

MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2021
HELD AT THE BIG BEAVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPART., 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

Public Works Director: Chad Crawford

President: Michelle Joy

Secretary.: Jennifer Gasser

Vice President: Roz Miller

Treasurer: Debbie Ahern

Council Members: Bart Carr

Solicitor: Shannon Steele

Kim Wagner

Luke Taiclet

Absent: Council Member Jason Landsbach and Jeff Magee

Approval of Agenda

Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Luke Taiclet to approve the agenda. All in favor, agenda is approved as submitted.

Public Comment

Erin Walter – No comment

Approval of Minutes

Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2021. All in favor, the minutes of November 16, 2021 are approved.

Reports:

Mayors: Mayor Wachter, Council and Chad Crawford discussed the pump station on Wallace Run Road.

Public Works Dept: Turned In. Chad Crawford discussed Sherwood Bridge and advised the Borough did not receive the grant. Chad Crawford discussed with Council options with the road crew replacing the bridge with an aluminum bridge. He advised they will need to get a permit from the DEP. He will need information from Emily Palmer (Engineer) to get an exact cost. There was discussion regarding grants for this project. Council had no objections with Chad Crawford having the engineer put together information for cost. Chad Crawford advised the new stop signs were installed on Fairlane Blvd, they may have to go back out and charge the batteries.

Treasurers: Turned In

Secretary: Turned In

Planning/Zoning: No Updates

Parks/Rec: No Updates

Personnel/Policy: Luke Taiclet advised they are continuing to look at contracts to see if we can save money. Kim Wagner advised the employees had a meeting with the Municipal Benefits to go over the new insurance that took effective December 1 and everyone has received their cards.

Public Health and Safety: No Updates

Finance: No Updates

Public Works: No Updates

Planning Commission: Unapproved November 10, 2021, Minutes

New Business

1. Chad Crawford discussed the streetlight audit he completed. Mayor Wachter advised the light on Dogwood Drive is in Chippewa and we should contact Penn Power to advised them the light is in Chippewa - its right on the line. Luke Taiclet made a motion, seconded by Kim Wagner to Turn off streetlights associated with Pole Number 420-41 (220 Eagle Rock Rd), 420-75 (Old Shenango end of cul-de-sac), 1633-47 (Shenango Rd near Park LN), 1633-35 (236 Friendship Rd), and 1444-99 (South Entrance to Big Beaver Plaza). Roll Call Vote Yes: Bart Carr, Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy. All in favor, motion carries. Roz Miller inquired if Stell Rich residents are paying the light bill. Debbie Ahern advised yes.

2. Luke Taiclet made a motion, seconded by Kim Wagner to deny iHeartAcres request to purchase parcel 53-112-0210.000 (1286 Shenango Rd) for \$3,803.58. All in favor to deny the request. Jennifer Gasser will send iHeart Acres a letter.

3. Luke Taiclet made a motion, seconded by Kim Wagner to purchase dog clean up stations for the park and wetlands for no more than \$500 placed in the budget to come out of the Dominion for Park Funds (clarified from West Loop) in 2022. Roll Call Vote Yes: Bart Carr, Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy.

5. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve the 14-2021 Tax Rate Resolution for 2022 (12.5 Mills). Roll Call Vote Yes: Bart Carr, Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy. All in favor, motion carries.

6. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve the 2022 Employee Holidays. Roll Call Vote Yes: Bart Carr, Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy. All in favor, motion carries.

7. 2021 Christmas Dinner – Michelle Joy advised Shannon Steele’s firm will be catering a Christmas dinner prior to the next meeting.

8. Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to advertise the 2022 Council Meetings with the Organization meeting being January 3, 2022, in lieu of the Tuesday Meeting on the 4th. All in favor, motion carries. Jennifer Gasser advised the office will be closed on January 3, 2022 but will be here for the meeting. Jennifer Gasser confirmed the meetings would be the same day, time, and at the Firehall.

9. 2022 Beaver County Humane Society contract. Michelle Joy advised the contract price increased. After discussion, including using the Dog Warden, other Boroughs that do not use the Humane Society, and the services provided - this matter was tabled.

Old Business

1. Property for the Wallace Run Lift Station – Chad Crawford discussed with Council the Wallace Run Lift Station and requested the Borough do an appraisal on the property. Shannon Steele advised with eminent

domain you would still need the appraisal. After discussion, Jennifer Gasser will reach out for additional quotes on appraisals.

Chad Crawford discussed with Council a right of way on Midvale Road. There is a tree that a resident wants removed. The Borough does not receive liquid fuels for this road/right of way and in looking at the deed, it was not adopted by the Borough. Shannon Steele advised if it was not fully adopted, it's not on liquid fuels and the Borough is not maintaining it, we have nothing to do with it.

New Business

10. Christmas Scavenger Hunt – Michelle Joy discussed the Scavenger Hunt with Council. The top 3 entries will win a box of Rosalind Candy, for a cost of no more than \$100. There were no objections from Council.

Executive Session – Personnel Issues 8:06pm – 8:30pm

New Business

4. Luke Taiclet made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to Approve 2022 Budget and Payroll. Roll Call Vote Yes: Bart Carr, Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy. Luke Taiclet and Shannon Steele discussed making changes to the Budget.

Meeting Adjourned 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted

Jennifer Gasser