

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
September 11, 2018
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on September 11, 2018 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Garen Fedeles. Absent: Jarrod Thomas.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Dan Martone, Tommi Wagner, Marty Scheidmantel, James Todd, Midge Seflon, Judy Cashdollar, Charles Casbourne, Bill Gleason, Jason Foster, Rick Sprecker, Elliot Cramer, Michael Hay, Robert Rice, Cheryl Hansen

Announcement from Mr. Snowden that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss litigation matters.

Approval of minutes

- Mr. Perini requested a wording change to the August 14, 2018 Council meeting minutes on page 2 regarding a statement made by Mr. Sprecker.

Motion by Ms. King to accept the August 14, 2018 Council meeting minutes and the August 28, 2018 Working Session meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- August 2018 end of month reports and balances reviewed.
- Reports will be filed for annual audit

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Mr. Andres to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Michael Hay, 455 Sharon Road – Inquired about billing regarding sidewalks that are going to be replaced.
 - Mr. Martone explained that a contract regarding the Sidewalk Replacement contract would be approved later in the meeting by council, awarded to the lowest bidder. After the contract is approved, he will then be able to draft a final bill for the residents. Mr. Martone would have a letter to residents the following week.

- Deborah Niehenke, 680 Canal Street (Not signed in) – Discussed safety issues of sidewalks on main street; raised bricks, slipping etc.
 - Mr. Snowden thanked Ms. Niehenke for bringing this issue to the Council’s attention and apologized that she has fallen in the past. Mr. Snowden also assured Ms. Niehenke that the borough has begun to inspect and repair the sidewalks on the main street.
 - Chief Madgar explained that the bricks are moving due to the amount of rain and moisture the town has had recently. The borough should have the main street finished by that weekend.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

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

- August 9, 2018 report enclosed in council packet

Business District Authority – Inactive

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Ms. Sefton

- August 14, 2018 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Ms. Sefton discussed that at their previous meeting, August 27, 2018 they had certified their list down to three candidates. That list will expire after one year.
- Ms. Sefton introduced and recognized the other members of the Civil Service Commission: Jason Foster, Marty Schiedmantel and James Todd.

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled to meet on September 27, 2018 at 8:00PM. The meeting is convened to hear a request from the First Methodist Church for an interpretation and possible variance regarding a planned day care use at the First Methodist Church located at 345 College Avenue in the RC-2 zoning district. The Zoning Hearing Board will determine if the use is permitted and/or will determine if a variance should be granted.

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Martone

- August 20, 2018 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Deelo asked for details regarding the Shaw Park Pavilion budget described in the minutes.
 - Mr. Martone explained that the procedure would be similar to the process for Quay Square.
 - Mr. Snowden suggested adding \$10,000 to the borough budget to cover consultant and development expenses
 - Public meetings would be held to discuss the plan and would ultimately be presented to Council.

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- August 2018 report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Rathbun asked for an update on the home located at 4th and Dravo.

- Mr. Sprecker stated the homeowner is complying with correcting violations issued by the borough
- Mr. Sebastian asked what steps the borough needs to take to decide whether the house needs condemned.
 - Solicitor Fedeles – Either the borough would need permission to enter the home by the owner or by a court order to inspect

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – Reported by Mr. Rice

- Mr. Rice – HARB will review a draft of Historic Preservation Guidelines at the Borough Community Room, Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00PM.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- August 15, 2018 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highway – No report

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Encouraged members of council to complete a 5 year budget plan to prepare for future projects

Code Enforcement – No report

- Draft Ordinance establishing regulations for Street Performances in Beaver Borough enclosed in council packet

Recreation – Reported by Ms. King

- Beaver Tales storytelling event, sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation will be held at the Gazebo on September 21st at 7pm.

Reports

Manager's/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the August 2018 Managers report enclosed in council packet
- PennDot letter dated August 31, 2018 regarding RT 68 (Third Street) between Dravo Avenue and Buffalo Street request for Speed Limit Study and Safety Review enclosed in council packet
- Introduced Eric Blinn as their top candidate for the Police Department
- HVAC for the Borough Building and the roof for the Fire Department are needed
- TurnKey – Will be working with this company that locates taxes we are missing
- Beaver Super Market – Back parking lot is flooding. Mr. Martone looked at the location and gave the owner, Mr. Ondrusek, some suggestions on how to correct the situation. Mr. Martone will also reach out to Mr. Ondrusek's engineer to discuss his suggestions.

- Solicitor Fedeles – Private property. Legally, does not seem as though there is anything the Borough can do at this point.
- Discussed the possible First National Bank loan of \$200,000 – will discuss further at the Work Session

President’s Report – Reported by Sean Snowden

- Proposed Memorial dimensions enclosed in council packet
 - Will be within the dimensions of the existing Vietnam (30’ x 60’) and Korean (35 ’x 60’) Memorials. Debbie Hindman asked to contact the organization and let them know they can move forward with the memorial design. Once the blueprints are ready, request they forward to council for their review. Once reviewed, the location will be decided upon.
- Santicola, Steele & Fedeles response letter dated August 31, 2018 to Mr. Paul Leutgeb enclosed in council packet

Mayor Hamilton –

- Received information from an additional internet provider, requesting this information be added to the website for residents

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Discussed the roof leak at the fire department

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer –

- August 2018 Borough Engineer and mid-July 2018 through August 13, 2018 Beaver Municipal Authority Engineer monthly reports enclosed in council packet.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Solicitor Fedeles

- A Street Performance ordinance has been drafted for review at the next Work Session meeting.

Old Business

Motion – Appointment of Police Officer

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council authorize the President of Council to sign the Appointment of Police Officer on behalf of the borough, offering fulltime employment to Eric Blinn effective September 16, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Revision to Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council approve the amendment to the Beaver Borough Zoning Ordinance after the review by the Beaver Borough Planning Commission, Beaver County Planning Commission and hearing pursuant to public notice. The Beaver Borough Zoning Ordinance is hereby amending Chapter 27 particularly; Part 4: R-1 Low Density Residential District, Part 5: R-2 Medium High Density Residential District, Part 6: Public District. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Police Services for the Township of Vanport

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council approve the extension of the Township of Vanport Police Contract through 2024. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Lease Agreement between Vanport Township Municipal Authority and Beaver Borough

Motion by Ms. King that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Lease Agreement between Vanport Township Municipal Authority and Beaver Borough for the purpose of a salt shed at 591 State Avenue, Vanport Township. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Dumpster Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Solicitors to advertise the Dumpster Ordinance for the October 9th council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion – Impound Vehicle Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council direct the Borough Solicitor to draft an Impound Vehicle Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Contract award for the Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Project

Mr. Martone – Gave his verbal recommendation of Jet Jack, Inc. to council.

Motion by Mr. Deelo that Beaver Borough Council award the Beaver Borough 2018 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Project to Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$416,372. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Purchase License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council approve the purchase of 3 LPR cameras from Secure Technical Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$34,540. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. McKean. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:37PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts