

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
January 23, 2018
Minutes

- An Executive Session of Beaver Borough Council was held from 6:30pm to 7:00pm to discuss litigation and will be discussed at the February 13, 2018 council meeting. Council Representative in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Alex Sebastian, Jarrod Thomas, and Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, and Solicitor Garen Fedeles. Absent: Jim Perini and Adam Rathbun.
- A regular scheduled work session of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room on January 23, 2018 and called to order at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas (left at approximately 8:35pm), Jim Perini (in attendance approximately 7:20pm-9:47pm). Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Solicitors need not be in attendance.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): George Kauffman, Jim Woolley, Maureen Bostwick, and Janet Shute

Approval of minutes

- No minutes to approve due to first work session

Mr. Snowden reported there is a quorum present.

Public Participation -

- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – Questioned if dead trees in town were to be replaced
 - George Kauffman, 100 Oak St. – Stated there are several dead trees in town, plans to replace about 10-15 trees in the parks
 - Chief Madgar- Will mark which trees need replaced in the parks and report back to council

Council Committee:

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- “Nothing to report this month”, Public Safety and Code Enforcement committees are being combined
- Chief Madgar/Rick Sprecker will meet and review action plan
- Section 6.1 of Code Enforcement report regarding amending the current Animal Control Ordinance and how it will be enforced. Ms. McKean offered to help with providing residents with Animal Friends and Humane Society information for feral/stray animals, and Mr. Deelo mentioned implementing the catch, neuter/spay, and release program

Finance – Mr. Perini absent for beginning

- Mr. Perini questioned status of tax collection of our Tax Collectors, Maureen Bostwick and Janet Shute. Janet Shute stated generally residents do not pay in the 4th quarter.
- Janet Shute requested Beaver Borough contribute \$250 towards the rent of the Tax Office
 - Mr. Deelo - Advised by solicitors in the past, not appropriate the borough assist with rent
 - No room in Borough building due to not being handicap accessible and to make it handicap accessible will cost over 3 million dollars. Possibility to make office space in garage behind Borough building for tax collector which would have separate entrance.
- Year-end synopsis, anticipating if revenues being what they should have been, would not have come up with a loss. Expenses per budget is only slightly less than ½ of 1%.
- Jim Wooley – Questioned status of the Rental Registration Program
 - Chief Madgar – Solicitors will work on an ordinance to report to council
 - Berkheimer sent letters to rental property owners requesting business privilege tax

Highways – Reported by Mr. Thomas

- Harlem Alley one-way
 - Drainage was done and will grade it due to not going to be paved
 - Will discuss the installation of the one-way sign with Mr. Martone
- Columbia Gas project
 - Started a few weeks ago, mainly on Turnpike between College and Beaver street, finish up Turnpike this week.
 - Updates have been provided on the website to the public by Debbie Hindman
 - 3 phases to the project and possibly push the Bank Street part of project to next year
 - Letter sent to residents affected on Turnpike Street, Park Street, and Laura Street residents were notified of the split cost for the full repave, sidewalks, and curbs. Public session will be held on January 29, 2018 at 7:00pm for those residents
- 2018 Paving project
 - 3 streets to repave, budget this year went from \$250,000 to \$215,000, other projects to complete with left over money
 - Chief Madgar/Mr. Thomas – Focus on the access road, Dan Martone advised previously that it could be close to \$50,000 to \$100,000
 - Borough insurance carrier warnings of access road updating needed
 - Questions about new construction in Bridgewater at riverfront if they will rely on the access road; it will only be for an Emergency, not through way
 - 5th Street has a “dip” in the road that needs repaired/patched
 - Alleys -
 - Ms. McKean - Resident complaining about alleys being private versus public and how to decipher
 - Chief Madgar - Residents to contact Borough for concerns with alleys if maintenance needed
 - Ms. McKean - Suggested a maintenance program for residents, possible cost to residents

- Chief Madgar - Work done by borough workers is on down time or after priorities completed

General Government – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- In packet, what the role of general government could and should be
- Recommendations for new Planning Commission members and how they are chosen
- Mark Peluso approached the committee with the Air Monitoring Program to install monitors in town, data collected by Carnegie Mellon University and how they will use that data and how will we be informed?

Recreation – Reported by Ms. King

- Need to determine a date for Touch A Truck
- Who will run the pool concession stand? Will Christy Ringer manage the pool again? Pool pump and motor were rebuilt for approximately \$2,000 and will be adding cement pad to pool area
- Park across from courthouse; the soldier statues were sent to be cleaned years ago and returned missing their guns, no plan to replace, possibly preserve statues (county monuments)

Prayers for Rick Sprecker of the passing of his mother and a moment of silence.

Council Vice President – Mr. Andres

- 5 year strategic plan, rental registration timeline, major purchases budgeting, and smart meters

Old Business-

- Mr. Perini - Finance summary of liens in packet, street repairs, annual report and letters to people who have liens, possibly discounts for paying off liens in the future

New Business –

- Ms. McKean - Property tax reassessment, what kind of estimate of revenue of taxes with reassessment, what and would we do with the revenue from assessment.
- President Snowden - Quay Park of what can be done with the park. Early access to the presentation at Borough website. Funding for the park with the borough. Business' concerns with food trucks/vendors coming. Grant available for recreation up to \$300,000.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Submitted by Kim Leslie