New Beaver Borough Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2020

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday, October 12, 2020 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. T. Hairhoger led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: President D. Hairhoger, V.P. T. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, B. Majors and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford, Solicitor Ryan Long and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. M. Kingman and D. Badger were absent.

- T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Stonecrest/LERTA public hearing, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.
- T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2020 regular Council meeting, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.
- T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the bill list, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGER (excepting his wages), T. HAIRHOGER, GUBISH, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 5-0.
- T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Visitors:

Robert Clear of Newport Road attended the meeting without comment.

Jarrett Svihra, owner of Mines & Meadows RV/ATV Park, donated "ATV Use Prohibited on Road" signs for use in the Borough. PennDOT said that those types of signs can be put up on State owned Darlington Road without their approval.

T. Hairhoger motioned to accept Mr. Svihra's donation of one radar speed sign this Fall and a second one at a later date that can be posted under the speed limit signs on Old Route18, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Svihra left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long advised Council that he will schedule a meeting with Stonecrest Development Project's attorney, Lawrence Maiello, the Lawrence County Deputy Director of Planning, Allen Miller and Council members P. Morrison, B. Majors and T. Hairhoger, to discuss the zoning overlay being requested for the property.

Council was advised that Abraham Stevenson has been contacting M. Kingman about a yard cart that was taken away in the rubble of his demolished home. Solicitor Long asked that M. Kingman ask Mr. Stevenson to put his grievance in writing and he will address it.

Mayor Report:

Mayor Crawford advised that decals for the 2010 police cruiser are ready and will be applied in the next few weeks.

Committee Reports:

Recreation: B. Majors reported that in lieu of a Halloween party and fireworks display, individual treat bags will be given out on Friday, October 30th in the municipal parking lot from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Budget: Council received a 9-month financial report comparing 2019 and 2020 income and expenses through September 30. A budget meeting will be held October 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM. A drafted proposed budget will be mailed out prior to the meeting.

Road:

Repair work on Wampum-New Galilee Road is scheduled to start this week.

Council was advised that the Rosalyn/Larchwood Road and Beaver Dam Road turn back repairs were approved by PennDOT. Youngblood Paving still has to paint markings at the railroad crossing.

R.A.R. Engineering provided weight limit studies on Rosalyn Road, Larchwood Road and Beaver Dam Road. They determined that all 3 roads should have 10-ton limits.

T. Hairhoger motioned to request that PennDOT perform a study on Beaver Dam Road to lower the speed limit from 40 MPH to 30 MPH, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

P. Morrison said that residents will be contacting Mohawk School District to inquire about road signs that will depict where there is a school bus stop on Beaver Dam Road. He noted that vehicles are not driving safely around the school buses.

Ordinance: Amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding DAS, animals in residential districts and less than 1.5 acre lot requirements have been tabled until further notice.

Insurance: Medical and vision insurance renews December 1.

Old Business:

Council was advised that the Covid-19 grant funds are being utilized. As of today, expenses in the amount of \$11,811.71 have been reimbursed.

T. Hairhoger motioned to extend the Declaration of Emergency Disaster until November 30, 2020, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Business:

Due to the December 14, 2020 Wampum branch closing of Northwest Bank, Secretary requested proposals from Huntington, PNC and Wes Banco banks. They have branches in Ellwood City, Chippewa and New Castle. Information to be shared with Council at a future meeting.

T. Hairhoger motioned to delete Boyers Road from the County map as it was created because Lana Boyer was planning a subdivision off Newport Road but sold the lot in its entirety to George and Lorraine Byers and the road is no longer needed, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

American Transmission Systems (First Energy) will be replacing an existing 69kV overhead transmission line in the Borough. They will need to put in temporary driveways and put in place an Excess Maintenance Agreement for several roads, tentatively Patterson, Wampum Mt Air, Haggerty and Beaver Dam.

Correspondence: None

County Commissioners Resolutions: None

Meetings: Council received notification that the Lawrence County Boroughs Association October dinner meeting is cancelled. Dues will be waived for 2021.

Miscellaneous:

Christmas party will take place after the regular December meeting for Council persons, staff and their families.

Council received a copy of PSAB's Wage and Salary Survey Report from D. Badger.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn at 7:57 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford

Secretary/Treasurer