

MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING **August 21, 2018**

HELD AT THE BIG BEAVER MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 114 FOREST DRIVE, DARLINGTON, PA 16115

President Jason Landsbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Mayor: Don Wachter

President: Jason Landsbach

Vice President: Roz Miller

Council Members: Michelle Joy

Bart Carr

Dennis Stiteler

Jeff Magee

Admin./Treas.: Virginia Binder

Admin./Treas.: Candy Braniff

Admin. Asst.: Becky Bell

Engineer: Emily Palmer

Solicitor: Shannon Steele

Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella

Road Master: Don Reeher Depart: 8:45

**Absent:** Council Member: Bob Davenport

**Visitors:**

Mr. Sean Naylor from the Tower Access Group was present to discuss the status of the construction of a communications tower located at Norwood Drive.

Mr. Jared Svihra from Mines and Meadows was present to congratulate the Borough on the recent announcement of the casino.

Ms. Linda McFadden, Borough resident was present to express concerns at the Big Beaver Park. Her first concern is with the garbage receptacles. Could council look in to installing lids on the cans so that garbage is not blown about and to help control the flies. Second, Ms. McFadden requested permission to plant and maintain milk weed at the park to provide food and habitat for the endangered Monarch Butterfly.

Ms. Susan Farrelly, Borough resident was present to discuss her application for land development and subdivision of her property.

Mr. Martin Morris, Borough resident was present with concern for the Borough's comprehensive plan regarding areas of R1, road traffic and police enforcement moving forward with the casino.

Mr. Montgomery, Borough resident was present with concern regarding the incoming casino.

Mrs. Teresa Welsh, Borough resident was present to discuss her application for land development and subdivision of her property. Motion was made to allow Conditional Approval, all in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from July 17th and the August 7th were reviewed and a motion made by Roz Miller seconded by Denny Stiteler to accept as written. All in favor, motion carried.

**Financials:**

Ms. Braniff presented the July financials and a motion to accept the July financials was made by Michelle Joy seconded by Jeff Magee all in favor, motion passed. The prepared August bill list was read by Ms. Braniff. Michelle Joy made a motion seconded by Dennis Stiteler to approve as funds become available. All in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Binder requested that the Borough set up all recurring bills to be paid by ACH payments, to stop assessment of late fees and security deposits. Roz Miller made a motion seconded by Dennis Stiteler. All in favor except, motion carried.

The Act 32 Earned Income Tax Monthly Report was reviewed by council.

**Streets & Roads:**

Mr. Reeher gave his report on the maintenance and upkeep of the Borough's road and the status of the Boom Mowing.

Bart Carr requested that the Borough cut and remove old gas lines that stick out of the ground on Hollowvue Road.

Ms. Binder discussed the need for Purchase Orders to be completed on all purchases made for maintenance and equipment for the Road Department. Ms. Binder also requested an inventory be completed on all equipment at the Road Garage for insurance purposes.

Mayor Wachter, discussed that he spoke with Koppel Borough Council and Koppel is in favor of Jake Braking.

Status of Boom Mowing was discussed and reinstated that we need to be aware of our rights-of-way and boundary lines, so not to encroach on private property.

**Buildings & Equipment:**

Bart Carr inquired about the status of the radios for the Road Department. Discussion was made as to quantity, range of use, if they are portable or stationary and cost. Informed that an information packet was forthcoming, and we would discuss at next council meeting.

President Landsbach inquired as to the status of the new Peterbilt truck. Mayor Wachter updated council that parts were being ordered and construction beginning.

**Public Relations:**

President Landsbach informed council of the Final inspection of the Homewood Viaduct on Thurs. August 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30a.m. All were invited to attend.

**Parks & Recreation:**

Michelle Joy updated council on the status of the Disc Golf course at Big Beaver Park.

**Ordinances:**

Solicitor Shannon Steele informed council she is in the process of the review.

**Planning Commission:**

Minutes from the August 8th meeting were reviewed to council by Dennis Stiteler.

**Municipal Authority:**

Jeff Magee reported on the Municipal Authorities meeting and their status. Discussion was made regarding the condition of the sewage lines and pump stations.

**Zoning:**

Dawna Pella, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer gave her report.

Ms. Pella addressed the subject of having a process for efficient communication regarding the casino development.

She informed council that there have been two false alarm calls at Park Inn. She will continue to monitor with Fire Department.

Update was given on the sale and demolition of the Skating Rink.

Update on Danny's Motel, extension was granted by Magistrate.

**Solicitor:**

Solicitor Steele gave her report.

Solicitor Steele updated on the traffic signal at the intersection of State Route 18 and Fairlane Blvd., which is in Koppel Borough's jurisdiction.

Solicitor Steele discussed the ongoing issue regarding the condition of the truck purchased at Ron Lewis.

**Engineer:**

Engineer Palmer gave her report. The MS4 waiver application has been submitted to PaDEP.

Engineer Palmer reported Turnpike Commission-Bridge Replacement Project is still ongoing with no changes

Engineer Palmer reported Wesex Corporation Development is ongoing with no changes.

Engineer Palmer reported Patricia Drive Storm Sewer is deteriorating due to previous project. Recommendation to improve existing structure. Reviewed two quotes for repairs. Informed council that Brady's Run Sanitary Authority has driven a post through the storm sewer.

Park Covered Bridge is still ongoing.

514 McKinley Road is still ongoing and President Landsbach will call.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Wachter discussed water issue by Dollar General and he will investigate the issue.

Mayor Wachter reported he will draft a letter to PennDOT from Big Beaver Borough and Koppel Borough regarding the Jake Braking.

At 10:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candy Braniff