

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
September 8, 2020  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held remotely on Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. Meeting was called to order on September 8, 2020 at 7:01 PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor Fedeles, Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman, and Officer Ken McCoy. Absent: Margaret McKean
- Visitors in attendance: Midge Sefton, Carole & Robert Snider

**Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. Bovalino to accept the August 11, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the August 25, 2020 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Treasurer's Report –**

- August 2020 end of month reports and balances reviewed.
- Budget will be presented at September 2020 Work Session.
- Reports will be filed for annual audit.

**Review invoice and authorization to pay bills**

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

**Public Participation –** No comments

**Reports – Commissions / Authorities**

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

- August 2020 minutes and draft letter opposing State House Bill 1069 enclosed in council packet.
- Will prepare draft letter for Beaver Borough for review at the next Work Session.

**Civil Service Commission –** No report

**Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) –** No report

**Planning Commission –**

- August 17, 2020 Draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Tree Commission** – No report

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** –

- August 2020 report enclosed in council packet.
- Council confirmed that political signs in resident’s yards will be permitted until two weeks after the election.

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

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

- Reviewed the August 19, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety / Code Enforcement** – No report

**Finance** – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Formal budget report will be ready for next Work Session.
- Mr. Deelo asked about Liquid Fuels spending and if it needs to be spent by the end of the year.
  - Mr. Perini – Liquid Fuels will be spent by end of the year.

**Highway** – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Still working with Columbia Gas to see if any corrections/repairs can be made to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Council is not satisfied with temporary patch work.
- Paving began on Bank Street.

**General Government** –

- Mr. Andres asked if he would be able to draft a letter to property owners on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Insurance Street and ask if there is anything that Council or Borough can do to assist with filling vacancy.
  - Borough Solicitor agreed that a letter to offer assistance would be beneficial.
  - Ms. Hindman will look to see how long property has been vacant.

**Recreation** – No report

**Reports**

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

- Reviewed August 2020 Rental Registration report enclosed in council packet
- Estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2021 is \$130,981
- 2019 – 904 Recycling Grant (based off our pickup tonnage) is \$1,781

- CARES Act – Application submitted to Beaver County on August 27, 2020 in the amount of \$501,535
- Borough Building – RSSC Architecture will supply packets for each council member prior to the next Work Session. Packet to include drawings, cost estimate and time frame. Discussions to continue over the next few months.
- Pool Survey – Sent out August 31, 2020 and have received approximately 550 responses so far.
- Next Pool Committee meeting will be held on September 30, 2020.
- Trick or Treat and Light Up Night – will be making decisions soon, Light Up Night decision will be made by Chamber of Commerce.
- Costars Salt Contract for the 2020-2021 season – Awarded to American Salt at \$80.59/ton. Same supplier and cost as last year.
- 2013 Ford Explorer – Fire Department stated they could use the vehicle for trainings and travel if we could sell it to them
  - Mr. Rathbun – Suggests donating the vehicle to Fire Department instead of selling. Council agreed.
- Quay Park - \$60,000 in donations, sidewalk and stage repairs have been discussed. Mr. Andres asked to be involved in Quay Park renovations.
- Body Cameras – Requesting 17 cameras at \$1,500 each. Insurance company will consider Police Department as high risk without body cameras.
- September 10, 2020 – Beaver Valley Power Plant Siren Test at 11:00 AM

**President’s Report –**

- If a grant is being suggested by an individual council member, Mr. Snowden requested they inform council prior to too much investigation. Council needs to be cautious not to spread the budget too thin with what the Borough’s obligation would be.
- Thanked Pool Committee for commitment and work they have done for Borough.
- Police body cameras – Important that our officers have them and to better protect our officers and residents.

**Mayor Hamilton –**

- Presented a proclamation to Jazlyn Yanssens in Linn Park on August 18, 2020 on behalf of Beaver Borough. She performed CPR to a resident that collapsed in the park until Officer Stahl and Medic Rescue arrived on the scene. Ms. Yanssens took CPR training as a life guard at the Beaver Borough Pool.

**Fire Department – No report**

- Fire Trucks owned by the Borough all other vehicles are owned and maintained by the Fire Department. The 2013 Ford Explorer would be very beneficial to the Fire Department.

**Emergency Management Coordinator – No report**

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

- August 2020 Borough Engineer monthly report and mid-July 2020 through August 17, 2020 Borough Municipal Authority Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet.
- Bid for Park Place and Bank Street came in at approximately \$37,000 and was awarded to Young Blood Paving. Paving is expected to begin in mid-October 2020.
- Legal Notice for the 2020 Road Paving Project will be submitted for advertisement this week.

**Solicitor Report –**

- CARES Act – No decision has been made yet by County on how it will be allocated.

**Motions**

**Motion – 2020 Road Paving Project**

*Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve low bidder Youngblood Paving, Inc. to perform the bid for the Beaver Borough 2020 Road paving Project in the base bid amount of \$37,268.20. The motion is made in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendation letter dated September 4, 2020 and support documentation by the Borough Solicitor prior to execution.. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion – Donate the 2013 Ford Explorer to Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department**

*Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council donate the 2013 Ford Explorer (VIN 09038) police vehicle to the Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously. (Mr. Perini abstained from vote)*

**Motion – Advertise an amendment to Ordinance 805**

*Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council direct the solicitor to revise and advertise an amendment to Ordinance 805 regarding the Deferred Retirement Option Plan for the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Motion – Purchase 471 Corporation Street**

*Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize Sean Snowden and Dan Madgar to sign closing documents to purchase property located at 471 Corporation Street, Beaver PA, Tax Parcel #14-003-0214 for \$136,500. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed 7-1, Mr. Perini - No.*

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

Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips