

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
February 27, 2018  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room on February 27, 2018 and called to order at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (came at 7:05pm), Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas, Jim Perini (came at 7:12pm). Borough officials in attendance: Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Mayor Hamilton. Solicitors Fedeles in attendance.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): George Kauffman, Keith Sevy, Valentine Brkich, Ted Nevin, Jeff Lloyd, Arlene Torn, Marty Scheidmantel, Midge Sefton, Betty Burk, Larry Renninger, Carolyn Renninger, Andrew JG Schwartz, Linda Lyden, Carolyn Renninger, Elliott Cramer, Roberta and John Good, Robert Rice, Mark Peluso, Charles Copeland, Rick Sprecker, Jim Woolley, Tommi Wagner

Mr. Snowden reported this is Council's first time seeing the Quay Park presentation and noted there is no money budgeted for this project.

***Public presentation of Quay park concept plan***

**Public Participation -**

- Ted Nevin, 1098 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Director of Beaver County Wind Ensemble, stage condition is not good and is too small. Performing on the gazebo is very tight for 60 people, the new veranda at Quay Park would more than accommodate.
  - Perform in the summer at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July program there are about 750-1000 that attend
- Val Brkich, 431 Beaver Street – Concept is good and the stage really needs improved. This makes it more of a gathering space.
- Betty Burke – No money budgeted, grants listed would cost Beaver Borough theoretically \$175,000, overkill for a park that size.
  - Andrew JG Schwartz stated private foundation or corporate sponsorship to match the borough, some grants you can match grant to grant with parameters but could take 3-4 cycles or 5+ years.
  - Alex Sebastian questioned how much has already been spent? Andrew JG Schwartz stated around \$7,500 for the concept design.
  - Chief Madgar asked if able to use the borough for work such as concrete, etc? Andrew JG Schwartz said it all depends on the nature of the work
- Jeff Lloyd, 390 6<sup>th</sup> Street – How much will it cost to operate/maintain the park?
  - Andrew JG Schwartz – Not determined; however, not adding much more amenities that are currently there

- Elliott Cramer, 464 Wayne Street – Love all the green space and the community owes it to itself to find finding, it will raise the value of the town and properties.

Alex Andres and Andrew JG Schwartz spoke about the concerns with electricity with vendors/performers and also about the large trees near the veranda.

Keith Sevy, 600 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – Appreciates the addressing of food trucks taking business from local businesses. In his opinion, the majority of residents agree that the veranda would be a very nice addition to the park, most people are not in favor of changing the layout of the park with changing the sidewalks.

President Snowden mentioned if anyone else has any questions or further commentary, to attend the Planning Commission's next meeting 3/19/18 and thanked Andrew JG Schwartz for the presentation and the Planning Commission for listening to the residents' concerns.

Planning Commission is asking for a commitment from council to move forward to accepting the concept and authorize Planning Commission to seek funding for it. Grants need specific language that needs to be in presented for applying.

Presentation concluded at 8:15pm.

### **Council Committee:**

#### **Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian**

- Spoke about activating Civil Service for testing to replace a full time position, will be presenting at next council meeting.
- Rental registration and the city of Beaver Falls Ordinance 1873 enclosed in council's packet. Beaver is one of last municipality that has not implemented any kind of ordinance of rental registration. Concerns of homes being rented out with 10-12 people renting space, creates problems with parking etc. Minimize blight by having property maintenance enforcement and recognizing the high percentage of rentals with absentee landlords. An ordinance needs to be able to stand up in court. Solicitor Fedeles stated landlords are less inclined to keep property up to code than the homeowner and an ordinance would ensure blight does not happen, could draft up an ordinance in about a month. Ms. McKean noted some landlords do not offer off-street parking that clogs up the residential streets. Phone calls to borough coming in asking what rental registration fees will be.
- Active shooter protocols were discussed. Table top will be put together to train and ALICE training with teachers. Chief Madgar will have date for table top for council to attend to interact with the schools. Trauma kits are needed.
- Zoning ordinances never implemented, Chief Madgar hoping to have in the next few months to prioritize and clear up.
- Ms. McKean mentioned Shell grant that provides for a contractor to look at our historic district and to change our ordinance to demolition only or something that has some required design guidelines; a survey was sent out. This is a way to attract higher quality landlords. Next time the consultants will be here will be 4/26/18.

- Stray cats issue, Ms. McKean had spoken with suggested contacts and will work on for the newsletter.

#### **Finance – No report.**

- Budget on track this early in the year. Restructured payments, Maureen Shute our tax collector sent letters sent for delinquent taxes.

#### **Highways – Reported by Mr. Thomas**

- Spoke of Columbia Gas project with date of 3/26/18 at 7:00pm at borough community room for the rest of the streets affected by sidewalks below code. Project is divided into 3 projects; Bank Street component will not be completed this year, will be spring of 2019.
- 2018 Paving project will do a full repave on Turnpike Street from Wayne Street to Beaver Street, Laura Street from Beaver Street to Sharon Street. Goal to do as far down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street with left over money. Chief Madgar mentioned coming in from Leopard Lane to Sharon Road the curbs/sidewalks compared to Laura/Park Street curbs/sidewalks; if Columbia Gas will stop their laterals on that side. Issues having residents to redo some sidewalks.
- Mr. Martone advised Columbia Gas cannot move their main lines in the street but can move some service laterals. Will not do open trenches along Beaver Street and will bore through the park so tree roots are not damaged.
- Prepping for the summer help discussed. Mr. Deelo stated the streets need crack resealing.
- President Snowden mentioned how clean the Columbia Gas project has been thus far.

#### **General Government – Reported by Mr. Deelo**

- Air monitoring discussed and is in the Municipal Authority's hands.

#### **Recreation – No report.**

- Ms. McKean mentioned a path by the library near the access road that is grown over and do we want to try and resurrect. Chief Madgar stated Solicitor Fedeles can take a look for any liability issues.
- Quay Park project discussed as next steps to take and details of the project.

#### **Borough Manager- Reported by Chief Madgar**

- Infrastructure of the borough building was discussed with outdated infrastructure
- Meeting with DEP on 3/8/18 to look at the salt shed location to build
- Fire station roof needs replaced in near future, pushing 30 years old
- Last vehicle to sell 2009 expedition and was approached by Rochester Borough with \$3,800 as a governmental agreement with no advertisement needed
- Intersection cameras with the LPR (license plate recognition) to record areas in town
- Shell contract with Beaver Borough for 3-4 years for traffic control at the Industry site.

#### ***Motion to adjourn by Mr. Thomas. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

Submitted by Kim Leslie