

MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 20, 2021
HELD AT THE BIG BEAVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 621 FRIENDSHIP RD,
DARLINGTON, PA 16115

President Michelle Joy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Roll Call:

Mayor: Don Wachter

President: Michelle Joy

Vice President: Roz Miller

Councilmen: Bart Carr

Kim Wagner

Dennis Stiteler

Jason Landsbach

Jeff Magee

Admin. Assist.: Jennifer Gasser

Admin./Treas.: Debbie Ahern (Zoom)

Zoning/ Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella

Solicitor: Shannon Steele

Public Works Admin: Chad Crawford

Engineer: Larry Lennon

Public Comment

Kathy McClure advised Michelle Joy provided a list of priority duties for the Planning Commission. Ms. McClure thanked Council for opening up communications and inquired on how Council wants the Planning Commission to respond to Council, what meeting they want the Planning Commission to attend and what they would like to hear about.

Garrett Schriver asked about road repairs on Aley Hill from Shenango to Hollowvue and then Hollowue to Friendship. Chad Crawford advised the Borough Council already approved for repairs from Shenango to Friendship and discussed with Mr. Schriver the repairs to be done. Mr. Schriver inquired if there was a bond with the pipeline work and Chad Crawford advised yes and Dominion will give the Borough the money for repairs, for the Borough to hire a contractor to fix the damage caused.

Park Lutton addressed Council regarding how many acres are needed to put a sand mound in Big Beaver. Michelle Joy advised he would need to speak with the Sewage Enforcement Officer, Mike Groves.

Approval of Agenda

Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Kim Wagner to approve the agenda. All in favor, Agenda is approved.

Approval of Minutes

Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2021, March Financials, and April Bill List. All in favor, all approved.

Professional Reports:

Mayors Report: Mayor Wachter had no updates.

Police Report: Chief Johnson advised, as submitted in his report, they had 82 calls for the month of March, participated in the PA DUI association and several roaming patrols for that purposes and aggressive driving

patrols were included. He advised they are aware of dumping complaints within the Borough, and they are investigating the reports when they come. Chief Johnson advised when Residents observe people dumping to gain as much description as possible as far as the person or vehicle and to contact the police department. He understands a lot of the information is coming through social media and this does not always help them and is coming in after the fact. If it is reported directly to the police, they can send someone out to investigate.

Zoning Report: Ms. Pella and Chief Johnson discussed the house fire on Shenango Rd. Ms. Pella advised the Creebs Variance was denied and their options are to wait to build the house then the garage or they can appeal it. Ms. Pella and Council discussed a sign at the Beaver Strip (vacant lot) indicating they will build something for you or you can use it for outside storage and the recent Conditional Use hearing. After discussion, Council agreed to have Dawna Pella reach out to the applicant. If Ms. Pella receives the same information, then the Solicitor Ms. Steele will reach out to their attorney. Ms. Pella discussed the Swaglock request for an expansion and inquired on a timeframe for the Zoning Map being completed. After discussion, the goal is to have the Zoning Map completed within three months, but there is no guarantee. Ms. Pella reported on a complaint she received on Sunday regarding a burning at the Lilly's property. She will send them a reminder letter regarding the burning Ordinance in Big Beaver.

Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Jeff Magee to approve for three citations for the three junk cars at 1852 Shenango RD. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

Ms. Drzik inquired how her property became zoned Commercial and after discussion with Council she will follow up with Ms. Pella.

Mr. Shriver asked about the Beaver Strip Conditional Use hearing and the UTV/ATV place and if they have plans on running them outside that will violate any noise situations. Ms. Pella advised prior to the hearing she asked that question and they advised nothing would be going on outside. Mr. Shriver inquired if they are running the machines inside, do they have the proper carbon monoxide detectors. Ms. Pella advised MDIA would have reviewed all requirement and the building permit was approved.

Engineer Report: Turned In. Mr. Lennon advised the Turnpike's submission for Foxwood drive is acceptable for adoption/vacation for the Borough and Shannon would have to draw up the advertisement. Commonwealth Finance Authority meets tomorrow for the Greenway Trails grant submitted and the new application is open until May 31, 2021. Mr. Lennon has talked to the developer for the Wessex Development, and they are trying to find tenants and will be working on a design for a building up there in a couple of months. Mr. Lennon advised with the Conditional Use hearing that happened a few weeks ago in the new Zoning Ordinance, a lot of the items the item in the old Zoning Ordinance for a Conditional Use are not in the new Zoning Ordinance. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to have Shannon advertise for the portion of Foxwood RD that no longer exist due to the construction (advertise the ordinance to vacate Foxwood rd). Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

Solicitor Report: Shannon Steele advised she has to check with the Beaver County Economic Group (Ed Namath) to finalize their Stormwater Development agreement and he asked about transferring ownership of the Lift Station to Big Beaver; however, he has more to explain to Ms. Steele.

Public Works Report: Park Lutton and Chad Crawford discussed Cul-De-Sac requirements and the size of the Cul-De-Sac on Chapel, Mr. Crawford will measure the Cul-De-Sac. There was discussion regarding the Liquid Fuel requirements and the money the Borough receives from Liquid Fuels.

Secretary Report: Turned In

Items to be voted on:

ITEM 1 Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Jeff Magee to accept the Resignation of Council Member Dennis Stiteler. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

ITEM 2 Roz Miller advised she spoke with Luke Taiclet and Michelle Joy advised Rhonda Androlia is interested in filling the Council vacancy. Jason Landsbach advised we have 30-days from the date of acceptance and requested more time. Ms. Joy advised there is a vacancy committee. Mayor Wachter inquired if an ad should be put in the Newspaper. Ms. Joy advised if we did not have anyone interested. This matter tabled until next meeting.

ITEM 3 Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Jeff Magee to approve the Resolution (03-2021) for Intergovernmental Emergency Cooperation for Matt Straub to be the EMC for both Big Beaver and New Galilee Borough. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

ITEM 4 Debbie Ahern advised Bond Money can be spent of the Feasibility study. Jason Landsbach inquired how much we have spent so far and if that goes towards the \$10,000.00 or is it \$10,000.00 more. This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business Discussion:

Beaver County Cog – Debbie Ahern advised Chad Crawford is not using COG for road materials, he is using COSTARS or independent (suppliers). Roz Miller advised COG does a lot more than road material. There were no objections with rejoining COG.

Pitt Race Noise Complaint – Council discussed the Pitt Race noise complaints that have been coming in through New Beaver Borough and the office. Ms. Joy advised Council can review the information provided to make sure what was to be done, was done. Resident Ms. Drzik advised the noise increased when they were talking about putting in the Casino when the trees were cut down, as that kind of made the sound barrier. Mr. Lutton inquired what they are going to do about the noise from 376 and Ms. Joy advised she's not sure if there's anything they can do. Kim Wagner asked if we could ask for an updated sound report. Discussion followed regarding requesting a yearly sound study and when the second track was installed. Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Jason Landsbach to request a yearly sound report from Pitt Racing. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries. Ms. Joy advised she will call Jim (Stout) and have a conversation with him and if we have to put it in writing then we can.

Executive Session:

Personnel Issues Time In 8:19pm Time Out 8:26pm

Jeff Magee made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to adopt the Secretary and Office Assistant Job Description.
All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gasser