

MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING **April 16, 2019**
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:

President: Jason Landsbach	Admin. Assist.: Becky Bell
Vice President: Roz Miller – Via Telephone	Admin./Treas.: Debbie Ahern
Council Members: Michelle Joy	Solicitor: Shannon Steele – Depart 8:05
Bart Carr	Engineer: Larry Lennon
Dennis Stiteler	Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella
Jeff Magee	Road master: Don Reeher

Absent: Mayor, Don Wachter & Councilman: Bob Davenport

Visitors:

Mr. & Mrs. Conley were in attendance from the Tragasser Plan regarding the dirt and dust from tar and chipping of the roads. Mr. Conley will provide the borough with a name of a contact in the asphalt business to come and look at the roads in the plan and provide advice to solve this problem. Mr. Conley will contact President Landsbach.

Ms. Sarah Pennell was present to announce she is running for Beaver County Controller. Council thanked her for coming.

Mr. Marty Morris was present to advise council of the efforts of the resident to clean-up borough and state roads. Mr. Morris had further business to discuss. Due to time constraints, President Landsbach will speak with him after the meeting.

Ms. Cynthia Salopek asked council for advice regarding her neighbor with a flooding issue and the neighbor taking her "No Trespassing" sign off her privacy fence. Solicitor Steele advised Ms. Salopek that this is a civil issue that she would have to seek private legal council.

Ms. Maryann Schweitzer thanked council for organizing Lindy Paving for sweeping the Tragasser Plan of dirt and loose gravel. She would like Lindy to come back and finish the whole plan.

Ms. Cheryl Uslenghi thanked the road crew for enduring the dust that they experienced during the boroughs sweeping of the Tragasser Plan.

Mr. Buddy Pfeifer asked permission from council to clean-up the area at the end of Shadelane Circle where he built his new home. After a discussion, Solicitor Steele relayed to the resident that this is a paper street. The borough does not have any authority with the clearing of that property.

Minutes:

The minutes from March 19th and April 2, 2019 meetings were reviewed and a motion was made by Bart Carr seconded by Jeff Magee to accept as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Financials:

Ms. Ahern presented the March financials and a motion to accept the March financials was made by Michelle Joy seconded by Bart Carr. All in favor, motion passed. The prepared April bill list was read by Ms. Ahern. Michelle Joy made a motion seconded by Dennis Stiteler to approve as funds become available. All in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Ahern presented the COG contracts for spring and summer materials. Jeff Magee made a motion to accept the spring and summer materials as presented seconded by Bart Carr. All in favor, motion carried.

Dennis Stiteler made a motion seconded by Jeff Magee to approve the final payment including March 6, 2019 to Ms. Margie Nelko. All in favor, motion carried.

Streets & Roads / Buildings & Equipment:

Summer employment was tabled due to lack of information.

Bart Carr reported that a certified electrician is all that is needed for a generator for the garage doors to function if a power outage would occur. Resident Mr. Morris has a contact for an electrician.

LSSE is in the process of scheduling a borough road tour.

Public Relations:

Michelle Joy reported on the disc golf course. She reported that the committee has completed hole #14. They will continue clearing the fairways. The first nine holes are completed and ready for players. At hole #1 an information board will be installed to post information about the course and a map of the course. Michelle Joy will research the cost for this project.

Michelle Joy reported that the website is up to date with the council meeting minutes. She will continue to work on more updates for the site.

Planning Commission:

Dennis Stiteler gave his report. He reported on the West Gate Business Park. Mr. Bob Rice attended and gave an overview of the plans. The Planning Commission made a motion to recommend Council's approval of the West Gate Business Park Commonwealth Drive Pavement and Public Utility Extension subdivision.

Michelle Joy made a motion seconded by Jeff Magee to approve the West Gate Commonwealth Drive Ext. Pavement and Public Utility Expansion subdivision. All in favor, motion carried.

The Geopetro LLC compressor station was briefly discussed. LSSE Engineer informed the committee that a variance and a land development approval would be necessary as well as heavy hauling excess maintenance agreement are received.

Municipal Authority:

Jeff Magee reported that the 2017 audit was completed by Cottrill and Arbutina, Assoc.

The Operator for the Municipal Authority would like a monitoring system set-up for each of the pump stations.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15th.

Public Safety:

Michelle Joy made a motion seconded by Dennis Stiteler to fund the Big Beaver Borough VFD in the amount of \$20,000 for a fire truck. All in favor, motion carried.

Zoning:

Dawna Pella, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, reported on the process of the roller rink. Their demolition activity is moving right along. Plans have been submitted to MDIA for new development.

Complaints with noise from the race track have been received. Ms. Pella explained that the race track is an approved use based on the initial processes that have come before the Zoning/Planning/Council boards long ago.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Shannon Steele reported on the cell tower and the developer's agreement. She is in the process of reviewing the cell tower's requested changes.

The road bond for DeNoon Lumber was mailed to Mr. Caperton for a portion of Hollowvue Road for logging purposes.

Engineer Lennon gave his report. He reported on the West Gate subdivision that was received with comments. Council approved the subdivision as mentioned after the planning report in these minutes.

At 9:15 p.m. President Landsbach suspended the regular meeting for an executive session for a personnel issue. At 9:25 p.m. the regular meeting resumed.

Jeff Magee made a motion seconded by Dennis Stiteler to increase Debbie Ahern's salary in the amount of \$4,000.00 a year effective Monday, April 22, 2019. All in favor, motion carried.

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Bell