# MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 2, 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 Admin. Assist.: Jennifer Gasser

President: Michelle Joy Admin./Treas.: Debbie Ahern (Zoom)
Vice President: Roz Miller Zoning/ Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella

Public Works Admin: Chad Crawford

Councilmen: Bart Carr Solicitor: Shannon Steele

Kim Wagner
Dennis Stiteler
Jason Landsbach
Jeff Magee

## **Approval of Agenda**

Michelle Joy requested to add to the Agenda under number 5, Item 2 for 30 ground sleeves for additional pin locations for the disk golf course at the park for a total of \$600.00. Jeff Magee made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve the Agenda with the additional item. All in favor, agenda is approved.

### **Public Comment**

Kathy McClure presented to Council the Annual Planning Commission Report and planning objective of 2021. See enclosed attachments.

Jarrod Svihra discussed with Council follow-up questions from the Administration Meeting that was held regarding the expansion of Mines and Meadows into Big Beaver Borough. During the discussion resident Sherry Vassilaros talked about tax revenue and her property.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021. All in favor, motion carries.

## **Professional Reports:**

Mayors Report: Mayor Don Wachter reported on activity at the shopping center.

Zoning Report: Dawna Pella reported the owner of the shopping center has received Conditional Use paperwork. Dawna Pella discussed of the Crees property and their request to build a garage before building a house (accessory use before a principal use). After discussion with Council, Dawna Pella would gather more information and they will revisit.

Public Works Report: Chad Crawford advised New Beaver Borough is having complaints about the Racetrack and these complaints will need to be logged with Big Beaver Borough's office or at a Council Meeting. Chad Crawford requested an account be setup with MedExpress for the Road Crew for shots they will need for working on the Sanitary Sewer System. Chad Crawford requested for a Mutual Aid Agreement with New Beaver, the same as with Darlington. Chad Crawford discussed with Council with bidding out salt on our own. Council had no objections with bidding salt on our own. Mayor Don Wachter had questions on the Chad's report about Jeff Frye. Chad Crawford went over the BID package that Jeff Frye is helping with. Roz Miller requested an update on the little Library. Council discussed where to put the little Library.

Planning Commission: Unapproved February 10, 2021 minutes

Administrators Report: See enclosed. Debbie Ahern advised she submitted information for the two bank accounts and the money is expected on March 10. Once the accounts are opened, she will transfer the first Bond Proceeds into the PLIGIT Account.

Secretary's Report: Jennifer Gasser went over Mobilize 360. She will email this information to Council.

### Items to be voted on:

ITEM 1 Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to approve the Employee Request for Emergency Paid Sick Leave for ten days. Roll Call Vote Yes: Jason Landsbach, Jeff Magee, Dennis Stiteler, Kim Wagner, Roz Miller, Michelle Joy, Bart Carr. All in favor, motion carries.

ITEM 2 Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Jeff Magee to approve for 30 additional ground sleeves for additional pin locations, for \$20.00 a piece totaling \$600.00 from the Parks and Recreation Budget. Roll Call Vote Yes: Jason Landsbach, Jeff Magee, Dennis Stiteler, Kim Wagner, Roz Miller, Michelle Joy, Bart Carr. All in favor, motion carries.

#### **New Business Discussion:**

SALDO - Jennifer Gasser advised Planning Commission approved this to go to Council and it was sent to all of Council on February 4, 2020.

Subdivision Process- Council had no objections with the office processing the paperwork for Subdivision Applications.

Council discussed having a Secure Room for the Police Officers at the Borough Building. Someone at the Borough would have to have a key. After discussion if there is not a secure office at the Big Beaver Elementary School for the Beaver Falls Police Department., Council had no objections with accommodating the request for a secure room.

DCNR Grant. Council discussed applying for the DCRN grant that was previously declined. Debbie Ahern advised the Engineering Fees from last year was \$2,800.00. The DCNR grant is a 50% match. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Jeff Magee file the application for the DCNR Grant for the Park. Call Vote Yes: Jeff Magee, Dennis Stiteler, Kim Wagner, Roz Miller, Michelle Joy, Bart Carr. Roll Call Vote No: Jason Landsbach. Majority votes yes, motion carries.

## **Old Business Discussion/Update:**

Zoning Ordinance- Council discussed the Zoning Ordinance including Zoning Map. Roz Miller advised she has reached out to DCED Director of Planning for the Pittsburgh Region and will be working with him. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Jeff Magee to send the Zoning Ordinance back to the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carries.

**Executive Session Personnel Issues** 

Time in 8:40pm Time Out 10:06pm

Bart Carr made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to approve the updated Covid-19 policy. All in favor, motion carries.

Jeff Magee made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve the updated Vacation policy. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 10:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gasser