

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
May 12, 2020
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held remotely on Zoom due to COVID-19 Stay at Home Statewide Order. Meeting was called to order on May 12, 2020 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:10PM), 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, Solicitor Fedeles, Borough Secretary – Debbie Hindman, Borough Engineer – Dan Martone
- Visitors: Bill Cutri, Marylou Hill, Midge Sefton, Rick Sprecker, Jeff Hamilton, Leslie Hare
- Mayor Hamilton requested a moment of silence for Reverend Carl Neely who passed away on May 6, 2020. Colonel Neely made Beaver his home after moving from Harrisburg always giving back to our community and being a fixture at all the community events. Colonel Neely will be missed by many.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Ms. King to accept the March 10, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the April 28, 2020 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

- April 2020 end of month reports and balances reviewed.
- Reports will be filed for annual audit.
- Mr. Madgar – Our taxes are on schedule and we just received a \$30,000 payment from TurnKey for past tax payments. Will continue to discuss and review with our Finance Manager and keep council informed.

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Mr. Deelo to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Midge Sefton, 1360 River Road – Complimented the recent painting on the canon in McIntosh Park
- Leslie Hare, 1098 4th Street – Attending the meeting for any discussions regarding the pool
 - Mr. Snowden – We are at the beginning stages of what the pool will look like and how we will pay for it. Hopefully the public will give thoughts and opinions as we work through the process.

- Bill Cutri, 295 Market Street – Questioned status of Clark Park and also requesting the Code Enforcement Officers not cite anyone for any work that needs to be completed during these times of Stay at Home Orders.
 - Ms. McKean – Regarding Clark Park, the office that reviews the grant applications is located in New York City. There may be a delay in the process due to the COVID-19 work restrictions.
 - Mr. Madgar – Further discussion will be held at the next work session regarding code enforcement. It has been communicated to Code Enforcement Officers to not be citing at this time during Stay at Home Orders.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) – No report

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – Reported by Mr. Martone

- First Christian Church will be submitting an application in the near future regarding a Lot Line Revision which will require a variance.

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Martone

- February 17, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Mr. Schwartz, Environmental Plan and Design, will be attending the May 18, 2020 meeting via Zoom.

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- March 2020 and April 2020 reports enclosed in council packet.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –

- March 2, 2020 Draft meeting minutes and May 2020 Activities Report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Snowden – The March 2, 2020 draft meeting minutes, Mr. Deelo and Ms. McKean are listed as being part of HARB Steering Committee, is this accurate or should they be listed as part of the public?
 - Mr. Deelo – Listed accurately on the minutes. Several years ago, Mr. Rice asked him and Ms. McKean to be part of the Steering Committee regarding a project funded by a Shell grant.
 - Mr. Snowden – Is this project something that council will voting on in the future?
 - Mr. Deelo – Yes. Currently in the final recommendations of guidelines to be forwarded to council

- Ms. McKean – When Mr. Rice asked her to be part of the Steering Committee, she was not a member of council. She and Mr. Deelo are very clear that they are not speaking on behalf of council.
- Solicitor Fedeles – Council Members may attend a public meeting to facilitate communication between HARB and Council. However, recommends they resign their positions on the committee since the committee will ultimately make a presentation to council for their vote.
- Mr. Deelo – Will pass information along to HARB
- Mr. Snowden – Committees should get approval from council in the future if Council Members are desired to take part.

Municipal Authority –

- May 20, 2020 meeting will be held via Zoom

Reports

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- At the last meeting, the Finance Manager reported an estimated a \$300,000 in reduced revenue. Mr. Perini is concerned of potential decline in tax revenue and suggested council may need to reopen the budget due to the pandemic and explore budget reductions during the next Work Session.
 - Mr. Bovalino – Suggest to have accurate projections to make rational decisions before budget is changed.
 - Mr. Madgar – He and the Finance Manager will review the budget with options regarding the grant money and paving projects to report to council.

Highway – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Reviewed the April 2020 report enclosed in council packet
- Mr. Martone - Bank Street from Commerce Street to Market Street – Per Columbia Gas projections may be paved in 2021. Discussed several options to have it milled this year as a temporary solution to the deterioration until it can be paved.

General Government –

- Beaver Borough Strategic Plan 2020 including 2019 Accomplishments enclosed in council packet

Recreation – No report

Manager's/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the April 2020 report enclosed in council packet
- In communication with Nancy Lonnett Roman regarding the tree boxes on Third Street.

