



A Special Meeting of the Beaver Borough Council, as advertised, was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, in the Community Room at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Shirley Sayers; Vice President J. Lauson Cashdollar; Patrick Sims; Walter McDermott; John Wolbert; Dan Deceder; Kathryn Nestor; Michael Deelo; Solicitor John Petrush; Mayor Thomas Hamilton; Manager Whitney Brady; Sgt. McCoy

ABSENT: Alex Andres absent; Patrick Sims arrived at 8:30 p.m.

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

VISITORS: Judy Cashdollar; Luke Berardelli; Tommi Wagner; Jarrod Thomas; John Grosskopf; Richard F. Williams; Lynette Shuster; Jon Shuster

Manager Brady presented four scenarios for a proposed general fund budget for discussion to council. Following extensive discussions among council, the following motions resulted:

1. Mr. Cashdollar moved that council adopt a proposed modified budget of option C, which is a 2 mill increase, with the following changes in revenue; street opening permits at a rate at which the borough manager computes we will receive \$3,000; sidewalk permits to be returned to the number contained in the ordinance which is \$75; that the dumping permits increase to \$20; parking meters, that we ask the borough manager to project a parking meter increase that will result in projected revenues of between \$40,000-45,0000, that to be at the discretion of the borough manager; that we determine for safety reasons we cannot open the pool; that any savings from the pool be committed to our current operating budget; with respect to the expenses we would keep the road paving at \$135,000; we make no changes with respect to the fire department; the highway storm drains we go to \$25,000; vehicle maintenance at \$10,000; the Shade Tree Commission we go to \$20,000, and that this council commit to a ongoing series of reviews and budget meetings next year with respect to finding additional cuts and that we adopt the suggestion of council member Nestor with respect to establishing some sort of formal program that will encourage our employees and members of the community to provide us with savings ideas and that, if adopted, will provide for rewards from somewhere between \$50 to \$500. Mrs. Nestor seconded the motion and the motion passed after a roll call as follows:

Mr. Wolbert – No; Mr. Sims – Absent; Mr. McDermott – Yes; Mr. Cashdollar – Yes; Mr. Deceder – No; Mr. Andres – Absent; Mrs. Nestor – Yes; Mr. Deelo – Yes; President Sayers –No.

2. Mr. Cashdollar moved that council authorize the solicitor to advertise a tax ordinance with a proposed millage rate of 24 mills for the tax year 2012. Mr. Wolbert seconded the motion and it carried by a voice vote.

At 8:10 there was a five minute break by council. At 8:15 council resumed and Pat Sims joined council.

2. Mr. Cashdollar moved that council approve the way liquid fuels and festival budgets are being documented and carried as line items. Mr. McDermott seconded the motion and it carried by a voice vote.

3. Mr. Cashdollar moved that a line item be added in the amount of \$240,391 into the capital improvement line for revenue for the 2012 water and sewer budget bringing the total revenue for 2012 to \$1,407,791. Mr. Deceder seconded the motion and the motion carried by a voice vote.

4. Mr. Deelo moved that council adopt the proposed water and sewer budget for 2012, as amended. Mr. Cashdollar seconded the motion and it carried by a voice vote.

Mr. Deceder announced that for the next regular council meeting, representatives of the JROTC will be present to be recognized and presented with a certificate of appreciation for their stepping up and offering snow shovel service again.

There being no other business, President Sayers adjourned the special meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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