

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
October 13, 2020  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held remotely on Zoom due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. Meeting was called to order on October 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Frank Bovalino, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, and Alex Sebastian. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman, and Finance Officer Andy Kennedy (7:06PM). Absent: Sean Snowden, Michael Deelo, and Chris King
- Visitors in attendance: Midge Sefton, Carole & Robert Snider, Nancy Lonnett Roman

**Approval of minutes**

***Motion by Mr. