

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
September 24, 2019
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on September 24, 2019 at 7:00PM by Vice President, Alex Andres.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian (arrived at 7:03 p.m.), Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Chris King, Adam Rathbun, Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker

Public Participation – No comments

Council Committee:

Public Safety/Code Enforcement –

- Discussed if it would be beneficial and appropriate for the borough to review the Fire Department Financial report. Mr. Kennedy asked Council if this should be brought to the borough auditor's attention.
 - Mr. Perini asked why this would be done – because the Volunteer Fire Department is part of the borough and the question was brought to his attention.
 - Chief Madgar – The question had come up in discussion and discussing the topic with the auditors would only be to ensure the borough was following policy.
 - Mr. Deelo – Suggested to consider what policies other boroughs around the state follow, DCED policy and utilize PSAB resources.

Highway –

- Chief Madgar – Expecting Youngblood to do a walkthrough in the beginning October to begin the paving project. Letters are scheduled to go out to residents on September 25, 2019 as a second wave of reminders. Will have an update at the next Council Meeting.
 - Mr. Sprecker – 10 curtesy reminder letters will be mailed

General Government –

- Chief Madgar – The Beaver County Times asked the Borough to periodically utilize the Community Room as a media room.
 - Ms. McKean asked if there was space available at the courthouse for the Beaver County Times to use – unsure.
 - After discussion, due to limited space council believes it would be best if the Community Room was available for residents and borough worker/police usage.
- Ms. McKean – HARB meeting last week – the draft guidelines are still being worked through and is still a work in progress. Updates will follow.

- Jim Perini – Chamber of Commerce Touch a Truck event canceled, Fire Department would like to do a similar event next year and will try to do a small event this year.
 - Mr. Madgar – will have Officer DeGori work with the Fire Department to help coordinate.
- Officer McCoy – Discussed the danger of having the homecoming parade on main street with parked cars – they could back out and hit someone.
 - Mayor Hamilton – does not want to do the event if it is not safe
 - Chief Madgar – will discuss options with the school district

Recreation –

- Ms. McKean – A motion for two new student representatives for Shade Tree Commission members will be brought to council at the October meeting.
- Mr. Thomas – asked for an update on the basketball courts
 - Chief Madgar – estimated end of October or early November
 - Mr. Thomas will speak with Mr. Martone to decide when it will be best to paint lines and install equipment.

President’s Report –

- Mr. Andres – Complimented the Wine Festival, Book Fest and a Taste of Beaver County. Thanked the Police Department and everyone who had part in the events.

Manager’s Report/Police Report –

- The lawsuit that the Borough was named in, involving the semitruck hit by the train, has been dropped. More details will follow.
- Traffic complaints are coming in daily. The Police Department is aware of the increase in traffic and are doing everything they can do.
- Mark Rohm identified trees on main street that need to be removed – will come out after light up night. Mr. Rohm also pruned many of the trees on the main street.
 - Ms. McKean – the Tree Commission would like the borough to coordinate with them to be included in discussions with Mark Rohm
 - Ms. Hindman e-mailed the Tree Commission notifying them of the meeting and did not get a response
 - Chief Madgar – the Tree Commission is not responding to permits and trees are becoming a safety hazard
- Highway position is open – Mike Bitko is transferring to the Municipal Authority on October 7, 2019
 - Chief Madgar is recommending a candidate for the position
 - Mr. Thomas asked if the borough has to publicly advertise the job
 - Mr. Deelo – rescinded the policy and is at the discretion of council
 - Ms. McKean believes to be transparent in the borough’s hiring practices, the job should be advertised, accept applications and hold interviews.
 - There will be a motion at the October meeting to hire a candidate for the open Highway position.

Finance –

- 2020 Budget
 - General budget discussion
 - Health care costs and any pay increases still need to be added to the budget

Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts