

MINUTES OF THE BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Held at the Big Beaver Volunteer Fire Company, 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:

President: Michelle Joy

Public Works Director: Chad Crawford

Vice President: Roz Miller

Treasurer: Deborah Ahern

Council Member: Jason Landsbach

Secretary.: Jennifer Gasser

Bart Carr

Chief of Police: David Johnson (Depart 7:57pm)

Luke Taiclet

Solicitor: Shannon Steele

Kim Wagner

Engineer: Emily Palmer

Zoning Officer: Dawna Pella

Absent: Mayor: Don Wachter and Council Member Jeff Magee

Approval of Agenda

Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Luke Taiclet to approve the agenda with adding the Finance Committee Notes dated September 16, 2021. All in favor, Agenda is approved with adding the Finance Committee Notes.

Public Comment

Kim Webb addressed Council regarding her neighbor's fence and cameras on her neighbor's properties facing her property. Dawna Pella advised she went out to the property and did not find a code violation. Michelle Joy advised based on our Code Enforcement Officer, at this time, there is no code violation, and the camera complaint is a civil situation.

Deloris Elkins advised her issue is the same with the cameras facing her property. Ms. Joy advised she would need to contact the Police Department as this is a civil issue.

District Attorney David Lozier addressed Council regarding automatic license plate readers (ALPR) to be used only for Police purposes, to cover the Northern entrances into Beaver County. It will be approximately \$13,000 to install the cameras at Al's Corners who has agreed to provide the Internet. DA Lozier will pay \$10,000 and he raised \$2,000 from the Industrial Park. The Beaver Falls Police Department pays the \$2,200 fee for access to the program. If Koppel participates, Big Beaver will have to pay \$650 per camera in the Borough every other year (\$1,300) for the license fee for the Cameras. If Koppel does not participate, the cameras could be moved to the Holiday Inn and Industrial Park intersection. DA Lozier discussed regionalization of the Police Department in Beaver County.

Approval of Minute:

Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Luke Taiclet to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2021, August Financials, and September Bill List. All in favor, motion carries.

Reports:

Police: Chief Johnson advised for the month of August there were 47 incidents, they are continuing to follow up

on dumping reports and one was prosecuted today, and they are working on another one. Chief Johnson addressed the Bicycling Patrol that came up on social media and explained when they offered services to Big Beaver, the whole package was offered and Bicycle Patrol offers Community Relations. Their regular patrol was also out and any questions, they can call the office. Roz Miller advised she's on a blind curve and there is speeding that happens on her road and she does not want the Borough to incur the cost of a hidden driveway sign if the police department can watch for speeders in the church parking lot.

Zoning: Dawna Pella reported on the House on Shenango Rd, they have been working at the property and she inquired if they paid the bond. Jennifer Gasser advised we still have Mr. Pagani's escrow on the house and there was discussion regarding the release of Mr. Pagani's escrow and the Tate's new escrow. Jennifer Gasser will reach out to Mr. Pagani for a status update. Dawna Pella advised she has posted the house on Norwood Dr, Council and Dawna Pella discussed the property and Chad Crawford advised on the status of the property the neighbors told him. Luke Taiclet made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to cite the property on Norwood Drive. Roll Call Vote Yes: Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Jason Landsbach, Bart Carr, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy. Dawna Pella advised Danny's Motel has no electric or water and advised she posted the property under the Nuisance Ordinance, and they have 10 days to respond in writing to the Borough Secretary. After the 10-day process, they will do placards to each door, advising of no entry, condemned. Roz Miller inquired if Dawna Pella is notified when the water is shut off. Dawna Pella advised no, and a lot of properties have well (water). Chad Crawford inquired on 721 Norwood and Dawna Pella advised she and Annie Mako are trying to locate the owner.

Engineer: Turned In. Luke Taiclet advised he is to receive copies of the SALDO and Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Palmer advised they are going to clean up the SALDO and then get this to him. Luke Taiclet advised the Planning Commission had two new districts approved. Ms. Palmer inquired about the Street Opening Ordinance and wanted to know if Council was interested in moving forward. Michelle Joy will review. Ms. Palmer advised the Sewage Facilities Planning Module was approved by the DEP for Pitt Race. Dawna Pella advised through this process; some other things have been unearthed that they do not have. Michelle Joy inquired if MDIA is on top of it and Dawna Pella advised yes.

Solicitor: Shannon Steele advised they had a BitCoin meeting with the Borough Engineer, Dawna Pella, Luke Taiclet and Jason Landsbach and she reached out to Wyoming Mining and Geopetro's attorney advising they will be receiving a notification from Dawna Pella regarding the denial of the use in the area where the proposed location is and what they can do in terms of getting a use Variance. Ms. Steele reported on the meeting with the the Dye Testing Ordinance for Big Beaver with Annie Mako, Dawna and Owen Pella. The Ordinance needs to be amended that adds the enforcement information and at the same time, who would be responsible to take the resident to the Magistrate. This will be discussed at the Public Works meeting. Shannon Steele advised the Assessment Appeals are scheduled for next week and Debbie Ahern will be attending the hearing. Debbie Ahern advised a couple of the properties are Right of Ways and Shannon Steele advised that is ok.

Public Works Dept: Chad Crawford advised he turned in grant paperwork on Friday to the Conservation District for approximately \$31,000 for half of the draining on Aley Hill. If we get this grant, next year we will do a grant request for the other half. The snowplow and salt spreader have been installed on both trucks. He is going to move forward with the fence around Eagle Rock as the price continues to increase and he received

another quote that was \$1,600 more. This will be installed after the flow meter is installed. Chad Crawford advised he is doing an audit on the streetlights, to see if they are ours and if any of them need to be removed. Chad Crawford discussed the mutual aid agreement with New Beaver Borough and their Solicitor wants to talk with our Solicitor to try to finalize the agreement. Council did not have any objections with Shannon Steele talking with their Solicitor.

Finance Committee: Finance Committee notes Dated September 16, 2021. Luke Taiclet went over the Purchasing Cards. Luke Taiclet advised they completed a separate procedure for the Escrow that runs parallel to the SALDO. This is an office procedure that will be changed, when the account balance drops below 20% it will need be brought back up and when assessments will be made on the escrow account.

Treasurers: Turned In. Debbie Ahern advised only the General Fund needs to be converted (QuickBooks). Debbie Ahern discussed the draft of the list of bills, including the date and account number. Luke discussed the date on the bill list. The employee's name will be redacted for medical reimbursement.

Secretary: Jennifer Gasser advised the illuminated stop signs for Fairlane BLDV were ordered for a total of \$3,261 for two stop signs. Due to the delay with supplies, they should be here by the end of November.

New Business

1. Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to approve Ann Gill to purchase through the Repository 2 Parcels 53-009-0501.000 Lot 102 Stell Rich HTS and 53-009-0500.000 Lot 103 Stell Rich HTS with exonerating Big Beaver Real Estate taxes prior to and including the 2021 Calendar Year. Roll Call Vote Yes: Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Jason Landsbach, Bart Carr, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy.
2. Request to PennDOT to install Hidden Driveway sign at 1365 Shenango Rd - In discussing, Roz Miller has opted to wait to pursue this to see if the Police monitoring will reduce the issue. Roz Miller advised she would reimburse the Borough for the cost of the signs.
3. November 2, 2021, Council Meeting (Municipal Election) – Will plan to move the meeting to the Borough Building, unless there's no pressing issues and the meeting can be canceled.
4. Disc Golf Park Rental November 6, 2021- Council discussed the Port a Potties would be removed on November 8, 2021, and this will be the last event at the park. Kim Wagner made a motion, seconded by Roz Miller to extend the park rental to November 6, 2021. Roll Call Vote Yes: Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Jason Landsbach, Bart Carr, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Bart Carr to waive the Disc Golf Park Rental Fee for November 6, 2021, for the work they have put in. Roll Call Vote Yes: Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Jason Landsbach, Bart Carr, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy.
5. Jennifer Gasser advised there is a list of 12-pages that is to be disposed of based. Michelle Joy advised Annie Mako is keeping the important historical items. Luke Taiclet made a motion, seconded by Jason Landsbach to approve Resolution 11-2021 Disposing of Records with the list that has been provided. Roll Call Vote Yes: Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Jason Landsbach, Bart Carr, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy.

6. Purchasing Card (P-Card). Luke Taiclet advised Chad Crawford may receive two cards, one for the Municipal Authority and one for General Function (Borough). Another card may be issued for someone if Chad is on vacation. Roz Miller made a motion, seconded by Luke Taiclet to approve the Big Beaver Borough Purchasing Card policy as submitted. Roll Call Vote Yes: Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Jason Landsbach, Bart Carr, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy.

Old Business Update:

1. SALDO - LSSE is working on edits previously given.

2. Traditional Trick or Treat will be October 28, 2021, from 6-8 pm and Trunk or Treat will be October 30, 2021, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Jennifer Gasser advised letters were sent to businesses to Big Beaver to see if they wanted to participate. Jason Landsbach made a motion, seconded by Kim Wagner for the Trunk or Treat event to give a (trunker) best decorated and the spookiest (kid friendly) winner (voted on) and each winners would receive a \$25.00 gift card, a total of \$50.00. Roll Call Vote Yes: Roz Miller, Kim Wagner, Jason Landsbach, Bart Carr, Luke Taiclet, and Michelle Joy.

Michelle Joy advised the Movie Night will be on September 25, 2021, at 7:00pm. The cost will be \$400, and Chippewa will set it up and run it.

Meeting Adjourned 8:33PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gasser