

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
January 28, 2020  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on January 28, 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, Alex Sebastian (arrived at 7:02PM), Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Adam Rathbun
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley, Rick Sprecker, Larry Renninger, Cindy Renninger, Mark Peluso, Joline Atkins and Cassie Brkich.

**Public Participation** – Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – Asked why the holiday lights were removed from the trees in the Business District.

- Mr. Madgar stated the Highway Department took advantage of the warmer weather and removed the top lights but kept the lights on the base of the trees.

### **Reports – Commission / Authorities**

**Council of Governments (COG)** – No report

**Civil Service Commission** – No report

**Zoning Hearing Board** – No report

### **Planning Commission -**

- Environmental Planning and Design – Borough Zoning Ordinances
  - Mr. Martone – Planning Commission’s recommendation to Council was to approve the zoning adjustments with consultant Environmental Planning and Design. Current ordinances were last reviewed and passed in May 2012.
  - Mr. Deelo and Ms. McKean – Went back to the Planning Commission to get some questions answered. They were able to answer the questions and Mr. Deelo recommends council remove the tabled motion to vote on at the next council meeting.
  - Larry Reddinger, 1440 River Road – Would like loopholes of ordinances taken care of or he believes that the residents will have to deal with consequences. Tightening any loopholes will create a safe and prosperous community.
  - Mr. Martone – This type of review has not been done in 7 years.
  - Mr. Snowden – Put the tabled motion to vote at the next council meeting.
  - Mr. Andres – The hesitation was because the quote came in over budget right after the budget being passed. If it did not come in over budget, the motion would have passed.

- McIntosh Square project
  - Borough Engineer's review of the proposed McIntosh Square Condominium Development dated January 24, 2020 enclosed in council packet.
  - Mr. Peluso – 12 unit, 3 story condominium development to be located at 877 Corporation Street. Want to build within code without requesting any variances.
  - Mr. Martone – Tonight is to inform council of the project. In the future, council will need to vote on 2 motions: Land Development Application and the Consolidation Plan.
  - Mr. Deelo – Asked what Mr. Martone's role was in this project.
  - Mr. Martone – Conducted a boundary survey and prepared consolidation plan, is not the engineer for the project.
  - Ms. McKean – Asked if any other designs were considered, given the historic nature of the neighborhood.
    - Mr. Peluso – Many designs were considered and the one chosen was best for the space.

**Tree Commission** – No report

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** – No report

**Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)** – No report

**Municipal Authority -**

- Mr. Deelo – Working on a new agreement with Bridgewater and Brighton Township since the current agreement expired several years ago.
  - Will keep the Borough informed of the agreement.
  - Several capital improvements in the near future.
- Mr. Martone – Important to get the new agreement in place soon. Planning for a new head-works facility at the sewage treatment plant will cost approximately \$1,000,000.
  - Mr. Madgar asked if Bridgewater rates will increase. Beaver has been accused of placing a surcharge on Bridgewater residents.
  - Mr. Martone – The Beaver Municipal Authority treats approximately 20% of their sewage. Therefore, if the DEP requires the capital improvement, Bridgewater would be responsible for 20% of the costs. Regarding the surcharge, Beaver Municipal Authority does not charge a surcharge, just the 20%. Our sewage rates are one of the lowest in the area.
  - Mr. Deelo – Will spread the cost of capital improvements over a 20-year period.

**Council Committee:**

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement –**

- Ms. McKean requested a year-end report and a monthly report
  - Mr. Madgar stated the department is switching computer systems in February. Will provide the requested reports to council.

**Finance – No report**

**Highway –**

- Mr. Bovalino – Paving plans are in the works. Will meet with Mr. Martone soon.

**General Government –**

- Larry Reddinger – Underwriting an Elton John Concert in the Park – July 18, 2020 – rain date July 19, 2020 located in Linn Park
  - Concert will benefit Beaver Parks and Recreation. Seating 4,000.
  - Discussed crowd control, emergency vehicles, parking
  - Mr. Snowden will contact our Solicitor to see if Council needs to vote on the concert. If so, a motion will be prepared for the next meeting.

**Recreation –**

- Ms. King – Spoke with Underground Beaver representatives regarding weekly movies in the park in the summer.
  - Ms. King will contact Brighton Township to see if we can collaborate with them.
  - Underground Beaver will purchase the screen and projector.
  - Mr. Madgar will also contact the high school to see if they would be interested in participating.

**Manager's Report/Police Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar**

- 2018-2020 Financial Information report enclosed in council packet
  - Reviewed projects that were completed in the last two years that needed completed but were not budgeted for. Several projects were liability issues. Not included in the report are the pool and pool pumps.
  - Mr. Martone – This amount of work completed is unusual for a municipality. Typically only a couple major projects get completed – complemented the Highway Department.
  - Mr. Kennedy – These projects needed completed, however our budget has been eroding over the last 4 to 5 years
  - Ms. McKean – Encouraged council to quickly draft DCNR grant, deadline is approaching to submit. Will need to get the DCNR representatives here to look at the pool project. Need to figure out the scope of work to submit for grant.
  - Mr. Andres – Will add this information listed on the report to his 5-year plan
  - Mr. Snowden – Could the pool be spray sealed instead of painting every year? Would like to consider different options.

**President's Report –**

- Mr. Snowden – Announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss real-estate
  - No motions after the adjournment of the Executive Session
- To be more efficient and to keep residents informed the regular council meetings scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month will be voting sessions

**Mayor – No report**

**Police** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Engineer** – No report

Entered into Executive Session at 8:35PM

Adjourned at 8:50PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips