

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
August 11, 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 August 11, 2020 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Frank Bovalino (7:04 PM), 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, Finance Manager Andy Kennedy, Borough Engineer Dan Martone and Officer Ken McCoy.
- Visitors in attendance: Midge Sefton

**Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. Deelo to accept the July 14, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the July 28, 2020 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Treasurer's Report –**

- July 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. King to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Public Participation –** No comments

**Reports – Commissions / Authorities**

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

- Legal and media advertising discussed at last meeting during executive session.
- COG is in favor of supporting legislation that would allow advertising other than in news print.

**Civil Service Commission –** No report.

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

- First Christian Church will be requesting a hearing in the near future regarding property lines.

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

- Reviewed the June 15, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Tree Commission** – No report

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** –

- July 2020 report enclosed in council packet.

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

**Municipal Authority** – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Reviewed the July 15, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Looking at drawings to potentially redesign the Sewage Treatment Plant.
- Meeting with DEP to discuss drinking water.

## **Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety / Code Enforcement** –

- Some street lights are not working properly. Chief Madgar will have officers check during evening shift for pole numbers to have fixed.
- Complimented Borough Workers on repainting yellow lines and cleaning up curbs.
- Electric scooters – safety concern specifically with children riding them on streets. Chief Madgar will review with other officers and Solicitor to put a notice out to residents.

**Finance** – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Requesting each committee to look into budget needs for next year.
- Revenue will be down this year due to COVID-19. Committees need to be especially conscious of spending.

**Highway** – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Concerns of temporary patch work on roads, communication of work and restricted parking, and too much work being done at once.
- Mr. Martone will contact Columbia Gas regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Street temporary restoration on main and service line trenches.

**General Government** – No report

**Recreation** –

- Ms. McKean – Trying to locate a historical specialist to give guidance with the possible preservation of the spring house.
- Sprinkler system/splash pad installed near pavilion is a success, many families attending.

## **Reports**

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

- Reviewed July 2020 Rental Registration report enclosed in council packet

- Met with RSSC Architecture regarding borough building renovations – will continue to keep council informed.
- Pool Committee will be meeting on August 12, 2020 – will continue to keep council informed.
- Light up Night – Keeping in contact with the Beaver Chamber of Commerce regarding state regulations for outdoor gatherings limited to 250.
- New police vehicle was delivered to keep up with the vehicle rotation.
- 2015 Ford Explorer on Municibid – currently at \$6,100. Will keep council informed.

**President’s Report** – No report

**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer** – Reported by Mr. Martone

- July 2020 Borough Engineer monthly report and mid-June 2020 through July 13, 2020 Borough Municipal Authority Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet.
- Legal Notice for the 2020 Road Paving Project will be submitted for advertisement this week.

**Solicitor Report** –

- CARES Act funding will be available to Beaver County municipalities to cover costs associated with COVID-19 through the end of the year. Application period will be from August 17 through August 31.

## **Motions**

**Motion – 2021 Minimum Obligation (MMO) for Police and Municipal Employees**

*Motion by Mr. Perini, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution relating to the 2021 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Police and Municipal Employees. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion – Appointment of Police Officers**

*Motion by Mr. Rathbun, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the President of Council to sign the Appointment of Police Officer on behalf of the borough, offering fulltime employment to Michael Nevill effective September 16, 2020 and Nicholas Klutka effective October 1, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Roll call vote: Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. Bovalino – Yes, Ms. King – Yes, Mr. Andres – Yes, Ms. McKean – No, Mr. Deelo – Yes, Mr. Perini – Yes, Mr. Rathbun – Yes, Mr. Snowden – Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 8-1.*

**Motion – Purchase 471 Corporation Street**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to negotiate the purchase of the home located at 471 Corporation Street (Tax Parcel 14-003-0214.000) not to exceed \$139,000. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Roll call vote: Mr. Sebastian – Yes, Mr. Bovalino – Yes, Ms. King – No, Mr. Andres – Yes, Ms. McKean – No, Mr. Deelo – Yes, Mr. Perini – No, Mr. Rathbun – Yes, Mr. Snowden - Yes. Motion passed on the indicated roll call vote, 6-3.***

**Motion – Team Force invoice – upfitting police vehicle**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Team Force invoice for upfitting the 2020 Ford Explorer police vehicle with emergency equipment. Invoice # 356-8614 dated 8/3/2020 in the amount of \$13,877.85. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips