

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
October 8, 2019
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on October 8, 2019 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (arrived at 7:50PM), Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini (arrived at 7:03PM), Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Fedeles. Absent: Adam Rathbun, Jarrod Thomas
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jim Traster, Midge Sefton, Rick Sprecker, Robert Rice, Jeff Hamilton, and Charles Casbourne.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Ms. McKean to accept the September 10, 2019 Council meeting minutes and the September 24, 2019 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Finance Manager "Notes for September 2019 Financial Reports" enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Madgar - Budget- anticipating a deficit of \$67,000. To be included in the 2020 budget are a 3% medical insurance increase, 2% contractual pay increase, \$15,000 to \$20,000 for street sweeper brushes.
- September 2019 end of month reports and balances enclosed in council packet
- 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. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation – No comments

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) – No report

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Zoning Hearing Board met on September 12, 2019 - Verizon, Howard Hanna Real Estate and Home Savings variances were all denied.

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Rice

- September 16, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Next meeting scheduled for October 14, 2019 at 7:00PM.

Tree Commission –

- September 23, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet
- Ms. McKean requested Ms. Hindman forward all applications to her and all Shade Tree Commission (STC) members. She attends all meetings and would like to make sure they are being responsive.
 - Ms. Hindman stated all STC members are emailed the applications as they are received.
 - Mr. Snowden would like to discuss this matter further during the next work session.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- September 2019 report enclosed in council packet.
- 1004 4th Street is making progress.
 - Mr. Snowden and Mayor Hamilton thanked Mr. Sprecker for his continued and constant communication with the home owners.
- 345 5th Street Appeals Hearing is scheduled for October 17, 2019.
- When individuals do not comply, Mr. Sprecker issues a notice of violation to those individuals.
 - Mr. Snowden stated that the public may not see immediate resolutions to code violations because the borough will try to work with home owners first.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – Reported by Mr. Rice

- September 18, 2019 draft minutes enclosed in council packet
- Next meeting will be held November 4, 2019

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- September 21, 2019 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Mid-August 2019 through September 13, 2019 Municipal Authority Engineer report enclosed in council packet.
- Sewage treatment process needs to be replaced, Bridgewater may be helping to correct the problem
- When Bridgewater is not able to use their lift station, they have been trucking wastewater to a sanitary sewer in Beaver. This process is no longer allowed, and the Municipal Authority is working with Bridgewater on another procedure.
- The Municipal Authority is working on putting in a variety of water backups to ensure there is a sufficient water for the Fire Department to put out large fires. This also includes a backup generator to pump water in the event of a power outage.

- In the process of replacing chlorine gas from drinking water.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- Meeting will be scheduled with Chief Madgar, Mr. Sprecker and Mr. Sebastian regarding the ordinance of parking of commercial vehicles

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Informative report from Finance Manager enclosed in council packet. Requested Council members to review the report closely to be prepared for the next Work Session.

Highway – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Tentative start date for Phase 2 paving is October 21, 2019
 - No parking signs will be posted, and e-blast will be sent out to residents. Project is expected to take a week to complete. Side streets will be closed while work is in progress.
- Access Road – Our Solicitor mailed a courtesy letter dated September 30, 2019 to Bridgewater notifying them of the construction project which will require the usage of West Bank Lane to enter and exit Beaver Borough's and Municipal Authority's property.
 - Borough is tentatively expected to start work October 14, 2019. Work will take approximately 3 weeks.

General Government – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager's/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed September 2019 report enclosed in council packet.
- September Rental Registration – registered 3, inspected 71, re-inspected 5.
 - Total Rental Registration as of October 2019 – registered 624, inspected 333, re-inspected 104
- Looking into the possibility of starting up Commercial Inspection in the Business District – similar to the Rental Registration.
 - Mr. Deelo asked if the Borough would need an ordinance to implement this kind of inspection.
 - Solicitor Fedeles – Yes, council would need to vote and pass an ordinance.
 - Ms. McKean asked if a lot of problems are being noticed in businesses when inspections are being done in apartments above.
 - Chief Madgar – Many apartments have separate entrances but not many serious problems are being noticed.

- Another Recycling Grant has opened up. Will discuss with the Municipal Authority to see if we can apply for paving, fencing and lighting of the dump site.
- The Highway Department new hire, Justin Quigley, was interviewed twice prior to being hired this time.
- Letter included in the council packet from a resident to the borough stating that their landlord is raising their rent because of the Rental Registration fee.
 - Tenants were given incorrect information from their landlord.

President's Report –

- Announced there will be an Executive Session after the council meeting is adjourned to discuss litigation. There will not be any motions after the Executive Session.
- Informed that the Quay Square project received a \$50,000 grant bringing the total to \$60,000.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Veterans Day Parade will be held in Beaver Falls.
- Mr. Madgar – Will be meeting with the High School regarding making changes to the Homecoming parade route.

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Fire Department Open House October 19, 2019, 12PM – 4PM
- Who is responsible for the fire whistle?
 - Chief Madgar – First Energy, 911 center can also access the fire whistle.

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Reviewed the September 2019 Borough Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet.
- Meeting with Columbia Gas on September 20, 2019 to go over tentative gas lines to be replaced in 2020.
- Mr. Perini asked why we are not requiring Columbia Gas to commit to the gas lines they are going to replace so residents are not replacing their sidewalks before they pave. If the borough can have Columbia Gas commit, the borough can give residents more time to plan to replace their sidewalks.
 - Mayor Hamilton – Emergencies may come up that will alter their plans
 - Chief Madgar – Stated he does not feel comfortable showing revenue of Columbia Gas \$80,000 and Liens \$20,000, these amounts are not a guarantee.
 - Chief Madgar – Consider putting a notice in the magazine that some residents will need to replace out of compliance sidewalks and curbs in the next few years.

Solicitor Report –

- Fiber Optics company wants to start in Midland Borough and end in Boardman, Ohio. Fiber Optics would run underground through Beaver Borough. The utility company will attend a Borough Work Session to discuss a plan with council.

Old Business

Motion – Adding a No Parking designation for Center Way

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council direct the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance by adding a No Parking designation for Center Way in Chapter 15-304 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances. Parking will be prohibited on Center Way in both directions from Wilson Avenue to East End Avenue. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Adding a Stop Sign at the intersection of Bank Street and Navigation Street

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council direct the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance by adding a Stop Sign at the intersection of Bank Street and Navigation Street in Chapter 15-204.1 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances. A stop sign will be placed on Navigation Street and the through street is Bank Street in a direction of travel Northbound and Southbound. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Restricting turning on Harlem Lane

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council direct the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance by restricting turning on Harlem Lane in Chapter 15-208.1 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances. Any turning, whether left or right, from Harlem Lane traveling in a westbound direction onto Market Street is prohibited. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion – Appoint Student Representatives to Shade Tree Commission

Motion by Ms. McKean, Effective immediately, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint the following student representatives to the Shade Tree Commission: Asia Frantz and Krystof Purtell. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Confirm the boundary line location at 443 Third Street

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Borough Engineer to confirm the boundary line locations for 443 Third Street extending into the Beaver Borough parking lot, by performing a field survey accompanied by a sealed and certified Plan of Survey. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Refund Parking Spot payment

Motion by Mr. Deelo, Based upon review and analysis by our Borough Engineer, 443 Third Street (purchased by North Beach Drive, LLC on May 1, 2019) property line extends into the Beaver Borough parking lot and encompasses 3 parking spaces. Therefore, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize reimbursement of \$333.50 to Demetrios Pappen for the payment of parking space #3 as well as \$1,000 for parking spaces #1 and #2 (rented to Crave Restaurant) in the Beaver Borough parking lot. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Hire Laborer for the Highway Department

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council hire Justin Quigley in the position of Laborer in the Highway Department effective October 7, 2019.. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Andres. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:38PM

Executive Session ended at 9:17PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts