

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
November 12, 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 Mayor Hamilton (7:00-7:40PM) and Vice President, Alex Andres (7:40PM until adjournment).
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (arrived at 7:18PM), Michael Deelo, Chris King (arrived at 7:04PM), Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Jarrod Thomas. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Fedeles. Absent: Sean Snowden
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jeff Hamilton, Rick Tindell, Midge Sefton, John Berenbrok, Jim Woolley, Adrianna Gradisek, Mary Anne Peluso, Rick Sprecker, Greg Peluso, Cheryl Hansen

Approval of minutes

Motion by Ms. McKean to accept the October 8, 2019 Council meeting minutes and the October 22, 2019 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Reported by Andy Kennedy, Finance Manager

- Budget numbers are just as tight as they were last year
- Anticipating the final delivery to complete the \$300,000 Recycling Grant. Grant can then be closed out by early January 2020 at the latest.
- Police computer grant money was received today – will be deposited
- Capital fund is decreasing
- ***Motion by Ms. McKean to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.***
- 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. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Mary Anne Peluso, 1490 River Road and John Berenbrok, 176 Taylor Avenue – Appreciates and thanked the financial support received from Beaver Borough Council and the Highway Department over the years with the yearly donation and the in-kind contributions. Requesting continuing contribution from the Borough.

- Mayor Hamilton – The library is well used by the town and neighboring communities
- Rick Tendill and Jessica Davis –
 - Earlier in the year, permission by council was given to use one of the parks for the Afghanistan and Iraq War Monument
 - A drawing was passed around and requested that Council review and advise if it is approved.
 - Location – Corner of Quay Park facing Third and Market Street intersection
 - Mr. Rathbun stated the Quay Square Committee is aware of the location for the monument
 - Once approved, they can start fundraising
 - Estimated cost: \$240,000 - \$250,000
 - Any monies left over will be forwarded to the Beaver County Foundation for future maintenance. Beaver Borough will not be responsible for maintenance.
 - Mayor Hamilton stated this will be discussed and reviewed at the November 26th Work Session – should have an answer to them by December.
- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – Asked when the public can review the 2020 proposed budget
 - Mayor Hamilton – The proposed budget will be voted on tonight. If passed, copies will be available at the borough office.
- Greg Peluso, 105 Oak Street –
 - Owner of property on Sharon Road. Passed out packets to each council member asking them to review and talk to whoever was in charge of the sidewalk replacement project. He'd like to have 3 questions answered: 1) Was the project communication done properly? 2) Was the project cost done properly? 3) Was the project completed properly? Received a letter with an approximate cost of \$2,800 and a final bill of \$7,300
 - Mayor Hamilton – Several public meeting were advertised and the job was put out for bid
 - Mr. Madgar – Communication can always be better and apologized on behalf of the Borough
- Alex Andres – Congratulated Mr. Deelo, Mr. Perini, Mr. Sebastian and Mr. Snowden for being re-elected to council and to Mr. Thomas for the election to School Board.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) –

- September 2019 and October 2019 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet
- No meeting November 2019

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Midge Sefton

- Reorganization meeting will be held January 6, 2020 at 6:30PM

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – No report

Planning Commission –

- October 21, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet.

Tree Commission –

- September 23, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- Reviewed October 2019 report enclosed in council packet.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – No report

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- October 16, 2019 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- The Police Collective Bargaining Agreement should be completed within the next 30 days

Finance – No report

Highway – Reported by Mr. Thomas

- Second Street paving project is completed
- Access Road – Waiting on better weather to have the asphalt laid as well as the basketball court
- Still waiting to confirm 2020 projects from Columbia Gas, Borough will decide paving projects based on Columbia Gas plans

General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres

- For the 5 Year Comprehensive Plan - will meet with Mr. Madgar to review the 2019 completed projects

Recreation –

- Ms. McKean – Would like to start writing a PA Conservation State Grant proposal to enclose the pavilion at Shaw Park to submit in January 2020.

Reports

Manager's/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed October 2019 report enclosed in council packet.
- Cancelled the Work Session scheduled for December 24, 2019
- Meeting regarding Light up Night organizers
 - For safety reasons – candy will not be allowed to be thrown from any floats, etc.

- Monument at Clark Park – awaiting a call back from Mr. Dioguardi
 - Ms. McKean stated she has already been in contact with another company
 - Mr. Madgar and Ms. McKean will discuss the matter further at another time
- Suspend night time parking from December 16, 2019 – March 1, 2020, excluding 3rd Street
- School District has engaged with a company to paint the lines on the basketball court in the spring
- Read a statement from Council President Sean Snowden:
 - I want to congratulate Jarrod Thomas for being elected to the Beaver Area School Board. Jarrod’s work with all of the borough road projects cannot be ignored. He spend countless hours of researching, planning, and communicating the details of the project to be sure all questions and/or concerns were addressed. It was an honor to have served with him, and I wish him nothing but the best.
- Notified council that he received a letter of interest for the vacant council seat from Frank Bovalino
 - Solicitor Fedeles –
 - Mr. Thomas’ election will not be certified until next week, therefore his resignation is contingent on the count be completed. Council then has 30 days from November 30th to fill the open seat.
 - The open seat does not have to be advertised
 - Mr. Madgar – Council can discuss any applicants and have the replacement sworn in at the January Reorganization meeting.
 - Ms. McKean – Post the opening on the borough website requesting to submit letter of interest to the borough office

President’s Report –

- Mr. Andres congratulated the Library on their fundraising event.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Thanked Mr. Thomas for his service on council and congratulated those who were reelected on council.

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Open House was held on October 19, 2019 was as success
 - Received 3 or 4 applications to become members
 - Still have Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer –

- October 2019 Borough Engineer and Municipal Authority monthly reports enclosed in council packet.

Solicitor Report –

- Executive Session to be held after the adjournment of the council meeting to discuss litigation and update on the police negotiations. No votes will be made after the Executive Session.

Old Business

Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 1 relating to Police Pension Plan

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part 5 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to the Borough of Beaver Police Pension Plan. Section 531 Definition of “Normal Retirement Age” and Section 534 “Retirement Benefits”. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 15 prohibiting parking on Center Way

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached ordinance amending Chapter 15, part 304 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic, parking will be prohibited on Center Way in both directions from Wilson Avenue to East End Avenue. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 15 restricting turning on Harlem Lane

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached ordinance amending Chapter 15, Part 208.1 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic, restricting any turning on Harlem Lane onto Market Street in any direction. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Ordinance amending Chapter 15 relating to adding a Stop Sign at the intersection of Bank Street and Navigation Street

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached ordinance amending Chapter 15, Part 204.1 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to Motor Vehicles and Traffic, adding a stop sign at the intersection of Bank Street and Navigation Street. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

New Business

Motion – Approve property tax rate of 26 mills for 2020

Motion by Mr. Perini, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Solicitor to draft an ordinance and to advertise the adoption of the tax ordinance for the fiscal year 2020 levying taxes at the current rate of 26 mills. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Advertise the 2020 Beaver Borough General Fund Budget

Motion by Mr. Perini, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the proposed General Fund Budget for 2020 and to authorize the Solicitor to advertise for adoption at the December 10, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Resignation of Council Member, Jarrod Thomas

Motion by Mr. Andres, I move that Beaver Borough Council accept Jarrod Thomas' letter of resignation as council member effective November 30, 2019, as stated in his resignation letter it will be contingent on the count completion. Seconded by Mr. Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Thomas. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:21PM

Executive Session ended at 9:00PM

Submitted by Rebecca Roberts