

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
May 14, 2019
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on May 14, 2019 at 7:00PM by Council Vice President, Alex Andres.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden (via phone conference).
Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Fedeles.
Absent: Jarrod Thomas
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Dawna Bott, Sarah Pannell, Charles Casbourne, Midge Sefton, Dennis Bott, Judy and Walt McDermott, Greg Peluso, Tommi Wagner

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Rathbun to accept the April 9, 2019 Council meeting minutes and the April 23, 2019 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Finance Manager "Notes for April 2019 Financial Reports" enclosed in council packet
- April 2019 end of month reports and balances were reviewed
- Reports will be filed for annual audit

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Dawna and Dennis Bott, 640 5th Street – Concerned with the condition of the home located at 622 5th Street. Distributed photos to council members.
 - Mr. Madgar stated Mr. Sprecker, Code Enforcement Officer, is currently on vacation. Once he returns they will look into the situation to get resolved.
- Sarah Pannell, 114 Fairview Avenue, Ambridge – Running for Beaver County Controller, introduced herself to council
- Tommi Wagner – 230 Beaver Street – Asked the status of the discussion from the last meeting regarding the brick sidewalks.
 - Mr. Snowden stated he would be in contact with Mrs. Peluso to set up a meeting. Possibly suggesting if the Heritage Foundation would like to organize a presentation to give the history and educate the residents about the brick sidewalks.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

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

- Reviewed the April 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – No report

Planning Commission – No report

- February 18, 2019 and April 15, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report –

- April 2019 report enclosed in council packet.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – No report

Municipal Authority –

- April 17, 2019 minutes and April 16, 2019 Municipal Authority Engineers report enclosed in council packet

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highway –

- Mr. Madgar stated milling and paving on Laura, Park, Wayne and Beaver Streets should be completed by the end of this week or beginning of next week.
 - Laura Street had to be rebuilt which will be an estimated additional cost of \$17,000.
- Columbia Gas had some delays on 2nd Street but are hoping to be back on schedule soon to be able to pave in July and August.

General Government –

- Mr. Deelo – Every ten years, the Planning Commission is required to submit a 10 Year Comprehensive Plan. This is similar to the 5 Year Strategic Plan that the General Government Committee is working on.

Recreation –

- Ms. King submitted our Beaver Life magazine into the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) Communication Contest – Beaver Borough placed 3rd

Reports

Manager's/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Pool
 - On schedule for May 25th opening day
 - Leaks inside the pool house – contacted Jason Arndt to fix gutters and preserve the roof. Cost estimate is \$3,800.
- Borough Building – There was a brick hanging from the 2nd story – our employees were able to fix. However, there are several major parts of the building that need to be repointed.
- Met with Mr. David O'Leary regarding the Shaw Park Pavilion project. Ms. McKean presented the drawings to the Planning Commission several months ago. Mr. O'Leary stated the drawings would need to be updated – Mr. Madgar approved a \$5,000 budget for the Planning Commission to have the drawings updated and any other studies needed.
- Police computer system – Officer DeGori and Officer Stahl applied for a PCCD Grant and was awarded \$48,000 to pay for new software.
- Sand Volleyball Court Agreement – Read an email from Ms. Carrie Rowe dated May 10, 2019 “Proposing the School District take over all aspects of sand volleyball courts except the purchase and spreading of the sand. In exchange, the School District would house, maintain, annually install, and handle future purchases of the volleyball standards and nets. The School District would also handle any issues related to weeds growing in and immediately surrounding the sand courts.”
 - ***Motion by Mr. Deelo to approve the Sand Volleyball Court Maintenance Agreement at Shaw Park between Beaver Borough and Beaver Area School District. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***
- Police Memorial will be held Friday, May 17th at 9:00AM at the Courthouse
- Citizens Police Academy (CPA) graduation will be held Monday, May 20th at 6:00PM at First Presbyterian Church
 - 2007 was the first class. Approximately 400 residents have taken the class.
- Ms. McKean – Asked if Police UCR Report will be provided at the Work Session.
 - Mayor Hamilton stated he plans to meet with Mr. Sebastian, Public Safety Committee, to discuss the report.
- Ms. Hindman – Rental Registration update:
 - April: Registered 61, Inspected 62, Re-inspected 8
 - Year totals: Registered 593, Inspected 160, Re-inspected 31

President's Report – No report

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Placed flags in the cemetery along with the Boy Scouts and JROTC in preparation of Memorial Day
- June 1st is the Annual 5K Race – approximately 500 participate
 - Mr. Madgar will ask Mr. Sprecker to communicate with Columbia Gas to have equipment removed and ask the Highway Department to run the street sweeper the night before the race.

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer –

- April 2019 Borough Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Deelo – Follow-up on Beaver Library walk and patio areas in the Borough right-of-way
 - Mr. Madgar – Awaiting drawings with dimensions from the Architect, AJ Schwartz
 - Mr. McDermott – The volunteers are ready to start as soon as the borough council approves. Recommending no dollar factor in the agreement.
 - ***Motion by Mr. Deelo, pending the agreement between Borough Engineer and Solicitor to move forward with the approval of the sight plan for the library. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Solicitor Report –

- Police – Arbitration regarding sick day buy back may be scheduled in August
- Notification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement expires the end of the year. Suggests at the next work session to discuss who will be on the negotiation team.

Old Business

Motion – Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council direct the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance rescinding the on-street metered parking ordinance in Chapter 15-401 through 15-410 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances and amending Chapter 15-306 and Chapter 15-310 limiting the parking time on certain streets along with penalties for violations. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – School Resource Officer

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council continue to provide the School Resource Officer (SRO) to the Beaver Area School District (BASD) for the 2019-2020 school year, upon condition that BASD is able to fund a minimum of \$60,000. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- Officer Bo Blinn will be the SRO starting the new school year. Officer Ken Stahl served 10-11 years as the SRO.

New Business

Motion – Vehicle Lease

Motion by Mr. Sebastian that Beaver Borough Council give the Chief of Police approval to sell three (3) police vehicles and enter a lease for three (3) police vehicles. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned at 8:09PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts