

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
April 23, 2019
Minutes

- A public meeting was held from 6:30PM – 6:55PM regarding the 2019 Paving project
- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on April 23, 2019 at 7:00PM by 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 (arrived at 8:00PM). Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar (left the meeting at 8:20PM), Solicitor Fedeles. Absent: Alex Sebastian
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Ben Wright, Ben Hardsky, Rick Sprecker, Chuck Copeland, Tommi Wagner, Beth Spence, Jackie Brewer
- President Snowden announced there will be an Executive Session at the end of the Work Session to discuss Police Contract Negotiations
- 7:05PM – 7:35PM - Mark Peluso, Town Center Associates, gave a presentation to council regarding Downtown Developments Systems contract with Beaver Borough (tracking downtown growth and economic development).
- 7:40PM – 7:45PM – Dan Martone, Borough Engineer, updated council on the improvements the Beaver Library will be making this year. Requesting council approval since some of the improvements will be on Borough property.
 - Mr. Snowden asked the Recreation Committee create a motion for the next council meeting.

Public Participation –

- Chuck Copeland, 425 Beaver Street – Expressed concern of the removal of brick sidewalks within town. Read a letter from the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation and Museum dated April 23, 2019 regarding brick sidewalk removal effecting the historic landscape of Beaver.
 - Mr. Snowden explained that the decision to remove brick sidewalks was not made by Columbia Gas, council voted to have homeowners decide if they wanted brick or cement sidewalks.
- Mary Ann Peluso, 1490 River Road – Stated that she believes brick sidewalks add to the historic characteristics of the town. Ms. Peluso asked if there was a way that it could be communicated to residents the value of the brick sidewalks.

- Mr. Snowden explained that there was no cost difference between brick and cement sidewalks and residents were not encouraged to pick either option.
- Beth Spence, 240 Dravo Avenue – Believes that brick sidewalks make the town of Beaver unique and council should preserve them. Ms. Spence asked council to reconsider the process of replacing brick sidewalks with concrete.
- Bob Rice, 1200 River Road – Expressed his concern of alternating sidewalks between brick and cement and asked council to consider the look of the town and educating homeowners on the benefits of brick sidewalks.
- Tommi Wagner – 230 Beaver Street – Stated how much she values the brick sidewalks in town and asked council to take another look at this process.

Council Committee:

Borough Manager –

- School Resource Officer – The Beaver Area School District budget has been approved to pay \$60,000 per year for a School Resource Officer, in the past they were budgeted \$30,000 a year.
 - Mr. Snowden requests Mr. Kennedy to create a report that explains the cost of providing a School Resource Officer and the Public Safety Committee prepare a motion for the School Resource Officer for the next council meeting.
 - Mr. Deelo asked if there were any changes to the school districts requirements of the School Resource Officer
 - Chief Madgar stated that the School Resource Officer would rotate between all schools of the school district.
- Clock Tower –
 - Rick Granati has completed painting the clock tower.
 - Found some water damage due to incorrect piping being installed. The problem has been corrected however, the other corners of the tower will also be fixed by next winter.
- Open liens – Asks council to consider placing names in the newspaper of those that have unpaid liens owed to the Borough. This may prompt them to pay to keep their name out of the newspaper.

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highway –

- Mr. Martone stated that the phase 1 paving would begin in a few weeks by Youngblood Paving Company.
- The design of the access road should be finished in the next few weeks. Once the design is finalized, the project will be put out to bid. The access road is estimated to be closed for 3-4 weeks.
- A hearing is scheduled for May 28, 2019 regarding the access road with Bridgewater.

General Government –

- Mr. Deelo announced that Arbor Day is April 27, 2019 at the gazebo. The event is being sponsored and put together by the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Deelo encouraged members of council to

attend the event. The event would honor Colonel Jeffery Loudermilk, who instructs Beaver's JRTOC program.

- Mr. Snowden credited Col. Loudermilk to the JROTC program's success.
- Ms. McKean requested a monthly report from the police department.
 - Mr. Snowden asked Ms. McKean to draft what she would want in a monthly report from the police department and discuss at the next work session meeting.
- Mr. Thomas and Mr. Martone discussed cheaper options of installing a basketball court if a grant is not provided.
- Mr. Andres discussed parking options for those attending events in town.
- Mr. Andres discussed a 5-year strategic plan with the Planning Commission.
- Mr. Andres discussed an option of creating a Real Estate committee when real estate options become available for the borough.

Recreation – No report

President –

- Mr. Snowden informed council that after several requests for files from the borough's former Solicitor, Ms. Hindman was notified that on April 2, 2019, he destroyed all the closed and/or inactive files.

9:03PM Entered into Executive Session to discuss Contract negotiations

Adjourned at 9:43PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts