

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
June 11, 2019  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on June 11, 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, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Fedeles. Absent: Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker, Midge Sefton, Jim Woolley, Don Hoffman, Monique Vollman, and Cheryl Hansen.
- Mr. Andres announced there would be an Executive Session at the end of the meeting, no vote will be held after the Executive Session.

#### **Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Ms. King to accept the May 14, 2019 Council meeting minutes and the May 28, 2019 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.***

- Ms. McKean asked for correction on page 2 of the Work Session minutes/General Government section. Minutes will be corrected as given by Ms. McKean.

***Voice vote passed unanimously.***

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Finance Manager "Notes for May 2019 Financial Reports" enclosed in council packet
- May 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 Ms. McKean to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

#### **Public Participation –**

- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street –
  - Is concerned that the stop lights on main street are out of sync and is causing traffic to back up.
    - Chief Madgar stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Martone and the issue will be brought to PennDOT's attention. The issue may be caused from the increased volume of traffic in town.

- Complementing the paving done within town. Mr. Woolley also thanked the Beaver Police officers for their efforts during Garrison Day and council members for participating in the Library's Book Sale.
- Midge Sefton, 1360 River Road –
  - Asked council to specify the reasoning for council's Executive Session.
    - Mr. Andres stated the Executive Session will be regarding an employee matter.
- Monique Vollman, Insurance Street –
  - Concerned with vehicles speeding near her home between Canal Street and Fourth Street. There are many children that live on this street and wanted to bring the issue to council's attention. She has been in contact with the Beaver Police and was instructed to also bring the issue to council's attention.
    - Chief Madgar assured Ms. Vollman that he would look at the situation with the Borough Engineer to go over any possible solutions.
- Don Hoffman – no address given -
  - Is responsible for maintenance of parking meters in town and believes that the borough should keep them because of the guaranteed income they provide.

## **Reports – Commissions / Authorities**

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

- Was not able to attend the last meeting

### **Civil Service Commission – No report**

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

- The ZHB will meet on June 12, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Beaver Borough Municipal Building to hear a request from the Chad Leonberg Team/Equity Resources for a variance to use the commercial space located at 312 College Avenue in the RC-1 zoning district as professional services on the first floor. Requesting relief from the requirement that Professional Services are a permitted use only on the upper floors.
- Chief Madgar informed council that Mr. Sprecker has been in correspondence with the homeowners on 5<sup>th</sup> Street which was discussed at a previous meeting regarding the lack of upkeep and all necessary steps are being taken.
  - Mr. Deelo added that he has spoken to neighbors of this home on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and they are satisfied with the actions taken by the borough.

### **Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Deelo**

- May 20, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet
- Multiple projects are being considered, including Quay Park and the Shaw Park Pavilion.

### **Tree Commission –**

- June 3, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Thomas asked if any follow up was taken regarding weed whacking around young trees in town by borough workers.
  - Chief Madgar said the issue was resolved and the summer help workers were instructed to be extremely careful around the younger trees.

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker**

- No report for this month. Mr. Sprecker notified Council he will be modifying his report by summarizing his calls. The report in the past was too detailed and took a lot of time to prepare.
  - Mr. Rathbun stated this is another reason to consider a different software program.
  - Mr. Madgar agreed and will check with the provider the police department will be getting to see if they have Code Enforcement software.
- Obtaining a warrant for the home located at the intersection of Fourth Street and Dravo Avenue was discussed.
  - Mayor Hamilton suggested Solicitor Fedeles work with Mr. Sprecker and be involved in this process.

### **Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – No report**

### **Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo**

- May 15, 2019 minutes and May 14, 2019 Municipal Authority Engineers report enclosed in council packet
- Efforts are being put in place to back up our existing water source to prepare for any possible outages. Interconnects are already in place with Beaver Falls, Vanport, and soon to be Brighton Township.
- The Sewage Treatment Plant grid chamber has been flagged by DEP and needs to be replaced. The Municipal Authority is working with an engineering company to get necessary changes made.
- Drinking water changes are looking to be made from chlorine gas to hypochlorite. An engineering firm has been hired to put together a model for DEP.

## **Council Committee Reports**

### **Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report**

### **Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini**

- As discussed at the work session, the borough is looking at possibly switching accounts over to a different bank.
- Mr. Deelo asked if approved signatures would need to be added to a motion to switch banks.

### **Highway** – Reported by Mr. Thomas

- May 2019 report distributed to council
- Work currently being done by Columbia Gas on Taylor Avenue to correct sinking at no charge to the borough.
- Additional unexpected work is being done to Laura Street.
- Mr. Perini has experienced a significant amount of water draining from Laura Street into his driveway and collects in front of his garage.
  - Chief Madgar stated the borough would give Jet Jack the opportunity to fix the problem and if they are unable to, a bid would be put out.

### **General Government** – No report

### **Recreation** – Reported by Ms. King

- Ms. King plans to meet with the Pool Manager to see if night swims can be scheduled
- Ms. King asked if police presence would be required if we had movies in the park
  - Mr. Madgar stated they have had police at past movies
  - The Underground Beaver had just notified him that they are looking into the possibility of donating a projector and screen to the borough
- Mr. Thomas stated he was informed the Beaver School District did not receive the grant for the basketball court. Therefore, he is having the Borough Engineer bid the basketball court along with the Access Road bid.
  - He will have additional information at the next Work Session and hopefully vote at the next Council meeting.
  - Ms. McKean asked why the school district was not paying for the basketball court.
    - Mr. Thomas explained that the borough did attempt to partner with the school district for the basketball court, but they were not able to provide the funds out of their budget.
    - Mr. Rathbun said that he believes the basketball court would be something the borough could provide to the residents to enjoy.
    - Ms. King and Mr. Thomas suggested to consider sponsorships and donations.

## **Reports**

### **Manager's/Police Report** – Reported by Chief Madgar

- TurnKey has generated the borough approximately \$24,000
- Pension audit/exit review went very well. Mr. Kennedy complimented the recordkeeping processes by Ms. Champ, Ms. Miser and Ms. Hindman.
- Liquid Fuels audit also went well.
- Pool – May deposits total \$37,147
- Asked Civil Service to start the process of extending the list.
  - Ms. Sefton stated that a meeting date has already been set.

- Ms. Hindman – Rental Registration update:
  - May 2019: Registered 13, Inspected 35, Re-inspected 10
  - 2019 Year totals: Registered 606, Inspected 195, Re-inspected 41

**President’s Report** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Complimented the Beaver Police’s efforts during Garrison Day and the success of the Fire Department’s 5K Race in town.

**Mayor Hamilton** –

- May 2019 Police monthly report distributed to council members
- Complimented Garrison Day and the Fire Department 5K Race. Thanked and complimented the Police Department and borough workers for their efforts.

**Fire Department** – Reported by Mr. Perini

- 518 participated in the 5K Race

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer** –

- May 2019 Borough Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet

**Solicitor Report** –

- Bridgewater case has been resolved and the consent order was provided in council packet. The outcome allows the Municipal Authority and the Beaver Borough access to West Bank Lane.
- The solicitor and Borough Engineer are currently working on documentation to move forward with the Library expansion project.
- Negotiations Committee for the police department contract will be Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Sebastian, Mr. Deelo and Mr. Kennedy.

**Old Business**

**Motion – Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance**

*Motion by Mr. Thomas, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Ordinance removing parking meters from the Borough and establishing a two hour parking limit in their place. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**New Business**

**Motion – Borough’s Bank Accounts**

Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council effective immediately establish PNC Bank as the financial institution for the Borough’s bank accounts and to transfer any current accounts the Borough has with FNB Bank to PNC Bank. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian.

- After discussion the motion was amended: ***Motion by Mr. Perini that Beaver Borough Council effective immediately establish PNC Bank as the financial institution for the Borough's bank accounts and to transfer any current accounts the Borough has with FNB Bank to PNC Bank to include authorized signatures of Mr. Andres, Mr. Deelo, Mr. Madgar, Ms. McKean, Mr. Perini and Mr. Snowden. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Bobcat Compact Excavator**

***Motion by Mr. Thomas that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Bobcat of Pittsburgh invoice # 1251968 dated 3/9/19 in the amount of \$61,805.46 as part of the awarded Section 902 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Recycling Grant (SAP Document 4100083226 902-168-2018). Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – 2019 Road Paving Project – Youngblood invoice # 2019-1331**

***Motion by Mr. Thomas that based on the Borough Engineer written recommendation, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Youngblood invoice # 2019-1331 dated 5/30/19 in the amount of \$112,116.72 for the completion of Phase 1. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – 2019 Road Paving Project – Youngblood invoice 2019-1332**

***Motion by Mr. Thomas that based on the Borough Engineer written recommendation, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Youngblood invoice # 2019-1332 dated 5/30/19 in the amount of \$4,480.00 for the paving of the borough parking lot located at 274 Wayne Street. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – 2019 Road Paving Project – Youngblood invoice 2019-1333**

***Motion by Mr. Thomas that based on the Borough Engineer written recommendation, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Youngblood invoice # 2019-1333 dated 5/30/19 in the amount of \$17,328.72 for the placement of binder course on Laura Street. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

Adjourned at 8:40PM to enter into Executive Session

Executive Session ended at 8:50PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts