

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

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on July 14, 2020 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini (via phone), Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar and Solicitor Fedeles. Absent: Frank Bovalino
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Carole & Robert Snider, Janice LaRue, Midge Sefton, Patti Ross

**Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian to accept the June 9, 2020 Council meeting minutes, as corrected and the June 23, 2020 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Treasurer's Report –**

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

**Review invoice and authorization to pay bills**

***Motion by Mr. Andres to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**President**

- Pool – Moving into the Stage 2 of the pool, reviewing the possibility of constructing a new pool. At the end of the Stage 2 (possibly several months), a public presentation will be made of cost and details of the pool. Several forms of information will be given to the public to keep them informed.

**Public Participation –**

- Patti Ross, 300 6<sup>th</sup> Street - Representative of Bobcat Theater Group – Requested use of park for the September Bobcats Players performance while keeping CDC distance guidelines.
  - Mr. Snowden – a motion is on the agenda regarding the request
- Janice LaRue, 1199 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Questioned the plans for the public pool
  - Mr. Snowden – Motion is on the agenda to approve Stage 2 regarding planning and design. An Adhoc Committee has been established to discuss the planning and design and to schedule meeting dates. Public presentation will be scheduled possibly in October – we will continue to keep the public informed.

- Robert Snider, 1175 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Is a ballot referendum required for the pool? Will pool parking be taken into consideration?
  - Solicitor Fedeles – The referendum is not required. In order for it to be on the ballot, it would need to be turned into the Election Borough by September.
  - Mr. Madgar – Yes, parking revision will be part of the pool design.

## **Reports – Commissions / Authorities**

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

- June 25, 2020 Agenda/meeting minutes included in council packet
- COVID Relief Grant to Beaver County municipalities, small businesses and charitable organizations to recoup lost income. However if any money is received by any other federal agency they would not be eligible for the relief package. County is putting together a procedure packet on how to apply and distribute the money. Money needs to be distributed by the end of the year.

### **Civil Service Commission – No report**

### **Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – Reported by Mr. Snowden**

- Two hearings were held on July 13, 2020 – both requests were approved for in-ground swimming pools

### **Planning Commission –**

- May 18, 2020 meeting minutes and June 15, 2020 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet

### **Tree Commission – No report**

- Highway Department working with Ms. Lonnett Roman regarding the damaged trees in our parks due to the recent storms. Some tree's will be pruned and/or removed.

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

- June 2020 report enclosed in council packet.

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

- June 30, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.
- ***Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to demolish 488 Rear Buffalo Street as recommended by HARB in the June 30, 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously***

### **Municipal Authority –**

- Reviewed the June 17, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Sewage Treatment Plant – Capital expenditure improvement is planned in the future

## Reports

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

- Met with RSSC Architecture regarding Borough Building renovation ideas – will keep council updated
- Fire Department – Emergency expenditure for air-conditioner and furnace: \$18,000. Furnace was red-tagged in 2019.
- Cleared out some trees around the water lot area. Should consider putting a fence around the spring house.
- Sidewalks replaced and widened in McIntosh Park
- Several tree boxes still need to be installed in the Business District
- Non-uniform contract – May be able to get a one year extension without any negotiations
- Staffing: Officer Stahl – Injury. Pending evaluation, may be off the schedule for 30 days if not longer. Another full-time officer - Quarantine due to a family member being in contact with someone testing positive for COVID-19.
- Civil Service Eligibility List expires at the end of August. A presentation will be held at the next Work Session recommending to hire two additional police officers.
- Recycling Bins – Submitted a grant for additional bins, should know by the end of September if grant was awarded.
- Misting area – Opened with the help of the Highway Department, Municipal Authority and Fire Department all working together.
- Rental Registration update
- Borough Building still closed to the public due to CDC social distancing guidelines.
  - ***Motion by Mr. Andres, I move that Beaver Borough Council direct the Borough Manager and Solicitor to establish a policy for the Highway Department and the Municipal Authority regarding COVID-19 related time off. Policy to be effective through December 31, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***
- Home for sale on the corner of Wayne & Corporation Street attached to our property for possible future growth of the borough.
  - ***Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to explore the purchase of the home at 471 Corporation Street for discussion purposes only. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

- Full-time police officers – He will reach out to other municipalities to discuss any issues with hiring. The number of applicants are dwindling.

**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator – No report**

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

- July 14, 2020 Borough Engineer monthly report and mid-May 2020 through June 16, 2020 Borough Municipal Authority Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet.
- Mr. Madgar – Our Engineer is working with Columbia Gas regarding paving of 4<sup>th</sup> Street update.

**Solicitor Report –**

- Vacancy Tax discussed at the last meeting – Generally used when people are not selling or renting vacant homes in hopes of market improving to make a higher profit. His opinion this is not an issue in Beaver Borough.

## **Motions**

**Motion – Environmental Planning & Design – Approval Stage 2 at Shaw Park**

***Motion by Mr. Rathbun, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Stage 2 portion of the Environmental Planning & Design, Beaver Borough Shaw Park Enhancement Plan Fee Estimate, dated June 19, 2020. Cost of Stage 2: \$45,500. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Purchase police vehicle**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve check number 2265 in the amount of \$37,950.00 payable to Tri Star Motors for the purchase of a 2020 Ford Explorer police vehicle (vin ending in 52401). This is part of the established rotation. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Beaver Bobcat Player – Use of Quay Park**

***Motion by Mr. Andres, I move that Beaver Borough Council accept the Beaver Bobcat Player request to use Quay Park for a performance on September 12, 2020 (rain date September 13, 2020) with compliance to social distancing requirements. The fee for use of the park will be waived. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

***Motion by Mr. Perini moves to put a resolution on the August 11, 2020 meeting agenda to put a referendum regarding the pool on the November 2020 ballot. Seconded by Ms. McKean.***

- Mr. Madgar read a message from Mr. Bovalino which he wanted read to council stating he is for going forward on the pool and wishes he could be here to express his convictions that this is a community asset and needs to be part of our plan going forward. Two things attract new responsible residents to Beaver; amenities such as the pool and other recreation in close proximity; also a strong educational base as we find in Beaver Area School District.

***Roll call vote: Ms. McKean – Yes, Mr. Andres – No, Ms. King – Yes, Mr. Sebastian – No, Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Rathbun – No, Mr. Deelo – Yes, Mr. Snowden – No. Mayor Hamilton – No. Motion failed 4-5. (Mr. Bovalino absent. Motion was tied, Mayor Hamilton voted)***

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

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips