

MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 4, 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

Treasurer: Debbie Ahern

President: Michelle Joy

Secretary.: Jennifer Gasser

Vice President: Roz Miller

Public Works Director: Chad Crawford

Councilmen: Bart Carr

Zoning/ Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella

Kim Wagner

Jeff Magee

Jason Landsbach

Approval of Agenda

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

Nick Mackereth, DCED Local Government Policy Specialist, gave a presentation regarding the overview of Planning Commission (see enclosed PowerPoint).

Public Comment

District Attorney David Lozier discussed with Council the installation of digital cameras in Big Beaver for Law Enforcement purposes only, not for red light or traffic enforcement. The license plate camera fee is \$650.00 (ALPR) every other year, plus maintenance cost and \$2,500.00 (BFPD already pays this fee). DA Lozier discussed the locations for the cameras and has not received the bid for the intersection; however, it would be approximately \$17,000.00-\$18,000.00. DA Lozier discussed options with offsetting the cost, including payment from the DA's office (\$10,000.00) and reaching out to local businesses. Long term, the borough would be responsible for the maintenance cost and \$1,950.00 every other year for the license fee (3 camera)

Approval of Minutes

Jeff Magee made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021. All in favor, the minutes are approved. Michelle Joy discussed the change in the agenda, including in the Workshop meeting under reports will be a section for Committee information.

Reports:

Mayors: Mayor Wachter advised Castle Shannon had a robbery at one of their banks and within an hour they had someone in jail, and this is a very good program (DA Lozier's discussion). Mayor Wachter advised he did see people working at the Shopping Center.

Zoning: Turned In

Public Works Dept: Turned In

Treasurers: Turned In. Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to send the payment to Beaver Falls Police for police service with the change to the contract of February to February. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries. Debbie Ahern advised of an invoice for PA Rural Water for \$436.00. Debbie Ahern advised if an item is included in the Budget and the Budget is approved the item does not need approval. Chad Crawford discussed the PA Rural Water is for discounts for classes for his wastewater license and provide services such as smoke testing/dye testing etc. Jason Landsbach made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to join the PA Rural Water. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

Secretary: Turned In

Planning/Zoning: No Updates

Parks/Rec: No Updates

Personnel/Policy: Job descriptions are done, and they are going to start working on the handbook.

Public Health and Safety: Mayor Wachter advised the police are doing a good job and Matt Straub advised the Hazard Mitigation was approved.

Finance: No Updates

Public Works: No Updates

Fireman Report: Turned In

Planning Commission: Unapproved April 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

New Business:

Michelle Joy advised she spoke with Mr. Taylor and explained the Borough was not currently timbering and the situation with Dominion and the trees in their right of way. He advised he would look at it and let the Borough if it was worth doing it and she has not heard back from him.

Council receives a copy of the unapproved Planning Commission minutes and Communication will come through the Planning Committee. Marty Morris advised Nick Mackereth suggested a quarterly/biannual joint workshop. Ms. Joy advised this can be looked at through the next several months. Roz Miller advised the annual report Ms. McClure brought forward in March was a good presentation to bring forward to Council.

Chad Crawford discussed with Council the letter received from GAI regarding the road bonds (enclosed) from Dominion when they completed the gas line project. Youngblood was out and looked at Park Rd and Careywood Rd and will provide an estimate for the repairs to the roads. Chad Crawford discussed with Council the damage on Careywood, Park, and McKinley. Michelle Joy inquired from Debbie Ahern if this money would go into the budget for Road Repairs. Debbie Ahern advised yes. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Jeff Magee to accept the offer from Dominion. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries. Chad Crawford will follow-up with Dominion.

Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to accept Resolution 04-2021 Municipal Records Schedule. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries

Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Jason Landsbach to accept Resolution 05-2021 disposition of BBMA closed Checking account items. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries

Jeff Magee made a motion seconded by Roz Miller to purchase a \$50.00 gift card for Bob McClain for donating the Little Library. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries. Jennifer Gasser passed out a thank you card for Council to sign.

Chad Crawford advised the signs will be aluminum back with vinyl covering. Jeff Magee made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to purchase 6 No ATV signs for the park not to exceed \$200.00. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries

Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve Chad Crawford to attend PA Rural Water Association Fundamental Principals and Techniques in Buried Utility Location training on 6/24/21, for \$140.00. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

Michelle Joy advised the Fire Department is doing a Community Flea Market Day on June 5, 2021 and Jennifer Gasser will accept preregistration in the office. Council had no issues.

Old Business Update:

Michelle Joy advised its \$18.00 an hour to have Owen review the informational packet Jennifer Gasser put together regarding the Pitt Race Noise Complaint to make a bullet list that states based on each hearing they should have done x, y, z. Ms. Joy advised the only thing we can do is to make sure everything that was supposed to be done based on the hearings. Ms. Joy advised she spoke with Jim Stout and he is aware of what is going on and when we are ready, he is more than willing to sit down. Council had no objections with turning this project over to Owen Pella for review. Jennifer Gasser will email the information to Owen Pella.

Council discussed the feasibility study. Jason Landsbach requested a progress report of the feasibility study (to date) and updates as we go into the future. Chad Crawford will reach out to Jeff Frey requesting a report of what has been done to date and then a monthly report. Debbie Ahern confirmed this could be done (paid) with the Bond Money. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve the Authorization for Jeff Frye to finish the feasibility study not to exceed \$10,000.00, including a letter for the land acquisition needed to move Wallace Run Lift Station coming from Jeff Frye with the caveat that Jeff Frey provides an update on what he has done to date and then a report of every month of what was done. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to Appoint Luke Taiclet to the MCP on Council. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Kim Wagner, Jeff Magee and Jason Landsbach. All in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment:

Dave Nicely addressed Council regarding a subdivision he is doing on Wallace Run Road and the taxes have always gone to Darlington Township; however, a portion of the subdivision is in Big Beaver. He needs dual approval. Jennifer Gasser advised the office has not received any paperwork and will reach out to Dawna Pella and John Heyl.

Mayor Wachter discussed the Engine Brake study. It was to end at the of the PA Turnpike not at Fairlane Blvd. Council discussed on 18 if we could do an engine restriction on just one side of the road, as we do not own both

sides of the road. Michelle Joy inquired on updates on the traffic study on 351 and Shenango. Jennifer Gasser advised she will look into it for the two traffic studies.

Meeting adjourned 8:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gasser