

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
August 27, 2019  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on August 27, 2019 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Jim Perini, Jarrod Thomas.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker, Jim Woolley, and Dave Linkimer
- Mr. Snowden requested a moment of silence in memory of Raymond Grosskopf who passed away on August 15, 2019.
  - Mayor Hamilton – Had the honor of serving on council with Mr. Grosskopf for over ten years. Mr. Grosskopf served our country and then became a member of the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department as well as serving as Beaver’s first Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Grosskopf also volunteered as Santa Clause during our Light up Night celebration. His service to our community is appreciated and will be missed.
  - Chief Madgar – Mr. Grosskopf was a friend to all he met. He was extremely respected by the residents and every group he was part of working or volunteering with.

**Public Participation** – No comments

**Emergency Management Agency (EMA)** – David Linkimer, EMA Coordinator

- Monthly Report – Rochester Hazmat Incident report dated August 22, 2019 enclosed in council packet.
- Focusing on improving communication methods between the County and Municipalities
- Article was submitted for the next Beaver Life edition with an explanation and directions on the importance of registering for the Swift911 notification system. Encouraging business owners as well as residents to register.
- An additional meeting will be scheduled with Mayor Hamilton, Chief Madgar and Fire Chief, John Grosskopf to review communication methods.
- Ms. McKean – Asked if the borough is able to release information to Beaver residents before it is released by the county
  - Mr. Linkimer – Yes, the borough can release information
  - Mr. Snowden – Cautioned against releasing information too early and giving bad information to the town
- Ms. King – Asked if there were any laws in place to limit the amount of hazardous chemicals stored in a facility

- Mr. Linkimer – Yes, there are numerous laws although this building had been abandoned and had collapsed.
- Ms. McKean – Asked if the members of the Beaver Chamber of Commerce could be notified of alerts who may not live in Beaver
  - Mr. Linkimer – Business owners can register their business addresses through Swift911 to get notifications of their business location. Residents are encouraged to register for multiple addresses (school, work, etc.) Instructions will be added to the Beaver Life magazine and posted on all social media.
- Ms. McKean – Suggested utilizing additional social media to release information

## **Council Committee:**

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

### **Finance –**

- Chief Madgar stated Mr. Kennedy, Finance Manager, emailed Mr. Perini the preliminary budget. The budget will be presented at the next council meeting for review.

### **Highway –**

- Chief Madgar –
  - Per Mr. Martone, the Second Street paving should be started by the end of September
  - Meeting scheduled for Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> with Columbia Gas, Mr. Martone and Mayor Hamilton to review Navigation and Canal Street gas line replacement. Will keep council informed.
- Mayor Hamilton –
  - Number of gas leaks is causing delays. Columbia Gas is upgrading to higher pressure in smaller pipes which is causing stress on the pipes. This is why they are putting regulators on all the systems.
- Mr. Sprecker –
  - Second Street curb and sidewalk repairs – 34 of the 36 residents have been contacted regarding the repairs that are needed.

### **General Government –**

- Mr. Snowden – Suggesting the Historic Preservation Plan Ad Hoc Committee be tabled since the report is not ready to be presented. This is an important review for council to consider. Need to be sure there is a variety of people on the ad hoc committee.
  - Mr. Deelo – the State Historic group will be making a presentation at the September 9, 2019 HARB meeting.
  - Chief Madgar – Need to be sure that council has the final decision on what is being considered in the Historic Preservation Plan.
- Mr. Snowden – Asked for any update on using iPads for council
  - Mr. Sebastian – Would the documents, such as Excel be compatible with iPads?
  - Mr. Rathbun – A separate software would need to be purchased
  - General discussion of pros and cons

### **Recreation –**

- Ms. McKean – Attended the Shade Tree Committee meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>. A resident will be planting an oak tree in McIntosh Park from the Oklahoma City bombing with a dedication plaque.
  - Mr. Snowden asked to have additional information provided regarding the history of the tree and suggested the Borough pay for the plaque.
- Mr. Sprecker – A representative will be attending the next council meeting to discuss the new memorial (War on Terrorism) progress

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

- Pool revenue deposits look good this year, proof that the improvements made and proper management increase the attendance numbers. The pool is a tremendous asset to our town. Council will need to make some decisions in the upcoming year regarding the concrete decking and the pavilion renovations.
- Chief Madgar reviewed the pool deposits:
  - 2017 - \$81,000
  - 2018 - \$97,000
  - 2019 - \$107,000
- Mr. Deelo – Friends of Beaver Parks can also look into possible grants for the pool
- Ms. McKean – Should we shift our focus from Quay Square interest to the pavilion?
  - Mr. Snowden and Mr. Rathbun agree however, need to wait to see how the grant submissions come back regarding Quay Square.
  - Mayor Hamilton and Chief Madgar – A lot of the work needed in Quay Square can be done by our Highway Department
- Mr. Snowden – Before any action is taken, council needs to wait to see the final outcome of the grant that has been submitted for

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

- Mr. Sprecker – All three Zoning Hearings being held on September 12, 2019 are requesting variances related to signs.
  - Mr. Sprecker – Asked council to look over ordinances regarding signage and update if needed
  - Ms. McKean – The Planning Commission has requested A.J. Schwartz to review our Zoning Ordinance
  - After council discussion, requested Mr. Madgar contact our Solicitor to draft a Resolution stating council's recommendation that the current sign regulations be considered therefore not granting the variances. Council will vote on the recommendation at the next Council Meeting.
- Council has approved the selling of two police vehicles. One will be sold on Municibid for approximately \$3,000. Midland Borough is requesting to purchase the other 2013 Ford Explorer which has approximately 112,000 miles for \$2,500. Requesting permission from council members to approve the transaction.
  - Council approved the sale of the 2013 Ford Explorer to Midland Borough for \$2,500

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts