

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

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on July 23, 2019 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo (left at 7:50 p.m.), Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian (left at 8:10 p.m.), Sean Snowden, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Adam Rathbun
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Cheryl Hansen, Marilyn Vogel, and Liza Fuller.

**Public Participation –**

- Mary Cox, Beaver Falls – attended the meeting on behalf of her mother, regarding the home on the corner of Dravo and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, requesting a 30 day extension regarding the safety inspection.
  - Mr. Snowden requested that Ms. Cox leave her contact information with Chief Madgar and they would be in contact with her to discuss the property.
- Liza Fuller, 1458 Ohio Street, Chair of the Planning Commission – Explained to council the Planning Commission’s reasoning for initially requesting to increase their members from seven to nine. Reasons included promoting diversity and welcoming new perspectives. Although, after further discussion the Planning Commission would like to further discuss the possibility of increasing the number of members amongst themselves before an ordinance is made by council.
  - Mr. Snowden asked Ms. Fuller to inform council what the Planning Commission decides after their next meeting.
  - Mr. Deelo stated that he supports whatever recommendation the Planning Commission gives to council regarding the number of members they believe they should have.

**Council Committee:**

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement –**

- Chief Madgar and Mr. Sebastian - Rental Registration is doing well, and the program is sustaining itself.
  - Mr. Thomas addressed concerns of the Rental Registration fee structure and believes council should reconsider fees after its first year.
- Ms. McKean – Discussed the recent fire in Rochester. Asked if surrounding residents were notified properly and if council received any feedback.
  - Mr. Thomas – Would like the Swift911 notification to be more descriptive to recipients.
  - Chief Madgar – Explained the Swift911 notification description regarding the fire were sent out by the County and Beaver Borough forwarded the notification. A meeting to review Beaver Borough’s Swift911 will be planned within the next few weeks to discuss issues and to better prepare for future events. Information will also be in the next magazine.

- Mr. Perini – Was concerned about the timing of the Swift911 alerts were sent out. Some residents received the alerts earlier than others.
- Mr. Snowden – Suggested attending the next Commissioners meeting.
- Ms. McKean – With the new plant being built nearby, it is necessary we have a proper emergency alert system in place.
- Chief Madgar – Sign up instructions for Swift911 are available on the Beaver Borough website.

#### **Finance –**

- Discussed the June 9, 2019 Finance report in council packet
- Summary report of the last 6 months reviewed.
- Discussed timing of when the 902 Recycling Grant monies will be paid back to the borough.
  - Grant money is expected to be received in September or October of this year.
- General budget discussion.

#### **Highway –**

- Chief Madgar - Paving should begin again on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the bid for the Access Road is planned for September
- Mr. Thomas asked for an update on the basketball courts.
  - Chief Madgar spoke with Dr. Rowe, she will approve the equipment, then will need to be approved by the athletic committee, and then be voted on by the school board at the August meeting.

#### **General Government –**

- Mr. Deelo – Municipal Authority is considering major projects and drafting a contract with Bridgewater. Also, a Historical Preservation recommendation proposal, sponsored by Shell, will be reviewed August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Andres – Discussed the 5-year Strategic Plan and potential projects.
  - Renovating Quay Park Memorial
  - Potential grant options/applications
  - Pool renovations
  - Borough building plans
- Mr. Thomas – Proposed the idea for council to go paperless and issue tablets or laptops to use during meetings.

#### **Recreation – No report**

#### **President's Report – Reported by Mr. Snowden**

- In the event the that the borough would change solicitors, Mr. Snowden would like to create a motion that indicates a proper procedure that protects documents, sensitive information, etc.

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

- Provided a missing receipt to council from last council meeting from Hunter Truck Sales & Service, Inc. dated July 1, 2019.

- Pool deck at the high end will need to be replaced at the end of this season. Work is expected to begin September or October and can be done by borough workers.
- Received two bids to install new vinyl fencing around the entire pool and surrounding property, one for \$45,500 and the other for \$40,000.
- This Friday, 35 letters will be mailed to all of the residents that live on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street regarding curb and sidewalk violations.
- Annual Car Cruise will be held on August 3, 2019.
- \$6,500 was quoted to update the community room's audio equipment.
- Chief Madgar followed up with Chamber of Commerce regarding street performances and no further action needs to be taken by the borough.
- Mr. Thomas asked if there was any update on rocks in the fire department's water supply near the high school
  - Chief Madgar does not have an update yet, but is looking into the issue.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts