

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
June 25, 2019  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on June 25, 2019 at 7:00PM by Vice President, Alex Andres.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Adam Rathbun, Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker, Cheryl Hansen, Marilyn Vogel

**Public Participation –**

- Cheryl Hansen, 260 River Road – Indicated she was not in favor of adding a basketball court in town, she believed it was too expensive.

**Council Committee:**

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement –**

- Ms. McKean thanked Chief Madgar for submitting a monthly police report to council and asked if the report could include calls that required an officer to be called out and if there was an arrest.
  - Chief Madgar explained that the current report provides incident reports, once the police department implements a new computer system the requested information will be easier to access and create a report. The number of calls the police department is experiencing this year is trending higher than last year.
  - The police department's new computer system is expected to be implemented by the end of 2019.
- Pros and cons of a police report were discussed among council.

**Finance – No report**

**Highway – Reported by Mr. Thomas**

- Update on Phase 2 of the Paving Project – Columbia Gas is still on track to be done mid to end of July. Once Columbia Gas is finished, Phase 2 of the Paving Project will begin. A final walkthrough of sidewalks was completed, 37 properties will need to update their curbs/sidewalks.
  - Mr. Sprecker asked if there would be any penalty for residents if they do not comply with the borough's request to update their curbs/sidewalks.
  - Mr. Thomas stated that he believes that if the resident is not compliant after enough notice, the borough should complete the curb/sidewalk work and bill the resident. If the bill is not paid, a lien should be placed on the property.

- Mr. Martone discussed the possibility of Columbia Gas paying for the paving on College Avenue, from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Corporation Street.
- Columbia Gas is paying half the cost to pave 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Beaver Street to Navigation Street and half the cost to pave Commerce Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to Corporation Street. Other streets to be paved are also being discussed.
- Update on the Access Road Paving Project – Gateway Engineers were hired after bid to design the roadway reconstruction and guiderails. The borough will be able to do some work, contractors will be hired to pave and insert guiderails. Work is expected to begin October 2019.
- Basketball Court Project discussion – Mr. Thomas would like to bid Basketball Court Project at the same time as Access Road Paving Project if council approves. Low end of project could cost approximately \$20,000.
  - Council discussed pros and cons of having a basketball court in town.
- Update on the Beaver Supermarket – Borough employees completed the sidewalk. Curb still needs to be completed.
- Discussion on other Highway Department projects currently in progress
- Council Members received letter from First Christian Church regarding flooding, Mr. Martone will look into the issue and the borough will send First Christian Church a response.

#### **General Government –**

- Mr. Deelo – Planning Commission meeting minutes dated June 17, 2019 enclosed in council packet
  - Planning Commission passed a motion to expand the Planning Commission from 7 to 9 members
    - Mr. Deelo will sponsor the motion requesting the Ordinance to be changed at the July 9, 2019 council meeting
- Ms. McKean – Based on the Shade Tree Commission request, will be sponsoring a motion for a new member
- Mr. Andres –
  - Reviewed the Borough of Beaver 5 Year Strategic Plan, Version A/Update 4, June 12, 2019 enclosed in council packet.
    - Will have a final draft completed by August in preparation for budget discussions
  - Reviewed the Beaver County Regional Council of Government (COG) Shared Municipal GIS Program Order Form enclosed in council packet.
  - Will sponsor a motion at the July council meeting appointing Margaret McKean as an alternate delegate to the COG

#### **Recreation – No report**

#### **Vice President's Report –**

- Mr. Andres requested the Chief of Police/Borough Manager extend the appreciation to the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department and the Municipal Authority for their team work in keeping the town safe and controlled after the recent storm that caused electrical outages, downed trees, etc.

### **Manager's Report/Police Report**

- Received the first of three bids for new fencing around the pool and creek:
  - Pool - \$27,125
  - Creek - \$13,000
    - Will keep council informed of the other bids. At that point will ask council to decide if they want to put in budget for next year or in the capital projects
- Police Department received grant for new computer system in the amount of \$48,717. Chief Madgar thanked the efforts of the police department for their work on the grant.

Adjourned at 8:36PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts