



BEAVER

The Regular Meeting of the Beaver Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, in the Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: President Joseph Zagorski; Vice-President Shirley Sayers; John Wolbert; Lauson Cashdollar; Daniel Deceder; Alex Andres; Kathryn Nestor; Mike Deelo; Mayor Thomas Hamilton; Solicitor John Petrush; Police Chief Dan Madgar; Walter McDermott.

VISITORS: Midge Sefton; Lynnette Shuster; George Kauffman; Jeff Lloyd; Bobby L. Moxley, Jr.; Chuck Copeland; Paul Waite; Luke Berardelli; Tommi Wagner; Dave Linkimer

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Zagorski clarified the purpose of the Executive Session at the prior Council Meeting to be personnel matters concerning possible disciplinary action.

Mr. Wolbert moved to approve Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 14, 2010 with the addition of the clarification of the purpose of Executive Session as explained by President Zagorski and Mr. Deceder having the dissenting vote on the payment of all bills. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sayers. Motion carried.

Persons in Attendance:

1. Deena Felice again addressed Council concerning skunks. She was advised that she would not be reimbursed for her expenses of skunk removal. She was further advised that Council would attempt to remediate this matter with Borough funds by eradication in the early months of February, March, and April. It was suggested that maybe residents could communicate through the comment section of the Beaver Borough web page.
2. Jeff Lloyd commended this Council for the outstanding job performed and hard work since last January and best wishes for the New Year. Also stated that the Newsletter was outstanding.
3. George Kauffman noticed that the sled riding was occurring outside the permitted area for sled riding.
4. Tommi Wagner commented that she was impressed with the Newsletter and wants to thank Mr. Wolbert as well as all rest of Council. The Newsletter is a huge benefit to the community in terms of information, public relations. The newsletter

itself is done quite nice graphically. Also wanted to thank this Council for all the hard work all Council members have given to all the citizens of Beaver in this transition time.

Mr. Deceder also offered his commendations to Val Brkich for the excellent job in putting the newsletter together.

5. Mr. Paul Wade spoke concerning the liens and assessment against his property concerning sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Cashdollar moved that Mr. Petrush be designated to meet with Mr. Wade and receive all of his evidence and return to Council with a recommendation for any adjustment that might be needed. Mr. McDermott seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

6. Bob Moxley, Chairman for Dravo, Navigation, 6th and 7th Street group, spoke requesting donation of street sign for that private alley. After discussion, Mr. McDermott moved that Solicitor Petrush review this matter for possible implications to the Borough should signage be donated for this alley and provide Council with a letter of recommendation. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sayers and the Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

1. Historical Preservation Ordinance – Mrs. Nestor spoke with Solicitor Petrush regarding the timing of the public announcement of the Ordinance and enactment by Council. The study group should be able to meet soon and then notify the Solicitor to advertise a summary of the proposed ordinance and where the full ordinance can be viewed.
2. Zoning Ordinance – Mr. Deceder reports a meeting on February 2, 2011 with Jeff Pierce, our consultant. Mr. Deceder requested that Solicitor Petrush advertise that the January Planning Commission Meeting is being rescheduled for February 2, 2011 to meet with all parties involved in hopes of having everything together to get the public meeting scheduled.
3. President Zagorski was concerned about the misplacement of the comprehensive plan and was informed by Mr. Deceder that he had a copy of the plan and would make it available.

New Business – None

Committee Reports

Water and Sewer Committee -- Mr. Michael Deelo, Chairperson

1. Mr. Deelo provided minutes of the January Committee Meeting
2. Mr. Deelo indicates that the Committee is looking at the need to install security cameras and surveillance equipment at water works, sewage treatment plants and storage tanks. Committee will be contacting the company currently handling the security equipment for the rest of the Borough.

General Government Committee – Mr. Kathryn Nestor, Chairperson

1. The Beaver Area Indoor Recreation Center Feasibility Study was provided for Council's information.
2. PSAB Spring Conference will be held from April 10-13th, 2011 and at least 5 members of Council will be attending.

Mrs. Nestor moved that the regularly scheduled April 12th, 2011 Council meeting be moved to April 19th, 2011 to accommodate those Council members attending the Spring Conference April 10-13th. Motion seconded by Dan Deceder and the Motion passed.

3. After review and discussion in Committee concerning the Christians United of Beaver County's request for waiver, Mrs. Nestor moves that we respond to Christians United of Beaver County that they may have use of Quay Park for two concerts in July and August of this year pending that Quay Park is available for those dates for a waived fee as in the past. Motion seconded by Mr. Cashdollar and the Motion passed.

The Policies, Procedures & Zoning Enforcement Committee will undertake to create a policy that will establish a policy for the users of Borough Parks and fees associated therewith.

Emergency & Recreation Services Committee – Mr. Alex Andres, Chairperson

1. Continuing to look at sled riding and will go to examine Economy Borough to see what their policies are since they have snow shovel sled riding.
2. The Committee has been discussing a possible spring clean up day with the assistance of volunteer groups. This activity would necessitate the need for at least two maintenance people on hand.

Mr. Andres is to obtain a roster of workers and proposed dates to present to Council for reconsideration.

3. Mr. Andrews moved for the formation of a Recreational Advisory Committee on the maintenance of recreational facilities. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sayers. Motion passed with a dissenting vote by President Zagorski.

Policies, Procedures & Code Enforcement Committee – Mr. Daniel Deceder, Chairperson

1. Minutes of regular Policies, Procedures & Code Enforcement Committee meeting were provided.
2. Provided International Property Maintenance Code for Council's review. Intend to present this for Council's approval at the next meeting of Council. President Zagorski has requested a training program about this IPMC before enactment.
3. Committee also discussed the differences between a zoning permit and a building permit.
4. Mr. Deceder moved to approve the attendance of himself and John Wolbert at the PSAB Seminar on blighted properties being held on January 29, 2011. Motion seconded by Mr. Wolbert and the Motion passed.

Finance Committee – Mr. J. Lauson Cashdollar, Chairperson

1. Mr. Cashdollar moved to approve the contract with Lynette Schuster as written and in the form provided to members of Council. Mr. Wolbert seconded the Motion and the Motion passed.
2. Mr. Cashdollar moved to approve the contract with solicitor Petrush in the form provided to members of Council and authorize the President to execute the same. Mrs. Sayers seconded the Motion and the Motion passed.
3. Chief Madgar, Mrs. Sayers and Mr. Cashdollar met on Monday, January 10, 2011 with Vanport Council to begin very basic, preliminary discussions concerning consolidation and cooperative arrangements. Mr. Deceder has agreed to make contact with certain people in Brighton Township. Also going to speak with Mrs. Nestor about contacts with Bridgewater.

Wage & Personnel Committee – Mrs. Shirley Sayers

1. The Beaver Festival Committee met on December 20, 2011. Shirley Pow from the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation and Chair of the Beaver Tales Storytelling Project met with the Committee and presented information about the Beaver Tales Project and asked the Festival Committee to help fund the project. The Committee agrees to provide \$3,000 for this worthwhile project.

Mrs. Sayers moved that Council release the funds in the amount of \$3,000 for the Beaver Tails Storytelling Project to Beaver Area Heritage Foundation. Motion seconded by Mr. Cashdollar and the Motion passed.

We will have discussion in Executive Session tonight about contract negotiations and the wages and benefits for non-union employees.

Chief Madgar – Beaver Borough Police Department

1. Next Academy class begins on January 31, 2001 and there are still vacancies if anyone wishes to attend.
2. Thanks to Mayor Hamilton, Mr. Cashdollar and Mrs. Sayers for attending the Vanport Township meeting.
3. During Executive Session we will bring Council up to date on the lawsuit.

Dave Linkimer – Beaver Borough Fire Department

1. The Fire Department will be celebrating its 175th birthday this year and is in the process of planning events to commemorate that event.
2. We have been asked to host the County Fire Prevention Parade and Memorial Service in October, 2011. There would be a separate day for the parade and then a different day for the memorial service.
3. The Fire Department will be holding its 5k and 10k race on June 4, 2011.
4. One of the members of the Department has suggested possibly picking up scrap materials in conjunction with the Clean Up day in May in an effort to raise funds. Can discuss this further if there are no major objections to Council.
4. Mr. Linkimer will be renewing his efforts regarding emergency management consolidation with Vanport, Bridgewater, and Brighton Township. Uncertain if there is any interest in this from the other communities.
5. Hazard Mitigation Plan of Beaver County has requested to be advised of any hazard mitigation projects within the Borough so that they might be included in the County Plan in order to be able to receive federal funds should they become available.

Education, Special Services Committee - Mr. John Wolbert, Chairperson

1. Mr. Wolbert motioned that Council approve the expenses for those members of Council desiring to attend the PSAB Spring Conference in Hershey April 10-13. Motion seconded by Mr. Cashdollar and the Motion passed.
2. Mr. Wolbert moved that Council appoint Shirley Sayers as the voting delegate and John Wolbert as the alternate voting delegate to the PSAB Spring Conference at Hersey April 10-13. Motion seconded by Mrs. Nestor and the Motion passed.
3. Mr. Wolbert moved that Council approve the expenses of Mike Deelo and Lauson Cashdollar to participate in the PSAB seminar on "Municipal Officials Training and Skills Development" on February 26, 2011 in Washington. PA . Motion seconded by Mrs. Sayers and the Motion passed.
4. Mr. Wolbert moved that Council approve an expenditure of up to \$600 for our four-member Civil Service Commission to attend the PSAB "Police Civil Service Training Workshop" on March 1, 2011 in Washington PA. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sayers and the Motion passed.
5. Mr. Wolbert presented a policy entitled "Policy Requiring Written Request for Executive Session" for openness relative to Council members seeking to have a matter discussed in Executive Sessions. Mr. Wolbert moved to have this policy adopted by Council. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Cashdollar. After much discussion, Mr. Wolbert withdrew this Motion. Council will proceed along the lines of good judgment so the citizens are satisfied with the reason for going into Executive Session.

Highway & Equipment Purchases Committee – Mr. Walter McDermott, Chairperson

1. Six pieces of surplus equipment were listed for bid and the bids were opened on January 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. We decided to eliminate one piece of equipment from the bidding. The remaining five pieces were sold, and we are awaiting the high bidder to come in and pay after Council has been notified.
2. President Zagorski explained the rationale behind retaining the Ford Pickup from the bidding. That is to keep this truck until such time that it can be determined that the proceeds of the sale of it will be used to purchase a newer four wheel drive pickup as a replacement.
3. Looking to place a trailer for sale in the spring because it is no longer used to haul around the backhoe and possibly relist the pickup truck removed from the most recent sale.
4. Mr. McDermott would like to earmark the funds received from the sale of all the equipment to be held separately in order to have funds available for the purchase of other equipment.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Petrush presented a resolution to the Council for ratification for destruction of records going from 1966 through 1997.

Mr. Cashdollar moved that Council adopt the Resolution as submitted by the solicitor and that it supersede any prior Motion with respect to the same subject. Motion seconded by Mrs. Sayers and the Motion passed.

Voting Items

1. Mrs. Sayers moved to appoint John Wolbert as Borough Assistant Secretary in the absence or disability of the Secretary. Motion seconded by Mr. Cashdollar and commented that any member of Council appointed to that position will serve without compensation. The Motion passed.
2. Mr. Wolbert spoke to Council about the stage/trailer utilized by the Borough for special events and the need to replace it.

Mr. Wolbert moved Council set a price for the flatbed trailer and advertise for its sale and use the proceeds towards the stage purchase. Mr. Deceder seconded the Motion. Mr. Wolbert voted for the Motion and all other members of Council voted against it.

Council went into Executive Session at 9:57 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations, wages of non-union employees, whistle blower information, and a lawsuit.

Council resumed the regular Council Meeting at 10:48 p.m.

1. Mrs. Sayers Motioned Council approve the following for Vicki Vanderbord, Administrative Assistant:
 - the elimination of longevity pay
 - sick days will change from 14 days to 11 sick and 3 personal days per year. Personal days cannot be accumulated
 - Sick Leave buy back will be – upon the employee's retirement or permanent layoff from the Borough, 25% of the accumulated sick leave will be purchased by the Borough at their current rate of direct pay with a maximum payment of \$3,000.00

- Employee will receive two payments of \$600 for the year 2011 – one the first pay in June and December.
- with all other benefits remaining the same as in 2010

Mr. Deceder seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with Mr. Wolbert dissenting.

2. Mrs. Sayers motioned Council approve the following for Jan Mohrbacher, Administrative Assistant:

- the elimination of longevity pay
- sick days will change from 14 days to 11 sick and 3 personal days per year. Personal days cannot be accumulated
- Sick Leave buy back will be – upon the employee’s retirement or permanent layoff from the Borough, 25% of the accumulated sick leave will be purchased by the Borough at their current rate of direct pay with a maximum payment of \$3000.00
- Employee will receive two payments of \$600 for the year 2011 – one the first pay in June and December.
- with all other benefits remaining the same as in 2010

Mr. Cashdollar seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with Mr. Wolbert dissenting.

3. Mrs. Sayers motioned Council approve the following for Jane Hawthorne, the Police Clerk:

- the elimination of longevity pay
- sick days will change from 14 days to 11 sick and 3 personal days per year. Personal days cannot be accumulated.
- Sick Leave buy back will be – upon the employee’s retirement or permanent layoff from the Borough, 25% of the accumulated sick leave will be purchased by the Borough at their current rate of direct pay with a maximum payment of \$3000.00
- Employee will receive two payments of \$600 for the year 2011 – one the first pay in June and December

Mr. Cashdollar seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with Mr. Wolbert dissenting.

4. Mrs. Sayers motioned Council approve the following for Bonnie Dinsmore, the Part-time Police Clerk:

- Hourly rate will increase from \$11.25 to \$11.60
- As a part-time employee you are not eligible for any other benefits.

Mr. Cashdollar seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with Mr. Wolbert dissenting.

5. Mrs. Sayers motioned Council approve the following for Part-time Police Officers:

- Hourly rate will increase from \$14.25 to \$14.50
- Hourly wage for work on Holidays will increase from \$20.75 to \$21.00
(Holidays are: New Year's Day, President's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

Mrs. Nestor seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with Mr. Wolbert dissenting.

6. Mrs. Sayers motioned Council approve the following for School Crossing Guards:

- rate and method of pay will remain the same as in 2010.

Mr. McDermott seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with Mr. Wolbert and Mr. Deceder dissenting.

7. Mrs. Sayers motioned Council approve the following for Daniel L. Madgar, Police Chief:

- will receive a 5% pay raise for the year 2011 with all other benefits as presented in his previous letters of employment.

Mr. Deceder seconded the Motion. The Motion passed with Mr. Wolbert dissenting.

8. Mrs. Sayers motioned to pay all bills. Motion seconded by Mr. Deceder and the Motion carried.

9. Mrs. Sayers motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Wolbert and the Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Taylor, Borough Secretary and John W. Wolbert, Assistant Borough Secretary