

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
February 25, 2020  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on February 25, 2020 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Michael Deelo, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini (via phone), Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar. Absent: Alexander Andres, Frank Bovalino, Chris King
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley, Rick Sprecker, Karin Nunes, Cheryl Hansen
- Moment of silence for Bob Morrison who served over thirty (30) years as a police officer for Beaver Borough.

**Public Participation –**

- Jarrod Thomas, 186 Taylor Avenue – Concerned with the fourteen (14) violations on the rental property he owns. When he was on council and voted for the Rental Registration Ordinance, he thought it was just for interior not exterior.
  - Mr. Madgar stated the ordinance includes both interior and exterior.
  - Mr. Snowden requested Mr. Thomas contact the Inspector, Martin Feroce, to review the violations. He can ask for an extension of the 30 days if needed to have the violations corrected.
  - Mr. Thomas asked what the appeals process was
    - Mr. Snowden stated council will look into and discuss at the next meeting
    - Mr. Madgar stated in 2019 out of the 635 registrations there were 364 inspections and 287 re-inspections to bring rentals up to code with extensions approved to allow time to get the code violations completed.

**Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar**

- Mr. Madgar - Met with the school Superintendent Carrie Rowe last week to discuss the possibility of working together to construct an indoor-outdoor pool.
- Both pools are only a couple hundred yards away from each other and both are in need of repair. However, there are many questions and considerations that need to be discussed.
- Had two different contractors look at the pool, including the liner. After looking at the pool, one contractor was not interested in giving a quote.
- Ms. McKean – Believes that after conversations she has had, the contractor is still interested in giving a quote for the pool and it does not need to be completely redone but agreed that the pool needs attention.

- Mr. Madgar – It was mentioned to Dr. Rowe to possibly do a joint project of a pool with the Borough, Mr. Madgar would mention to council and get feedback at this Work Session. The school district would need an answer quickly.
- Mr. Snowden – Concerned with putting the school district behind on their construction since they have been looking into this for several years now and if it is reasonable to explore different options of a collaboration with the pool.
- Ms. McKean – A feasibility study on the pool would cost about \$10,000 and would tell the borough exactly what the borough should do and what is realistic. After the study, the borough could apply for a DCNR Grant to cover some costs.
- Mr. Deelo – A feasibility study was completed in 2012, found out the contractors were interested in building a new pool rather than refurbishing.
- Mr. Perini – Consider getting buy in from neighboring communities
- Mr. Rathbun – The Borough should commit funds for a feasibility study for a rehab, new, and a joint venture with the school. The study should take approximately 6 months.
- Mr. Thomas – The school board is waiting to see if council decides to move forward or not. The school board has advertised a special meeting for this Thursday to consider councils response and to see if the school board would consider holding off on what was already approved to work with the borough.

## **Reports – Commissions**

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

**Civil Service Commission – No report**

**Zoning Hearing Board – No report**

**Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Deelo**

- 2019 Annual Report, January 20, 2020 minutes and February 17, 2020 draft minutes enclosed in council packet
- Planning Commission will be researching Gypsy Glen Pavilion at Shaw Park and to renovate the borough building.

**Shade Tree Commission (STC) – Reported by Ms. McKean**

- Ms. McKean and Ms. King attended the last STC meeting.
- Mark Rohm stated there are several trees that need to be removed from the Business District with concerns of roots pushing up bricks. The STC would like to be part of the discussion, they believe the gap among the bricks have nothing to do with the roots.
- Mr. Madgar stated that some of the bricks are pushed up due to roots. He'll have them assessed and report back to council. Some trees have outgrown the tree box and need to be removed. We have asked the STC on tree replacement suggestions, have not received a response yet.
- Ms. McKean asked that we have the STC in the conversation and decision making.

**Code Enforcement Officer Report – No report**

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

- HARB Chair asked members to submit their thoughts on the Preservation Plan guidelines – they will then submit the recommendations to council

**Municipal Authority –**

Municipal Authority Engineer report dated February 18, 2020 enclosed in council packet

**Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety –**

- Mr. Snowden – Pleased with the Rental Registration process despite some disagreements. Protects the owner and renter.

**Finance – No report**

**Highway –**

- Columbia Gas project has started on Canal Street
- Mr. Deelo – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward paving has been neglected over the past years

**General Government – No report**

**Code Enforcement – No report**

**Recreation – No report**

**Reports**

**Manager’s Report – Reported by Chief Madgar**

- Will have a motion at the next council meeting for Brian Koslosky to be promoted to Apprentice 2

**President’s Report –**

- Asked status of the bricks that are to be placed in front of the borough building with past police officers names
- Mr. Madgar – Finalizing the list, should be completed soon

**Mayor Hamilton – No report**

**Police Chief Madgar – No report**

**Fire Department – No report**

**Emergency Management Coordinator –**

- Ms. McKean – Should the borough inform the residents of how to prevent the Coronavirus
- Mr. Snowden and Mr. Deelo – Residents should rely on the Centers for Disease (CDC) until we are informed to do otherwise.

Adjourned at 8:22PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips