

MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2020
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 - Zoom

Dennis Stiteler

Jason Landsbach

Jeff Magee

Admin. Assist.: Jennifer Gasser

Admin./Treas.: Debbie Ahern - Zoom

Zoning/ Code Enforcement: Dawna Pella

Solicitor: Shannon Steele - Zoom

Engineer: Larry Lennon - Zoom

Public Works Admin: Chad Crawford

Approval of Agenda:

Roz Miller requested the Agenda be changed from a Workshop meeting to a Business Meeting. Roz Miller made a motion seconded by Jeff Magee to approve the Agenda. All in favor, Agenda is approved.

Public Comment

Guest: Dan Chaney discussed with Council the removal of two of the three stop signs on McKinley RD and Park LN. Chad Crawford advised the stops were used to control speed, which is not the use of a stop sign. Mr. Chaney advised there was no new signage advising of the traffic pattern change. Michelle Joy advised this will be reviewed. Mr. Chaney expressed concern with the maintenance of the frisbee golf being done during hunting season. Council discussed with Mr. Chaney there is no hunting in the park, and no hunting signs will be placed at the park.

Kathy McClure spoke on the history of the Planning Commission as Council considers new planning options (please see enclosed handouts). Ms. McClure requested the Planning Commission be included in discussions regarding future planning for the Borough's growth, development, and general welfare.

Approval of Minutes and Financials

Jeff Magee made a motion second by Roz Miller to approve the (A) Minutes of November 3, 2020, (B) October Financials, and (C) November Bill List. All in favor, A, B C are approved.

Professional Reports:

Mayors Report: Mayor Don Wachter advised the road at the Wessex site was completed; however, they were to mill 1 inch off the older road and put a topcoat on and this was not completed. Chad Crawford advised they have extensive repairs on some of the catch basins and this may not be completed until Spring.

Zoning Report: Council discussed with Dawna Pella the Valley Waste Zoning Hearing.

Engineer Report: Enclosed. Michelle Joy inquired about the CAP with DEP and Chad Crawford will follow-up.

Solicitor Report: Nothing to report. Jennifer Gasser inquired if she reviewed the COVID-19 policy. She advised she will respond tomorrow.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Gasser discussed a coloring contest for Big Beaver Residents.

Items to be voted on:

New Business:

ITEM 1 Advertise Proposed Budget. Roz Miller made a motion second by Jeff Magee to advertise the proposed budget. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Dennis Stiteler, Jason Landsbach, Jeff Magee. Kim Wagner was not available to vote.

ITEM 2 Christmas Party Roz Miller made a motion seconded by Jeff Magee to approve the budget for the Christmas party not to exceed \$500.00. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Dennis Stiteler, Jason Landsbach, Jeff Magee. Kim Wagner was not available to vote.

ITEM 3 Tax Reduction for Volunteer Fire Fighters. Debbie Ahern advised she did a calculation on one of the firemen and the earned income VS property tax and the credit was approximately the same. Jason Landsbach made a motion seconded by Dennis Stiteler to approve the Tax Reduction for the Volunteer Fire Fighters Ordinance. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Dennis Stiteler, Jason Landsbach, Jeff Magee. Kim Wagner was not available to vote.

ITEM 4 Cares Grant Resolution. Debbie Ahern advised the application was included in the packet and she spoke with Beaver County and all of the items would be approved except potentially the furnace. Jason Landsbach made a motion, second by Bart Carr to approve the Cares Grant Resolution. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Dennis Stiteler, Jason Landsbach, Jeff Magee. Kim Wagner was not available to vote.

ITEM 5 Roz Miller made a motion second by Jeff Magee to conduct the coloring contest with prizes not to exceed \$500.00 for the coloring contest. Roll Call Vote Yes: Michelle Joy, Roz Miller, Bart Carr, Dennis Stiteler, Jason Landsbach, Jeff Magee. Kim Wagner was not available to vote.

New Business Discussion: None

Old Business Discussion/Update:

Planning Commission – Michelle Joy advised a meeting was held with Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Larry Lennon, Shannon Steele and herself regarding the Planning Commission. Jennifer Gasser has minutes from the call. Jason Landsbach inquired if Planning Body is required. Dennis Stiteler advised he had a form from Penn State of those areas with Planning Commission and communities that do not have Planning Commissions.

No Hunting signs were delivered this week and Chad Crawford advised they will be putting up the signs.

Council discussed the Zoning Ordinance. Michelle Joy advised Shannon Steele recommended waiting to send the Ordinance to the County due to changes with the Planning Commission.

Michelle Joy advised she has reached out the Beaver Falls Police Department.

Jennifer Gasser advised Dominion has been bought out by another company.

Roz Miller inquired about the PenDOT Multi Way stop. Jennifer Gasser advised PenDOTT sent a letter

indicating they would be doing a traffic study.

Bart Carr inquired about the Beaver River Bridge Replacement. Larry Lennon advised they sent out the Storm Water Consistency letter and they do not have their chapter 105 permit.

Council discussed the Engine Brake Restriction.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm by Michelle Joy Council President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gasser