

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
September 25, 2018
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on September 25, 2018 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Alex Sebastian (7:00PM – 8:35PM), Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Mayor Tom Hamilton
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): George Kaufman, Kevin Ging, Rick Sprecker, Cheryl Hansen
- Mr. Snowden requested a moment of silence for Joseph Rini, passed away September 19, 2018. Mr. Rini worked as a Beaver Borough Police Officer for 30 years.

Public Participation –

- George Kauffman, 100 Oak Street:
 - Described an incident regarding skateboarding on River Road and called 911.
 - Chief Madgar explained that skateboarding is allowed to be used as transportation through town.
 - Officer McCoy stated that skateboarding and bike riding is not permitted on 3rd Street by the businesses.
 - Office McCoy stated officers encourage people to skateboard at the skateboard park instead of in town.
 - Mr. Kauffman asked for a committee of volunteer members to be created to review the appearance of trees within town.
 - Chief Madgar informed Mr. Kauffman that the borough would soon be working with an arborist to maintain the trees in town.
 - Mr. Kauffman discussed his concern of residents not properly taking care of their yard landscaping and would like a committee put together to monitor.
 - Mr. Snowden explained that landscaping is currently monitored within the town.
- Kevin Ging, 306 Park Street:
 - Requested an update regarding the curb and sidewalk project and which residents are responsible for paying for them.
 - Mr. Thomas stated that the sidewalk project was voted on in 2017.
 - Mr. Martone stated Columbia Gas is paying for the Second Street portion since only one side of the street needed replaced. The majority of the sidewalks were in compliance. For Laura, Turnpike and Park Streets, the property owner will split the costs of only the curb and sidewalk portion not damaged by Columbia Gas. The majority of the sidewalks were not in compliance.

- Chief Madgar suggested that if Mr. Ging had any further questions to set up a meeting with Mr. Martone.

Council Committee:

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- Reviewed the Dumpster Ordinance Draft enclosed in council packet. A motion will be prepared for the next council meeting.
- Committee is currently working on motions passed at last meeting.
 - Chief Madgar stated that the LPR cameras would start to be installed next month
- Ms. McKean discussed her concern of chemicals being used on sidewalks to kill weeds, etc. and the safety hazard it poses to children, residents and animals. Different ways to prevent these safety hazards were considered.
- Mr. Snowden discussed his concern of the brick sidewalks throughout town and the maintenance issues.

Finance -

- Contribution request – Beaver Area Memorial Library letter dated September 13, 2018 enclosed in council packet. A motion will be prepared for the next council meeting.

Highway – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Borough Engineer 2018 Curb and Sidewalk Replacement Project Award Letter dated September 14, 2018 enclosed in council packet. Awarded to Jet Jack, Inc. in the bid amount of \$416,372.00. The project includes the replacement of curbs and sidewalks in Beaver Borough associated with the Columbia Gas line replacement project as identified in the bid documents.
- Mr. Thomas discussed pushing the paving project back to spring 2019 due to unforeseen delays. Due to the project being pushed back, \$215,000 will not be used this fiscal year.
 - Chief Madgar and Andy Kennedy, Finance Manager, discussed putting the \$215,000 into a Capital Improvement Fund
- Mr. Thomas stated the borough will be invoicing Columbia Gas for \$52,000 per the approved agreement

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Borough of Beaver 5 year Strategic Plan, Version A/Update 2 dated September 23, 2018 enclosed in council packet.
- The bid for the replacement of the HVAC system is expected to be around \$35,000 to \$40,000.
- A property assessment for the Borough of Beaver is expected to happen soon.
- Increasing taxes was discussed.
- Mr. Deelo discussed the last HARB meeting where design guidelines were being proposed which would add to the historic preservation of the town. \$80,000 was provided by Shell to be used in some way to enhance the community. \$10,000 was used toward a new inventory of contributing properties. The remaining \$70,000 was used by the state to send in consultants to recommend design guidelines for Beaver. Mr. Deelo does expect HARB to propose these guidelines to council.
- Ms. McKean shared that she believes that these guidelines will maintain property values within Beaver.

Recreation – Reported by Ms. King

- Beaver Tails was rained out.
- Mr. Andres would like council to look over the process of renting the gazebo, so it is better understood what it is being used for and charging extra for borough services such as trash pickup etc.

President – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Would like to have a further discussion on capital funding in the future.
- Discussed possibly raising taxes. The Borough of Beaver has not had taxes raised since 2012.
 - Since 2004 raised 6 mills which generates \$300,000
 - 72% of the budget is fixed costs

Borough Manager – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Spoke to Doug Long, an arborist, to assess trees along River Road and other tree needs such as safety issues etc.
 - Discussed new process with the Shade Tree Commission
- Spoke with Mr. Kennedy, instead of taking money out of the General Fund, discussed the uses of the FNB loan if approved by council. To be used for License Plate Recognition Cameras, HVAC for the borough building, roof for the fire department and match money for the Recycling Grant
- Liquid Fuel allocation for 2019 is \$145,384.
- Thanked Rick Granati for his time and efforts he put in to the gazebo. The gazebo looks very nice and there have been a lot of compliments on it.
- Had a meeting with Columbia Gas and discussed the different options of brick sidewalks given to the residents to choose from. Giving the option of brick sidewalks and different patterns increases the cost of the project by \$80,000 and takes more time to complete.
 - Discussed the possibility of doing all the sidewalks the same.
- Mr. Kennedy will be working less hours per week.
 - Chief Madgar would like to use the hours given up by Mr. Kennedy to make Colette Miser a full-time employee. Mrs. Miser is currently working 35 hours at part time.
 - Chief Madgar would like to make a motion for the October 9th council meeting to promote Mrs. Miser to full-time.

Adjourned at 8:55PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts