



BEAVER

A regular meeting of the Beaver Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in the Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: President Joseph Zagorski; Walter McDermott; Vice-President Shirley Sayers; Lauson Cashdollar; John Wolbert; Daniel Deceder; Kathryn Nestor; Solicitor John Petrush; Mayor Thomas Hamilton; Police Chief Dan Madgar; Donna Taylor, Borough Secretary

ABSENT: Alex Andres

VISITORS: George Kaufman; Midge Sefton; Richard Sayers; Betty Burk; Jeff Lloyd; Chuck Casbourne; John R. Grosskopf; Paul Waite; Luke Berardelli; Jennifer Temple; Tommi Wagner

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Shirley Sayers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call at 7:30 p.m. President Zagorski and Walter McDermott were present via phone as permitted by case law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wolbert moved to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 8, 2011. Mr. Deelo seconded the motion, and it passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Wolbert moved to approve the minutes of the special council meeting of February 21, 2011. President Zagorski seconded the motion, and it passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Deceder moved to approve the minutes of the special council meeting of February 26, 2011. Mr. Wolbert seconded the motion, and it passed by a voice vote.

Persons in Attendance:

1. Midge Sefton, 1360 River Road, thanked council for allowing members of the Beaver Borough Police Civil Service Commission to attend the workshop in Little Washington on March 1, 2011.
2. Paul Waite, 525 Galey Blvd., renewed his request to have his sidewalk assessment reviewed. To date, he has had no response. Mr. Waite also discussed his "right to know" request that has gone unanswered. Vice President Sayers indicated she would pursue the matter with the Borough Engineer and get back to Mr. Waite tomorrow. Mr. Waite specifically wants to know who authorized the filing of the liens.

3. Tommi Wagner, 230 Beaver Street, announced that a new group in Beaver has been formed and named the "Beaver Welcoming Committee". The committee has been formed to welcome newcomers and their families to Beaver, provide information among other things, about Beaver amenities, activities, borough information, local merchants and recreational opportunities. Jennifer Temple, Maryann Peluso and Mary Jo Yarris are committee members.
4. Mr. Petrush, Fourth Street, addressed council as a citizen and not as solicitor. His comments were in reference to the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance on the agenda for adoption this evening. Mr. Petrush believes that Council should review the costs associated with the implementation of this Ordinance and where those funds would come from, in the budget, as well as the actual necessity of further regulation.
5. Chuck Casbourne, Fourth Street, announced that the Crime Solvers' Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2010 and has tickets available for that fundraising banquet.
6. Luke Berardelli, 155 S. Lincoln, requested additional information on the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Mrs. Nestor responded briefly, because there had been a public meeting last Thursday, on this matter and not one resident or business owner attended. Mr. Petrush's initial comments to council sparked further discussion among council and Mr. Berardelli.

Vice President Sayers introduced, to the public, Whitney Brady as the Candidate for Borough Manager. Ms. Brady made some preliminary remarks and thanked council for the opportunity to serve as this borough's manager.

Committee Reports:

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

1. Mr. McDermott addressed the renaming of alleys within the Borough. Solicitor Petrush has an ordinance prepared, but is hoping to wrap the naming process into one ordinance rather than several.

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

1. The committee plans to meet on March 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The January 26, 2011 Beaver Business District Authority meeting minutes are provided to Council.
3. Mr. Wolbert moved that Council approve Council's participation in the PSAB webinar entitled PEMA -- Emergency Management for Municipal Officials to be held March 15th and 17th from noon to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$40. Motion seconded by Mr. Cashdollar. The \$40 cost is for any number of participants. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4. Mr. Wolbert moved Council to approve the manager's participation in the 2011 PSAB Annual Conference at Hershey, PA to be held April 10-13 and all expenses to include registration, room reservations, meals and mileage. Motion seconded by Mr. Cashdollar. The motion passed by a voice vote.
5. Mr. Wolbert moved Council to grant permission to the US Attorney's Office and the Women's Center of Beaver County to hold a candlelight vigil in Beaver's parks including the gazebo, on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, according to their letter dated March 8, 2011, based upon availability of the facilities. Motion seconded by Mr. Deceder. Mr. Deelo voted against the Motion, but the motion passed by voice vote.

Emergency and Wage & Personnel Committee – Mrs. Shirley Sayers, Chairperson

1. Emergency Services and Wage and Personnel meetings were cancelled in February.
2. The next meeting of the Emergency Services committee will be held on March 24, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
3. The next meeting of the Wage and Personnel Committee will be held on March 24th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hamilton

Mayor Hamilton had nothing to report.

Beaver Police Department - Chief Madgar

1. The Police Department hosted mandatory state training in Beaver and it was a huge costs saving to the police department because of not having to pay mileage, meals, etc. However, the problems associated with the training relate to the speaker system in the community room and the use of the speakerphone system. Chief Madgar reminded everyone that the speaker system was to be upgraded some time ago.
2. Chief Madgar reminded everyone of the road project concerning Route 376. Fifth Street from Dravo to Market and College to Market will be closed to eliminate the chances of traffic trying to cross Market Street with the build up of traffic due to the rerouting of Route 376.
3. Mrs. Sayers also mentioned that this weekend the railroad will be tearing the tracks out and there will be no access to the dumping area.

Beaver Volunteer Fire Department - Fire Chief John Grosskopf

1. Fire department responded to 7 calls in February. There were two car accidents, false alarms, and also a natural gas leak in a residence.

2. Department is working with the Borough to purchase new air monitoring equipment, not only for use by the Fire Department, but also for borough employees to use in confined space, entry, or work at the sewage plant. The department met Friday with a representative from Pro-Am and are waiting on a quote.
3. The 5k Race has received a new sponsorship from the Running Store. The Running Store will now pass out the race packets which will aid the community by bringing people into the business community.
4. Mr. Cashdollar reminded the Fire Chief of the need for resolutions for any activity undertaken by the Fire Department except for the responding to fires in order to adequately provide workmen's compensation coverage. This needs to be done on an annual basis.
5. Just a reminder of the steel --aluminum collection for fundraising to support the Fire Departments 175th Anniversary.

Finance Committee – Mr. J. Lauson Cashdollar, Chairperson

1. We are closer to making a determination of the changeover for our phone/internet systems that should result in a \$3,000 a year savings after the first year.
2. Also identified a change in accounting software that over a 5 year period should save \$25,000. Unfortunately, the changeover probably cannot be accomplished until the beginning of next year. Ms. Brady has been asked to inquire when our contract year for the accounting software is finished.
3. The finance committee has discussed a list of projects that must be undertaken by that committee under the supervision of the Committee and our new borough manager and hope to provide that to council at the next meeting.
4. Mr. Cashdollar moved that the proposed Ordinance Amending Beaver Borough's Pension Plan for its full-time, non uniform employees changing some terms relating to future, non-union participants be approved and adopted by Council effective as of this date, March 8, 2011, and that the president of Council and the Borough Secretary be instructed to fully execute the same as soon as possible. Mr. Wolbert seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

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

1. Mr. Deceder advised the committee meeting was cancelled for last week because we wanted to see what would transpire tonight.
2. Preparing for Council's review at the next meeting: the consolidation of the zoning and property maintenance code enforcement positions into one position.
3. Next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

4. At the next committee meeting there may also be a discussion of the pending resolution on the Beaver Municipal Authority.
5. Working with Jeff Emerick of A to Z Wildlife, and the information provided by Dave Linkimer in identifying a potential location of a den, we successfully trapped a female skunk. If anyone spots skunks he should notify Mr. Deceder and he will convey the information to Mr. Emerick. Mr. Emerick is aware of the Borough budget and will adhere to it. A homemade formula for killing odors left by the skunk is printed and available at the desk and in the newsletter.

Recreation Services Committee – Mr. Alex Andres, Chairperson

1. Minutes of the most recent committee meeting are provided to council for review.
2. Update on the community garden status will be delayed until the April meeting.
3. The minutes indicate the borough pool has been fully staffed. There was much discussion concerning the staffing issue that will be further reviewed by the Recreation Committee and the Policies, Procedures & Zoning Enforcement Committee. Clearly, the Pool Manager, and the Assistant Manager and Second Assistant Manager were hired at the end of last season in an effort to keep those individuals on board.

General Government Committee – Mrs. Kathryn Nestor, Chairperson

1. Mrs. Nestor moved that the ordinance amending the Code to the Borough of Beaver by creating a new Chapter 11 entitled “Historic Preservation and Regulating Demolition in the National Historic District be approved by council. Mr. Deceder seconded the motion.

Following discussion by council, Mr. Deelo moved to table the motion that was made to approve the Historic Preservation Ordinance. President Zagorski seconded the motion. The motion to table carried after the following roll call vote:

Mr. McDermott – Yes; Mr. Wolbert- Yes; Mrs. Sayers – Yes; Mr. Cashdollar – Yes; Mr. Deceder – No; Mrs. Nestor – No; Mr. Deelo – Yes; Mr. Zagorski – Yes.

As an extension of the regular General Government Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. will occur for the specific purpose of further discussion on the Historic Preservation Ordinance. All council and the members of the public are invited to attend. This will be the final discussion on this issue prior to action on the motion to adopt the ordinance.

2. Mrs. Nestor called and spoke with Randy Dawson who is the CAD Supervisor with Emergency Management in Ambridge prior to meeting with Dave Hagan, Zoning Officer. Mr. Dawson advised that the Emergency Center does not use alley

addresses to direct 911 assistance only street addresses. While with Mr. Hagan and examining the maps, it was learned that other streets, alleys and properties demonstrate other irregularities, not just duplicate names. Mr. Hagan recommended that the duplications be dealt with by utilizing north, south, east and west. Mrs. Nestor concurred in that recommendation. President Zagorski asks that the matter be tabled until his return.

Mr. Kaufman suggested that instead of renaming streets or alleys, maybe re-number the houses so that there are not duplicate addresses.

3. At the February COG meeting there was an indication of a faint hope that the three county commissioners will still consider a county wide flood plain ordinance.
4. Earned Income Tax Committee met February 16, 2011 and the committee reviewing the contract with Centax so that we will have a collection agency.
5. Mrs. Nestor attended a informational program on March 1, 2011 at CCBC. Amy Camp, a New Brighton native and Program Manager for Trail Town Program which is an economic initiative along the great Allegheny Passage, presented economic research that affirms positive economic impact of trail tourism.

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

1. A committee meeting was held on March 2, 2011. Review of the recent inspection by DEP for wastewater treatment facility on February 10, 2011. There were no violations and the plant was found in very good working order. Still a concern was proportional flow control of chlorine addition to our final effluent. This may require instrumentation to insure the control both day and night. Also a concern was manual sampling. We are considering automated sampling. A third concern was that of certified operators. We have one regular operator. Our engineer, who is on call is a certified operator. Greg Flowers is scheduled to take the test on April 1, 2011 to fill the position as a certified operator.
2. Robinson Pipe was contracted to clean out some of the sanitary sewer lines. There were significant concerns on Third Street due to the accumulation of grease from the restaurants. Committee needs to find a way to encourage business and restaurants to use and keep the grease traps operating properly in the future.

Unfinished Business

1. Zoning Ordinance – Consultant was out with the flu. We will get this back on schedule very quickly, but uncertain whether it will be before the next Planning Commission meeting.
2. Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Deceder has made initial inquiries. The initial thought is to get the chairs from the planning commission for the municipalities that make up the Beaver Area School District to determine what commonalities exist. Funding will be

more available to a multi-municipal plan. The difference now is the County Comprehensive Plan that is so much more comprehensive and previously.

3. Mr. Deceder and Mr. Deelo inspected culvert at the end of Galey Boulevard and potential problems with the flow of waters. This culvert flows down under the doctor's office and into Two Mile Run. Need to meet with the Borough Engineer to discuss what needs to be done for the protection of everyone.

Voting Items

1. This item was removed by request of Mr. Deceder.
2. Ms. Brady, although not fully hired until tomorrow morning, she has been here working within the Borough offices for the past week in an effort to get a jump-start on her responsibilities. Mr. Cashdollar moved that the Borough Manager's compensation package, as executed by her and submitted to each member for review via email setting forth a base salary of \$58,000, be approved and adopted; and further that her hire be finally confirmed and approved effective Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. her first official day of work. Mr. Deceder seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.
3. Mr. Cashdollar moved that the Resolution Closing Out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project BRC-Tag.13.3-457 be approved and adopted by Council and that the President and the Borough Secretary be directed to fully execute the same as soon as possible. Mr. Deceder seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

Solicitor's Report -- John J. Petrush

Solicitor Petrush had nothing to report.

President Zagorski motioned to pay all bills as presented at this meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Deelo and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Wolbert motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. McDermott and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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