

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

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on October 23, 2018 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (arrived 7:02), Margaret McKean (arrived 7:02), Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Michael Deelo, Chris King, Jarrod Thomas
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley, Rick Sprecker, Kevin Ging, Cheryl Hansen, Jeremie Reagan

Public Participation –

- Jim Woolley 343 Park Street:
 - Announced the library’s fall festival on November 3, 2018. Asked council to increase their contribution to the library next year.
 - Mr. Snowden stated that the Beaver Area School District contributed \$35,000 last year to the library.
- Jeremie Reagan, 1656 Barclay Hill Road, owner of Crave Mexican Grill in Beaver:
 - Asked council if they could have permission to have a call ahead/pick up service at their back door of the restaurant.
 - Chief Madgar asked the owners to call Mrs. Hindman to go over options and they would do their best to accommodate.
- Kevin Ging, 306 Park Street:
 - Discussed his concern of the sidewalks being put in, ditches that pose as a safety hazard.
 - Mr. Snowden stated that he would reach out to Mr. Martone for more details from Columbia Gas.

Council Committee:

Public Safety/Code Enforcement –

- Mr. Perini asked for the details of signage permitted in Beaver
 - The solicitor is looking into the ordinance of political signage.

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Budget discussion
 - Predicting a deficit of approximately \$100,000
 - The highway budget of \$200,000 - \$300,000 needs to be pulled into a Capital Improvement section of the budget
 - Mr. Snowden discussed the option of raising taxes

- Beaver has not raised taxes in seven years
- Chief Madgar stated that over the past thirteen years, Beaver Borough raised taxes 8 mils, generating about \$300,000 but the borough's expenses have risen to over \$1,000,000 over the past thirteen years.
- Mr. Snowden suggested that the borough raise taxes 2 mils rather than taking services away from residents.
- Mr. Snowden stated that the borough may need to give part time police officers more hours due to the increased traffic in town.
- Ms. McKean discussed the idea of implementing a 3 mil increase to not only cover the deficit but to contribute to a capital improvement fund.
- A motion for a 2 mil and 3 mil tax increase will be prepared for the next council meeting.

Highway – No report

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Discussed the 5 year budget plan.

Recreation – No report

President – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Announced that the December 24, 2018 work session is canceled.
- Bridgewater injunction hearing is scheduled for October 22, 2018 regarding the usage of the right of way on Municipal Authority property

Borough Manager – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Light up Night is the day after Thanksgiving.
 - Main Street will be closed at 5:00 p.m., the parade will be held at 6:00 p.m.
- Touch a Truck and Autumn Festival was a success.
- Salt Shed should be completed by mid-November
- HVAC and roof bids are out, final numbers should be ready for the November council meeting.
- Beaver Borough was awarded \$234,000 from the Recycle Grant.
 - An itemized list should be coming of what was granted.
- The Borough could make an extra payment on the 3 year leased police car from the money from Shell. The borough would be able to pay off 3 police cars this year. Try to avoid having two lease payments in one year. A current lease is around \$40,000.
- Property and Liability insurance premium increased \$500
- The borough needs to open up 2 sub accounts in the General Fund for Rental Registration and medical.
 - Also open a new account for capital improvements.
 - All three accounts will be at First National Bank.
 - A motion will be at the next council meeting to open the accounts.
- Letters to the property owners of Laura Street and Turnpike Street were mailed on October 18, 2018, regarding sidewalk anticipated costs.
 - Still awaiting costs from Columbia Gas regarding Park Street. Expecting to range from \$2,500 to \$4,100.

- Rental Registration, an amendment to the ordinance needs to address county housing.
- Reviewed Rental Registration fee schedule and fines.

Veteran's Day Parade will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018

- The First Company, Fort McIntosh Garrison which consists of Revolutionary War reenactors, will encamp the eve of Friday, November 9th. After the parade, there will be two or three rounds of cannon fire.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts