

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
March 26, 2019
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on March 26, 2019 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (arrived 7:03PM), Margaret McKean, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian (arrived 7:05PM), Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor Fedeles. Absent: Michael Deelo, Chris King, Jim Perini
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker, Jim Woolley

Public Participation – No public comments

Council Committee:

Public Safety/Code Enforcement –

- Mr. Thomas discussed removing parking meters within town.
 - Chief Madgar recommended removing the parking meters and adding signage in front of the courthouse and post office that displayed a time limit for parking.
 - Solicitor Fedeles explained that a motion would need to be made to remove the parking meters and formal action would be needed to enforce a parking time limit.
 - Mr. Sebastian stated that he believes the parking meters should be removed due to the cost of maintain them.
 - Chief Madgar estimated that the parking meters bring in \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year.
 - Mr. Thomas will propose a motion to have Solicitor Fedeles draft a motion regarding parking meters and fees at the next council meeting.

Finance – No report

Highway –

- Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Martone had drafted letters to go to home owners on Second Street. Mr. Thomas expects those letters to be distributed soon.

General Government –

- Ms. McKean stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like to be part of a discussion regarding a Street Performance Ordinance. Ms. McKean believes that council should propose an ordinance that the Chamber of Commerce supports but does not prevent or discourage all street performances.
 - Chief Madgar suggested that if businesses are having any issues regarding street performers, not to confront the performer but to call the police.

- Solicitor Fedeles explained that because the business owners own the property, they can require permission to have performers on their property or can call the police for trespassing if the performers are disruptive or preventing business.
- Mr. Andres and Mr. Thomas stated a draft ordinance has already been prepared and it was not supported by council. However, Ms. McKean can draft a motion for council to vote on.
- Mayor Hamilton received a letter in the mail regarding a sponsorship for the Beaver County Boom, and he would like to increase the sponsorship level because it brings business to the Borough of Beaver.
 - Mr. Sebastian explained that this event is funded privately.
 - Mr. Kennedy stated that he would look at the budget to see what the borough would be able to donate.
 - Mr. Andres stated that he would prepare a motion for the next meeting regarding the sponsorship level.

Recreation –

- Mr. Thomas discussed the possibility of installing a basketball court in town.
 - Chief Madgar stated that Beaver Area School District submitted a grant for a basketball court. A response is expected within 90 days. If grant is not successful, the school has agreed to split the cost with the borough.
 - Solicitor Fedeles recommended that a motion be made for the basketball court contingent on the school receiving the grant.

President –

- Mr. Snowden stated that there would be an executive session held after the meeting regarding contract negotiations, there would be no vote after.
- Mr. Snowden stated that he received positive feedback from residents on College Avenue regarding the notes warning those parked on the street that street sweeping would begin soon.

Borough Manager –

- Tentative meeting regarding the School Resource Officer is scheduled for April 6, 2019. Will keep council informed.
- A grant was submitted for the police station's Records Management System
 - If the grant is not given by mid-year, a new system will need purchased. The system is estimated to cost around \$40,000. The current system is a DOS base program which is approximately 20 years old – the company went out of business therefore there isn't support for any maintenance issues.
- The pool concession stand will be run by the Beaver Swim Team this year.
- The pool revenue jumped from \$40,000 to \$90,000 last year. After wages, maintenance, paint and upkeep the pool is estimated to break even.
 - Chief Madgar and Mr. Snowden credited Christy Ringer and the pool's staff to the success.
- Requesting a motion for the April council meeting regarding the Highway Department
 - New hire
 - Pay increase for Chris Trent and Brian Grove
 - Mark Peluso will attend the next work session meeting to explain Downtown Development Systems – advancing growth and economic development in our Business District

- Partnered with AJ Schwartz Engineering - creating more space on sidewalk corners (College and Third Street) for more seating to benefit businesses.
- Mr. Thomas asked who was responsible to remove trash from waste bins on Third Street.
 - Chief Madgar stated that a borough employee removes trash from River Road and Third Street every Saturday and Sunday morning. The waste cans are also power washed throughout the summer months.

7:58PM Entered into Executive Session to discuss Contract negotiations
Adjourned at 8:32PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts