

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
June 26, 2018  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on June 26, 2018 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Margaret McKean, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Garen Fedeles (arrived at 7:05). Absent: Michael Deelo, Chris King, Jim Perini
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley, Kevin Ging, Steve and Patricia Cable, Tommi Wagner

**Public Participation –**

- Steve Cable, 895 Chapel Road, owner of Cable Tree Service – Questioned if the reoccurring situation with the Shade Tree Commission has been resolved; regarding the Commission telling residents they cannot use his company.
  - Mr. Madgar, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Rathbun – This is unprofessional behavior and apologizes this has occurred.
  - Solicitor Fedeles – Council has taken steps to get this rectified. Stated he spoke to Mr. Colavincenzo and expressed the concerns of Council. Mr. Colavincenzo stated he will write a letter to council to tell his side of the story. We are waiting to hear from Mr. Colavincenzo.
- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street –
  - Complimented Columbia Gas for keeping the work areas clean. Suggests having them attend a town meeting to give an update of the project.
  - Skunk deterrent program is a good program for the town
  - Questioned if the paving project is still on schedule
    - Mr. Thomas - Park Street, Laura Street and Bank Street should all be completed this year. Explained the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street paving project will not be completed this year.
      - Anticipates a report from the Borough Engineer in July providing additional information regarding what streets will be paved
  - Questioned the response of the traffic light study
    - Mr. Madgar stated we received a letter from PennDot dated June 15, 2018. The letter states they will conduct an engineering and traffic study and safety study. They will forward the results of the study upon completion in approximately 6-8 weeks.
      - The lights cannot be synchronized until PennDot is completed with their study.

- Kevin Ging, 306 Park Street – Inquired the status of the sidewalk/paving project on Park Street and Laura Street and if everyone has to get new sidewalks on those streets.
  - Mr. Madgar –
    - Project was held up for approximately 4 weeks due to crews being pulled off the project by Team Fischel.
    - Park and Laura Streets will be paved this year.
    - A paving bid should be placed by the end of July. Once bids are received back, they will have more information regarding the cost. Cost will be based on each individuals property linear footage that needs replaced.
    - If a property’s curb and sidewalk are in specification, they will not have to have new ones installed.
    - Columbia Gas wasn’t sure if they were going on the right side or left side of the road for the laterals which is why everyone that has to have new curbs and sidewalks will be splitting the cost.

**Council Committee:**

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

- Rental Registration –
  - Will be sponsoring a vote at the July 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting
  - Council members and Solicitor discussed questions and concerns within the draft ordinance
  - Ms. McKean - Asked if the fees outlined in the proposed ordinance would cover the implementation costs of the registration and inspection programs. Council should ensure the implementation costs do not unfairly fall on owner-occupied Beaver residents.
    - Mr. Sebastien said the costs were unknown at this time, but the proposed ordinance would allow for the Borough to determine the true costs of such a program. It is important, he added, for Beaver to finally move forward with such an ordinance.
    - Mr. Snowden proposed, and other Council members agreed, that the fee structure could be announced prior to the proposed ordinance taking effect in 2019. This would allow for a more detailed cost analysis of the ordinance.
  - Solicitor will make requested changes and advertise the Rental Registration Ordinance
- Mr. Snowden – Suggests setting up a meeting with the school district to discuss applying for Senate Bill 1142 grant, minimum of \$25,000 to assist with school safety.
- Mr. Thomas – Questioned the status of the Industry Police contract
  - Mr. Madgar – Stated he spoke to the Industry Mayor and relayed the request of the 3% increase as Mr. Perini requested.
  - Solicitor Fedeles – Per the Industry Solicitor, Industry only approves the \$5,000 increase
  - Mr. Thomas – He appreciated Mr. Madgar asking and understood the \$5,000 increase per year will be the way the contract will be written.
  - Mr. Sebastian – The contract will be voted on at the July 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**Finance – No report**

**Highway – No report**

Mr. Snowden thanked Mr. Thomas for keeping council up to date with the Columbia Gas Project

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

- Emailed Comprehensive Plan guidelines to each committee to focus on our future needs in planning for the budget
  - General Government – Infrastructure
  - Code Enforcement – Land use and Ordinances
  - Highway – Traffic and Parking
  - Recreation – Improve existing parks, new facilities need by the community and develop more special events
- Discussed Safeguarding our Monuments
  - Mr. Madgar – Some type of temporary buffers during events can be explored
- Discussed videos and promotions for the website and Facebook

**Recreation** – No report

Ms. McKean – BOOM event was a success.

**Borough Manager** –

- Pool – Comparing the deposits of the pool from last year to this year, we are a few thousand dollars ahead this year.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk drain covers – This was being worked on in the past, needed to get the proper material to replace the broken covers. The Highway Department has replaced 3 or 4 covers so far. Covers will be replaced from Beaver Street to Sharron Road on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, approximate total cost will be \$3,000.
  - Mr. Snowden – The comment made at the last meeting regarding the curbs not meeting specification requirements was not accurate. The curbs were put in to specification. The curbs are measured prior to pavement being laid.
- Soccer nets in Gypsy Glenn Park – Due to liability issues, the nets will be taken down. Anyone wanting to play soccer in the park can bring their own portable nets. We have no idea who put cemented them into the ground or who is responsible for the upkeep. We contacted the school, they do not want them.
- Slat Shed in Vanport – Received the quotes, cost will be approximately \$18,000. Forwarding the information to Vanport Municipal Authority for their review.
- Response letter to John Barrett – Passed around the letter addressed to John Barrett from Solicitor Steele dated June 14, 2018 to council members to read.
  - Solicitor Fedeles – The Municipal Authority Solicitor approved the wording of the letter
- Parking on Wayne Street – Spoke with Mrs. Fife again regarding parking on Wayne and Corporation Streets. Re-evaluated some of the No Parking areas and found where some additional spots can be created. Will continue to look at these areas to see if any additional parking spaces can be created. Resident was appreciative with the outcome.
- Minutes – Asking for a motion at the next meeting to have Rebecca Roberts take the meeting minutes to replace Kim Leslie.
- First National Bank – Able to purchase the property at 28 Georgetown Lane for \$132,500. Will not pay the last three months rent of \$800 per month.
  - Solicitor Fedeles – The draft version of the Sales Agreement is being reviewed by the sellers attorney

- Letter needs to be written to First National Bank stating Beaver Borough is applying for a loan at First National Bank in the amount of \$132,500 for the purchase of property at 28 Georgetown Lane, Vanport PA. The signers on the loan will be Daniel Madgar, Police Chief/Borough Manager and Sean Snowden, Council President.

Adjourned at 8:55PM

Submitted by Debbie Hindman