- Eight trees need to be replaced. She and our Highway Department will work together to complete the project.
- Met with staff regarding the COVID-19 requirements. Will be working with a 3rd party company to provide the cleaning – will keep record of and receive certification of when cleaning was performed.
- Supplies – Have plenty of safety and cleaning supplies. Keeping track of spending for reimbursement.
- Ms. Hindman watched a webinar provided by FEMA regarding reimbursement program
- Basketball court – Hoops are up, need to have sealed and striped.
- Solicitor Fedeles - Civil Service Eligibility List to expire in August, will try to extend again. Due to circumstances with COVID-19 cannot put another list together.
- Mr. Perini – Questioned status of Borough Building opening again to public and what guidelines will be in place
 - Solicitor Fedeles – Government entities can decide individual guidelines to be put in place.
 - Move to Yellow Phase – earliest will be May 22, 2020
- Has been in communication with Beaver Chamber of Commerce
 - Asked them to follow CDC guidelines once they open.

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- New pool cost is estimated to be between \$3,500,000 and \$5,000,000. Need to have serious discussions regarding grants and fundraising as well as demolishing or rebuilding.
 - Mr. Bovalino – Should consider looking into partnerships with businesses and other municipalities.
 - Mr. Andres – Should also look into private partnership for fundraising
 - Mr. Martone – Conference call is scheduled for May 13, 2020 with AJ Schwartz (Environmental Planning and Design) and Aquatic Facility Design to put a plan together to move forward on the development. Need to have a commitment from council to move forward.
 - Mr. Madgar – Ten years ago the Borough paid \$30,000 for a feasibility study and never moved forward with it. Mr. Schwartz would rather have a commitment from council before conducting another feasibility study.
 - Mr. Perini – Suggested this be put on the November ballot as a voter referendum
 - Solicitor Fedeles will look into and inform council if this is possible
- Signs were placed along 3rd Street to recognize Beaver School District graduating seniors
 - Mr. Madgar – Thanked Commissioner for approving signs to be placed in front of the Beaver County Courthouse.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Thanked Rick Granati and his son for donating their time and supplies updating the cannon in McIntosh Park.

- High School Graduation signs lining the town parks looks nice. Thanked the Beaver Area School District Education Foundation, Beaver County Commissioners and countless volunteers for taking part in making this happen to celebrate the seniors.
- Thanked the Beaver Volunteer Fire Department and Boy Scouts for placing American flags on all the veterans' graves at the Beaver Cemetery.

Fire Department –

- Trainings are currently suspended.
- Continuing to answer calls, decline in volume of calls

Emergency Management Coordinator (EOC) –

- Borough has been in contact with EOC. EOC is expecting to have an update this week.

Engineer –

- April 2020 Borough Engineer report enclosed in council packet.
- Columbia Gas received waiver from PA Government to resume work.

Solicitor Report – No report

Motions

Motion – Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board

Motion by Mr. Anders, Based on the recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Board, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Jenny Hankinson as an Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Term to expire December 31, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Declaration of Disaster Emergency regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic effective March 6, 2020. The Declaration was filed with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency on March 19, 2020 and will continue in effect until the Pandemic threat emergency conditions no longer exist. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Grant Application for plaque in Beaver Borough National Historic District

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough provide a letter of support for a grant application to obtain a bronze plaque recognizing Beaver Borough's National Historic District. The grant is available from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and the application will be prepared by Bob Rice. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – A. Folino Construction – payment for the 2019 Road Paving Project

Motion by Mr. Bovalino, Having satisfied the outstanding items appearing in the Borough Engineer's payment recommendation letter dated January 13, 2020 (as documented by the Borough Engineer's April 1, 2020 email), I move that Beaver Borough Council pay A. Folino Construction \$117,053.41 as payment in full for the Beaver Borough 2019 Water Street Paving Project. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun.

- Mr. Madgar – This should have been paid in 2019, invoice was delayed by the contractor.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Youngblood Paving – payment for the 2019 Road Paving Project

Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move that Beaver Borough Council release the remaining retainage in the amount of \$30,000 for Phase 2 of the Beaver Borough 2019 Road Paving Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in accordance with the signed agreement dated April 1, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned at 8:36PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips