

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
February 11, 2020
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on February 11, 2020 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Frank Bovalino, 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. Absent: Michael Deelo
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Cheryl Hansen, Marilyn Vogel, Rick Sprecker, Larry Renninger, Mark Peluso, Robert Rice, Jim Woolley.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Ms. McKean to accept the January 14, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the January 28, 2020 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

- January 2020 end of month reports and balances reviewed.
- Reports will be filed for annual audit.

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

- Ms. McKean asked if any of the bills to the same company could be consolidated into one bill. Ms. Hindman stated that although it is inefficient, each account needs a separate login and is required to have separate bills.

Public Participation –

- Cheryl Hansen, 1260 River Road – Stated the Tribute Concert is a good idea however, should be held at the high school football field. Linn Park is not capable of holding what is being planned. The majority of the neighbors are not aware the event.
 - Mr. Snowden thanked Ms. Hansen for her input and would address more details during his report

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Beaver County Regional Council of Government’s Winter Symposium, “People, Place, Policy” will be held at the Beaver Falls Middle School on February 13 from 6-8PM.
- Ms. McKean will be attending the February COG meeting. Asked council if they would approve her bringing an issue to the COG State Legislator’s attention – lack of funding and grants available.
 - Mr. Andres, Mr. Snowden and Mr. Fedeles agreed that its appropriate to mention it at the meeting, however, no motion is needed.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – No report

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Rice

- Will forward the 2019 Annual Report and January 20, 2020 minutes to Ms. Hindman.
- Officers are Carey McDougall – Chair, Larry Renninger – Vice Chair.
- Continuing to recruit a high school/undergraduate student interested in local government for a non-voting position.

Tree Commission – No report

- Cheryl Hansen, 1260 River Road – A tree near her home needs attention on River Road.
 - Chief Madgar stated the tree would be taken care of.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- January 2020 report enclosed in council packet.
- Mr. Sprecker would like to bring photos to the next meeting so council has a better understanding of issues that are being dealt with.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – Reported by Mr. Rice

- January 16, 2020 draft minutes enclosed in council packet.

Municipal Authority –

- January 15, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

Reports

Manager’s/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Met with Carey McDougall – requested the Planning Commission look into two projects: Renovation plan of the borough building and the swimming pool.
 - Ms. McKean – Feasibility study is needed to receive a grant. If pool needs renovated completely, the grant will not be awarded if the borough does not have the funds to match.

DCNR encouraged the borough to talk to other communities that recently renovated their pools.

- Met with Mr. Sims of the Municipal Authority – Will not be submitting the grant for the recycling area at this time.
- Recycling grant – Will be submitting for a new leaf machine and recycling bins.
- Trees in the Business District – Needing to cut the roots which are coming up through the brick. Mark Rohm identified seven trees that should be removed and replace with smaller trees to prevent safety hazards.
- Employee evaluations will be completed within the next couple weeks.
- 2019 Year End Police Report – distributed to council
 - With the new computer system the 2020 reports will be more detailed
 - Call volume increased
- Rental Registration January 2020 report enclosed in council packet
- Rental Registration – Have had two fatal overdoses within a one-year period at the same home.
 - Would like to discuss the “Three Strikes” ordinance that could cover disruptive conduct at the next Work Session.
 - Mr. Fedeles – Other municipalities have this in their ordinance. He will research and forward other ordinances to the borough office.

President’s Report – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Reviewed the Committee section of the January 28, 2020 Work Session minutes
- After the last work session, someone notified the County Planning Commissioners that Beaver Borough approved a concert in the park and would be utilizing the Court House parking garage. The commissioners were upset that the borough did not notify them. Mr. Snowden stated that council only discussed the different options that would be available if the concert was approved. At the Work Sessions, discussions are had regarding future motions. Mr. Snowden requested if anyone is passing along information that they make sure it is accurate information.

Mayor Hamilton –

- January 31st, Mayor Hamilton and Ms. Hindman attended a meeting held at the Columbia Gas Operations Center hosted by the Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce regarding the Southern Beltway project. Discussed the community impact by several different municipalities which also attended.

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer –

- January 2020 Borough Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet and reviewed.

Solicitor Report – No report

Motions

Motion – Environmental Plan and Design LLC – Zoning Ordinance Revisions

Motion by Mr. Rathbun, 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. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Concert in Linn Park

Motion by Ms. King, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve a Concert in the Park, Tribute to the Music of Elton John. Concert scheduled for July 18, 2020 with rain date of July 19, 2020. Concert provided by L & C Promotions benefitting Beaver Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – McIntosh Square Development Plan

Motion by Mr. Rathbun, upon receipt of the Beaver Borough Planning Commission's recommended approval, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the McIntosh Square Land Development Plan located at 877 Corporation Street for the proposed development of a 12 unit condominium building and related site features conditional upon satisfaction of the items appearing in the Borough Engineer's review letter dated January 24, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino.

- Mr. Martone – Voting on the footprint which meets our requirements. Not voting on design.

Roll call vote: Mr. Bovalino – Yes, Ms. McKean – Yes, Mr. Andres – Yes, Ms. King – No, Mr. Sebastian – Yes. Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Rathbun – Yes, Mr. Snowden – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote: 7-1.

Motion – McIntosh Square Consolidation Plan

Motion by Mr. Rathbun, upon receipt of the Beaver Borough Planning Commission's recommended approval, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the McIntosh Square Land Consolidation Plan located at 877 Corporation Street. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Rathbun. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips