

BEAVERTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 9TH, 2022

Beavertown Borough Council met on August 9th, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Ron Plummer (President), Brian Wood, Rick Maloyed, Lucas Bingman, Matt Cravitz (Solicitor).

ABSENT: Will Kepner, Linda Snook, Denny Mallonee, Mayor Hollenbach.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLECIANCE:

GUESTS ON AGENDA: Tim Wagner, Carlos Kerns, Crystal Wray, Shannon Rudy (SEDA COG), Jim Emery (CK COG). Ron introduced Shannon Rudy, she will be able to answer sidewalk grant questions and Jim Emery will be able to answer questions on the sidewalk ordinance. Tim Wagner asked several questions, one of which was, what is considered a trip hazard? Jim replied anything over a ¼", is considered a trip hazard. Tim also questioned, financing and the 90 days to be in compliment with the Ordinance. Ron explained that everyone should apply for the grant and the 90 days is in accordance with the Ordinance, if there is nothing you can do with your sidewalks, understand that the Borough can't be held liable if someone trips on them. The Borough oversees enforcing the Ordinances, if the Borough didn't tell property owners that their sidewalks were deficient, the Borough would then become liable for not enforcing the Ordinance. Shannon Rudy stated that there is \$58,000.00 in grant monies available for sidewalks, until April 2023. Carlos Kerns, spoke on his concerns on the Sidewalk Ordinance; he then asked that the Borough have CK COG, suspend actions; he is meeting with the County Commissioners, SEDA COG and anyone else who would like to attend, on Thursday at 11:00 a.m., to find alternative funding. Ron stated, to answer your question Carlos, I can ask for a motion to suspend this right now, if any of the Council Members would agree or provide a motion to suspend the implementation. Lucas said I make that motion; Rick second, roll call vote; Lucas – yes, Rick – yes, Brian – yes, Ron – no, with a three (3) to one (1) vote, motion carried. Crystal Wray asked, what are the sidewalk specifications; Ron stated that, Attorney Bob Cravitz is working on the sidewalk specs.

GUESTS NOT ON AGENDA: Gary Wray, Glen Kratzer, Shirley Kratzer, Teresa Moyer, Amanda Aurand, Amos Aurand, Lynn Thomas, Linda Thomas, Chris Weller, Shannon Hackenberg, Todd Wagner; all were here to voice their concerns on the Sidewalk Ordinance issues. Tyler Dombroski (SEDA COG), answered questions, advised homeowners to apply for the sidewalk grant.

MINUTES, BILLS & TREASURER'S REPORT: Brian motioned to approve July 2022, minutes; Lucas second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. Lucas motioned to approve the bills; Brian second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. Lucas motioned to approve the treasurer's report; Rick second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Filing has done to apply for e-permitting, waiting to get an access ID from DEP, to pass on to Jason at the engineers. Laptop has been purchased. The floor/structure has been inspected and deemed safe for occupancy. An ad for furnace bids needs to be placed; Solicitor Cravitz said his office will type up the ad. Hiring Cavid Rice as a part time employee was discussed. Rick motioned to hire Cavid part time at \$12.00 per hour; Lucas seconded, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. Brian Haight said there was a traffic study done for jake brakes years ago and the Borough can put up jake brake signs; he gave a name and number of who to contact @ PENN DOT about the signs and placement of the signs. The Moyer alley issue has been resolved. White speeding lines have been redone.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: The Peddlers Ordinance No.2022-02, has not been advertised, it will be done for September. The specification for sidewalks is not completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Hollenbach was not present, but had copies of his reports, for Council to review.

BOROUGH SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Replaced and installed missing signs, cleaned around signs. Cleaned out 6 storm boxes. Chris asked Council to approve the following purchases: 8 yards of mulch for the playground approximately \$1,530.00, one ton of cold patch @ \$130.00 per ton and 20 tons of anti-skid @ \$393.00, for the playground walking path-compact 2rc stone. Brian motioned for the purchase the 8 yards of mulch for the playground; Lucas second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. Lucas motioned for the purchase of a ton of cold patch; Brian second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. Brian motioned for the purchase of 20 ton (trixle load) of anti-skid; Lucas seconded, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Deposits: General Fund-EIT \$7,776.54, Delinquent Per Capita \$22.00, Real Estate Tax \$1,235.20, Delinquent Real Estate Tax \$348.78, Service Electric franchise fee \$2,108.16; Total \$11,490.68. LST-LST \$417.48, Fines \$182.09; Total \$599.57. Payroll-Transfer from General Fund \$5,000.00; Total \$5,000.00. Reimbursement for fuel to the Fire Co & Ambulance was discussed; they are almost at the budgeted amount for this year. In reference to the invoice the Little League turned in, can the approved minutes in which there was no motion made, be email to their treasurer? Ron said yes, email their treasurer the approved minutes. Mid Penn Engineering report was given to Council members, (The floor/structure has been inspected and deemed safe for occupancy, as noted in Old Business).

NEW BUSINESS: Transferring of monies from the General Fund to the Liquid CD was discussed. Rick motioned to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Liquid CD; Lucas second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. The monthly spending limit on small purchases, without prior approval from Council, for Chris, (Borough Supervisor) was discussed. Lucas motioned to allow Chris to spend up to \$200.00 a month, as needed, without prior approval from Council; Brian second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. Discussion on, Chris to rent his own mulching head @ \$150.00 an hour, to the Borough, to clear brush from the bank on Sassafras Street. Rick motion to approve the rental of the mulching head @ \$150.00 an hour, up to \$450.00; Lucas second, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried. Brian Haight will be contacted to see if a traffic study needs to be done on N. Sassafras St, in order to limit 40' trucks from entering/exiting this street. There was a request for Children at play signs to be put up on Sassafras St.; there are already two signs on Sassafras St.-(tabled). Chris said the police are asking what the street name is coming up from Dressler's, between Sassafras St and the alley?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

MISC.:

ADJOURN: Brian motioned to adjourn at 9:26 P.M.; Rick seconded, with a roll call vote-unanimous yes-motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Email Submitted: August 30, 2022, Pat Bachman