

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
May 28, 2019  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on May 28, 2019 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (arrived at 7:55PM), Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley

**Public Participation –**

- Jim Wooley, 343 Park Street – Complimented the recent paving project in town and the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Wooley also announced that the Library would be holding the annual Book Sale and encouraged council members to attend.

**Council Committee:**

**Finance –**

- Chief Madgar – Asked the Finance Manager and office staff to explore possible new banks for the borough to use and the benefits that are offered.
  - Lisa Champ and Andy Kennedy explained that after researching multiple different options, they felt that PNC Bank would offer more benefits to the borough and generate the borough more money by switching accounts to them.
  - Chief Madgar believes that the efficiency of PNC Bank and the different options offered will save the borough time and money.
  - A motion for the borough to transition accounts to PNC Bank will be proposed at the next council meeting.

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement –**

- Mayor Hamilton – Working with Sgt. McCoy and Chief Madgar on a police report to provide to council. A draft will be proposed at the next council meeting.
- Mr. Thomas – asked for an update on Rental Registration.
  - Chief Madgar stated that a monthly reports are provided at the regularly scheduled council meetings. Approximately 600 rental properties have registered and about one third of the registered have been inspected.

**Highway –**

- Mr. Thomas – Discussed the completed paving work in town, thought the contracted company's process was timely and efficient.

- Mr. Snowden thought the road work and closure sign placement was done effectively.
- Mr. Thomas – Phase 2 of this year's paving project will begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street this summer.
- Ms. McKean – Asked if there were any options to reuse the brick removed from sidewalks.
  - Mr. Snowden stated that he and Mayor Hamilton met with Ms. Peluso to discuss possible ways to reuse the leftover bricks.

#### **General Government –**

- Mr. Deelo – Reported that the lawsuit with Bridgewater Borough regarding Westbank Lane, resulted in an agreement between Bridgewater Borough and the Beaver Municipal Authority. Mr. Deelo read the agreement which will be attached to the minutes.
  - Mr. Snowden thanked Mr. Deelo and the Municipal Authority for all their work to come to an agreement with Bridgewater and hopes that Beaver Borough can continue to have a positive relationship with Bridgewater.
- Mr. Deelo – Attended the Planning Commission meeting with Ms. McKean, zoning issues and options were discussed. A project to enclose the existing pavilion at Shaw Park was also discussed and considered.
  - Ms. McKean suggested that the pavilion exterior should be in line with the architecture of the pool house at the Beaver Swimming Pool. Chief Madgar agreed.
- Mr. Deelo – Liza Fuller will be resigning as Chair of the Planning Commission but will remain a member. Possibly expanding the number of Planning Commission members from seven to nine was also discussed. If this change is decided by the Planning Commission, council would need to approve.
- Ms. McKean – No update of Quay Park as of now.

#### **Recreation –**

- Ms. King – Asked why the pruning of the trees in the parks were so high.
  - Chief Madgar stated that some trees needed to be pruned higher due to damage from ants.
- Ms. King – Concerned about full trashcans on the main street and asked if businesses were in any way responsible for the waste.
  - Chief Madgar stated that trash is emptied in town on Saturday and Sunday mornings but would appreciate any help from businesses to keep trash cans from becoming too full.
- Mr. Thomas – Asked for an update regarding the possible installation of a basketball court in town.
  - Chief Madgar was informed by Ms. Rowe that an answer would be expected sometime this summer. Chief Madgar will follow up with Ms. Rowe.
  - Mr. Snowden suggested asking businesses to possibly sponsor the basketball court if a grant was not awarded.

#### **President's Report –**

- Mr. Snowden – Informed council that he and Mayor Hamilton met with Ms. Peluso from the Heritage Foundation to discuss brick sidewalks in town and options to reuse the bricks. Moving forward, Mr. Snowden would like to inform the Heritage Foundation of any decisions made by council that may involve the historical value of Beaver.
- Mr. Snowden – Asked Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Sebastian, and Mr. Deelo to represent council during Police contract negotiations. Solicitor Fedeles will assist and negotiate on behalf the Borough.

**Manager's Report/Police Report**

- Chief Madgar – The gutters and roof on the pool house was repaired and will be inspected once a year to prevent leaks and damage.
- Ms. Hindman – Pool ticket presales were \$30,383.00. Sales over Memorial Day weekend generated \$6,378.00.
- Chief Madgar – The repairs to the access road are expected to begin during August or September of this year. Council will be continued to be updated.
- After further follow-up with Mr. Dioguardi (Rome Monument), the monument in the park on Buffalo and 5<sup>th</sup> street, will possibly need taken down due to deterioration, stress cracks and disrepair. Pieces of the monument will be salvaged if possible.
- The Police Department is short one police officer for 4-6 weeks.

Adjourned at 8:09PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts