

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
January 14, 2020  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on January 14, 2020 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Fedeles.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley, Charles Casborne, Jen McKinley, Midge Sefton, Cassie Brkich, Joline Atkins, Rick Sprecker and Cheryl Hansen.

**Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Ms. McKean to accept the December 10, 2019 Council meeting minutes and the January 6, 2020 Reorganization minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Treasurer's Report** – Reported by Andy Kennedy, Finance Manager

- Finance Manager “Notes for December 2019 Financial Reports” enclosed in council packet
- Council reviewed report
- Mr. Deelo requested any outstanding loans/liabilities be reported to council in the future.
- Mr. Perini asked for an update on the Municipal Authority regarding finances
- Mr. Rathbun – Believes that the Municipal Authority is in good financial standing
- Mr. Martone – Described multiple different projects Municipal Authority is budgeting for
- Mr. Deelo – Municipal Authority is in very good financial health
- Reports will be filed for annual audit

**Review invoice and authorization to pay bills**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Public Participation** –

- Joline Atkins and Cassie Brkich – Discussed their organization, Underground Beaver, their success and goals for the Business District. Ms. Atkins and Ms. Brkich thanked council for their support.

**Reports – Commissions / Authorities**

**Council of Governments (COG) –**

- Reorganization meeting will be held January 23, 2020.

**Civil Service Commission** – Reported by Midge Sefton

- December 31, 2019 – 2019 Year-end Report and January 6, 2020 Reorganization meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB)** – No report

**Planning Commission** –

- November 18, 2019 and December 16, 2019 minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Planning Commission will meet again January 20, 2020, to discuss the development at 877 Corporation Street.

**Tree Commission** – No report

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- December 2019 report enclosed in council packet.
- Update Dravo and 4<sup>th</sup> Street property – Most of the home is cleaned out, progress is consistently being made

**Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)** –

- Meeting will be held January 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the report on historical preservation.

**Municipal Authority** –

- December 18, 2019 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement** – No report

**Finance** – No report

**Highway** –

- Mr. Snowden announced Mr. Bovalino as Highway Committee Chairperson
- Ms. McKean – asked if there have been any updates from company to install fiberoptic cables through the borough.
  - Mr. Martone – spoke with company and their plans are not yet completed. Once plans are completed, they are to be submitted to the borough Solicitor.

**General Government** – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Municipal Authority is actively pursuing grants to assist with capital projects.
  - Willing to compensate the borough on any time spent assisting the Municipal Authority pursuing these grants.

**Recreation** – No report

## Reports

### **Manager's/Police Report** – Reported by Chief Madgar

- December 2019 report enclosed in council packet.
- Reviewed Rental Registration progress for 2019.
  - 635 units registered
  - 367 units inspected
  - 187 units re-inspected
  - Letter being sent out to those who did not register their rental units
- Closing out 902 Recycling Grant borough received for highway equipment approximately \$220,000.
- Basketball court – Mr. Martone is in the process of getting a company to lay acrylic finish and striping. Beaver School District is in the process of ordering backboards and poles.
- Pool deck – Mr. Martone is going to start putting together a bid to put out for the pool deck to get an idea for any grants.
- Veterans Memorial – marked off where the memorial would be placed and would like to give the group an answer so they are able to start fundraising.
  - Mr. Deelo expressed his concern of who will take care of the monument.
  - Mayor Hamilton – be cautious of lighting on monument not to create a haze.
  - Mr. Andres asked if the Park Committee approved of the monument
    - Mr. Rathbun – the committee will work around the monument

***Motion by Ms. McKean for Beaver Borough to approve the proposed monument from the Veteran's group. The proposed monument would be placed in Quay Park and be consistent in size, scope and lighting with other monuments in that park. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Bovalino abstained.***

### **President's Report** – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Executive Session after the meeting to discuss real estate, there will be no vote after.
- 2023 newly assessed property values will go into effect, borough will not be able to raise taxes for one year after.
- Agenda for the regular council meetings is going to change. Council will only go over reports during work sessions and focus more on motions during voting sessions.

### **Mayor Hamilton** –

- Recognized PUSH for the money raised at the Polar Plunge

### **Fire Department** – Reported by Mr. Perini

- 2019 Year End Report enclosed in council packet

### **Emergency Management Coordinator** –

- 2019 Year End Report enclosed in council packet

**Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer –**

- December 2019 Borough Engineer and Municipal Authority monthly reports enclosed in council packet.

**Solicitor Report – No report**

**Old Business**

**Motion – DAR Historic Preservation Grant**

*Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council reconfirm support for the prior submission of the DAR Historic Preservation Grant application for the restoration of the Clark Park monument. If application is approved, Beaver Borough match amount will be \$7,500. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion – 2019 Ford F550 and 2020 International**

*Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Myers Equipment Corporation invoice's as part of the awarded Section 902 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Recycling Grant (SAP Document 4100083226 902-168-2018): 1) 2019 Ford F550 (Vin 43784). Invoice # 31239 in the amount of \$6,102.40 and Invoice # 32231 in the amount of \$26,815.00. 2) 2020 International (Vin 60349) Invoice # 32413 in the amount of \$35,760.00 and Invoice # 31455 in the amount of \$2,130.00. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**New Business**

**Motion – Environmental Plan and Design LLC – Zoning Ordinance Revisions**

*Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the expenditure of \$7,706 for Environmental Plan and Design LLC of Pittsburgh PA to assist the Beaver Borough Planning Commission with zoning ordinance revisions. This item was included in the 2020 Budget for \$7,500 which was an estimate during budget discussions.*

- *Motion to table by Mr. Bovalino, Second Ms. King. Roll call vote: Mr. Bovalino – Yes, Ms. McKean – Yes, Mr. Andres – Yes, Ms. King – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Rathbun – No, Mr. Deelo – No, Mr. Snowden – No. Motion to table passed on the indicated roll call vote, 6-3.*

**Motion – Resolution # 2020-001, Beaver County Tax Collection Committee voting delegates**

*Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution # 2020-001 regarding the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC) Voting Delegate Appointments. Seconded by Mr. Andres. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

Council entered Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. Motion by Mr. Perini, Second by Ms. McKean.

Council ended Executive session at 9:07 p.m. Motion by Mr. Bovalino, Second by Ms. McKean.

**Motion – Beaver Police Collective Bargaining Agreement**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Beaver Police Association and the Borough of Beaver effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Roll call vote: Mr. Bovalino – Yes, Ms. McKean – Yes, Mr. Andres – Yes, Ms. King – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Rathbun – Yes, Mr. Deelo – Yes, Mr. Snowden – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 9-0.***

***Motion to adjourn by Mr. Perini. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips