

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
January 8, 2019
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on January 8, 2019 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, Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Garen Fedeles. Absent: Alex Sebastian
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Jim Woolley, Jeff Hamilton and Rick Sprecker

Mayor Hamilton requested a moment of silence for the following residents who have recently passed away:

- Ed Hill, not only was he the President of the IBEW he was instrumental in our Street Scape and the remodeling of the Train Station.
- Dick Shaw, worked for Michael Baker and brought a lot of jobs to our area and would help anyone that needed assistance

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Thomas to accept the December 11, 2018 Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- December 2018 end of month reports and balances as well as the Finance Managers monthly summary report were reviewed.
- Reports will be filed for annual audit

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Midge Sefton, 1360 River Road – Thanked the council, Debbie Hindman and all of those who helped plan the holiday party.
- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – Complimented how well the lights look in town.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

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

- The Ohio Trails Commission is looking for representatives to help with the Ohio River Trails. Ms. McKean shared that she would be interested in representing Beaver Borough.

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Ms. Sefton

- December 31, 2018 Year-end report enclosed in council packet.
- Introduced Attorney Hummel as the Civil Service Commissions Solicitor.

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

- Zoning Hearing Board met on December 3, 2018 at 7:00PM for a variance request regarding a rear addition onto the building located at 342 Dravo Avenue in the SC zoning district. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the request.

Planning Commission – No report

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- December 2018 report enclosed in council packet.
- Mr. Thomas asked what kind of feedback the borough has received regarding rental registration.
 - Chief Madgar and Ms. Hindman stated approximately 30 units have been registered. Nothing negative has been received.
- Mr. Sprecker has received multiple calls regarding the Shade Tree Commission not following up to requests in a timely manner.
 - Chief Madgar stated that he would follow up with the Shade Tree Commission.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – No report

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- A follow-up meeting was held with the Fire Department regarding water supply. The Municipal Authority is assured there is adequate water supply to fight a major fire. This will be an ongoing topic for the Municipal Authority and they will continue to report on it.

Quay Park Committee – Reported by Mr. Thomas

- Formal title is Friends of Beaver Parks Charitable Foundation
- Seeking \$800,000 (\$600,000 from donations and \$200,000 from match money)
- Bob Rice is assisting in preparing the grant
- Will continue to keep council informed

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report

Finance –

- Mr. Madgar –
 - Complimented Mr. Kennedy regarding his vigilance towards the budget.
 - \$150,000 over in the 2018 budget
 - Down three full-time police officers; purchased building on Georgetown Lane; purchased camera system; purchased HVAC for the Borough Building; purchased new roof for the Fire Department
 - Shell detail – making steady income. Moved into the Capital Expenditure for police vehicles

Highway – Reported by Mr. Thomas

- Met with Rick Sprecker, Dan Martone to evaluate the southern side sidewalks on Second Street to determine those that are below compliance.
 - A public meeting will be scheduled sometime mid to late February.
 - Borough will not supply the contractor
 - Depending on Columbia Gas completion date, paving may not be completed on Second Street until June or July.

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Requests 15 minutes to a half hour at the Work Session to discuss ideas for the 5 Year Plan

Recreation – No report

- Mr. Snowden – Monument in Clark Park is roped off
 - Mr. Madgar – Mr. Martone is to be looking into refurbishing the monument

Reports

Manager's/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the December 2018 Managers report enclosed in council packet.
- Cameras are 90% installed.
- County received approximately \$400,000 from the Federal Government to fight the drug crisis.
- Highway Department still short one full time employee.

President's Report – Reported by Sean Snowden

- There will be an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss Litigation and Contract Negotiations. There is a possibility of a motion after the Executive Session.
- Thanked Mr. Andres for covering past meetings for him.
- Thanked the council for their work during 2018 and Borough employees and Police Department for keeping the town clean and safe.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Electronic speed limit sign is working again by East End Avenue. May need to look into an additional sign since they work so well in alerting drivers to slow down.

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator –

- 2018 Year End Report enclosed in council packet

Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer –

- December 2018 Borough Engineer monthly report's enclosed in council packet

Solicitor Report – No report

Old Business

Motion – Ordinance increasing the indebtedness of Beaver Borough

Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Ordinance to increase the indebtedness in the amount of \$200,000 for the following purpose: general capital improvements, including HVAC upgrade to the Borough Building, a new roof on the fire department, purchasing license plate recognition cameras, and new equipment to assist with borough wide recycling. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

New Business

- Jim Perini – Business Privilege Tax is down
 - Mayor Hamilton – met with Mark Shuster from turnKey
 - Looking to make sure all contractors and businesses are paying appropriate taxes
 - Andy Kennedy – turnKey has a more in depth study regarding the Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax

8:19PM Entered into Executive Session regarding possible litigation

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Perini. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:15PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts