking areas.
  - Mr. Deelo requested the Highway Department review the request.
- George Kauffman, 100 Oak Street – Suggests the borough purchase larger plastic rakes for the leaf crew.

## **Reports – Commissions**

**Council of Governments (COG)** – Reported by Mr. Deceder  
October 2015 minutes enclosed in council packet

### **Business District Authority –**

- October 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. McDermott stated several businesses on Third Street are placing the sandwich boards too far into the middle of the sidewalk. For the safety of our residents, he would like them to be placed closer to the business. Mr. Sprecker stated he would address this with the businesses.

**Civil Service Commission** – No report

**Zoning Hearing Board** – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- Received two requests for variances: Proposed detached garage at 1127 Corporation Street and a proposed addition at 1298 River Road.

### **Planning Commission –**

October 19, 2015 draft meeting minutes and September 21, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

### **Tree Commission –**

- September 28, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Proposal “Flowering Tree Program” submitted by George Kauffman enclosed in council packet

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

- October 2015 report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. McDermott stated several neighbors of 418 Fair Avenue are upset since nothing has been resolved over a lengthy period of time.
  - Mr. Petrush stated he is awaiting information from the owner’s lawyer. He will contact the lawyer again and give him a deadline.
    - Mr. Petrush will report back to council at the next meeting
- Mr. McDermott questioned the status of the draft Ticketing Ordinance for Code Enforcement purposes.

- Mr. Petrush stated he is researching into other communities ordinances and will report back to council.

**Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)** – No meeting in October

### **Council Committee Reports**

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

- October 26, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Sean Snowden is the new Chair of Public Safety Committee

**Finance** – Reported by Mr. Perini

Reviewed the October 21, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

**Highway** – No meeting in November

**General Government** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed September 22, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Election Day is November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Library Annual Fundraiser will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Perini questioned if the Borough is searching for a Borough Manager
  - Mr. Deelo stated he informed Michael Foreman that it wasn't appropriate for a search of a replacement since we are in an evaluation time with the current Interim Borough Manager.
    - Mr. Deceder stated he agreed since it is time consuming and expensive.

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

- October 26, 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Alex Sebastian is the new Chair of the Code Enforcement Committee

**Recreation** – No meeting in November

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

October 2015 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

### **Reports**

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

Reviewed the October 2015 report enclosed in council packet

**Director of Operations Report** – Reported by Mr. Copeland

Reviewed the November 10, 2015 report enclosed in council packet

**President's Report** –

- Read thank-you letter from the Beaver Memorial Library
- Read letter addressed to Council dated November 10, 2015 from the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce regarding the request to sell adult beverages at Beaver's Light-up Festival on November 27, 2015. If approved, requesting a letter be addressed to the Liquor Control Board.

- ***Motion by Mr. Deceder to approve the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce request and to authorize the Interim Borough Manager to contact the Liquor Control Board with letter. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Mayor Hamilton – No report**

**Police Chief Madgar –**

Plaque - Recognized the officers for receiving the AAA platinum award for traffic safety

**Fire Department – No report**

**Emergency Management Coordinator – No report**

**Engineer –**

- October 2015 monthly report enclosed in council packet
- November 2, 2015 Fire Station Parking Lot corner of Market Street and Second Street suggested parking limitations report enclosed in council packet

**Solicitor Petrush –**

Working on the following:

- New sewage treatment contract between Beaver and Bridgewater
- Proposed street equipment purchase
- State Right to Know Law
- Legal Advisory of the definition of “Family” for purposes of the Zoning Ordinance

## **Old Business**

**Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Beaver Code of Ordinances relating to Conduct, adding a Part 7 concerning skateboarding**

***Motion by Mr. Embaugh that Council pass the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Conduct, adding a Part 7 concerning skateboarding. A brief summary is as follows: Section 1: Several sections specify the purposes of the Part; state rules of interpretation; define various terms used in the Part; set forth regulations on skateboarding activities; prohibit certain conduct; and prescribe violations and penalties. Section 2: Repeals any inconsistent ordinance. Section 3: States the legal authority for the ordinance. Section 4: Specifies an immediate effective date. Seconded by Mr. McDermott. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

## **New Business**

**Motion – Approve property tax rate of 24 mills for 2016**

***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 2016 levying taxes at the current rate of 24 mills. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Approve proposed General Fund Budget for 2016**

***Motion by Mr. Perini to approve the proposed General Fund Budget (Draft 4) for 2016 and to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for adoption at the December 8, 2015 meeting and for the Interim Borough Manager to display copies of the budget locally. Seconded by Mr. Embaugh. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Approve proposed Water & Sewer Budget for 2016**

***Motion by Mr. Perini to approve the proposed Water & Sewer Budget (Draft 4) for 2016 and to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for adoption at the December 8, 2015 meeting and for the Interim Borough Manager to display copies of the budget locally. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

***Motion by Mr. Andres that Chuck Copeland, Lisa Sattler and Elaine Savoldi are reappointed to HARB for five (5) year terms. Terms will expire December 2020. Seconded by Mr. Deceder. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Reappoint Zoning Hearing Board member**

***Motion by Mr. McDermott that Michael Helms is reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. Term will expire December 2018. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Public Session recessed at 9:00PM to enter into Executive Session meeting regarding a potential real-estate purchase and ended at 9:50PM.

**Motion – Real-estate purchase**

***Motion by Mr. Perini to approve the purchase of property on 274 Wayne Street for \$110,000 plus ½ transfer tax. The house is not to be torn down until deemed necessary for future borough building renovations. Possession to be given with the transfer of title. Seconded by Mr. Sims. Roll call vote: Mr. Embaugh – No, Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Sims – Yes, Mr. Deceder – No, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. McDermott – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes. Voice vote passed 5-2. (Absent: Mr. Andres and Mr. Snowden)***

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

Executive Session ended at 9:55PM.

Submitted by Debbie Hindman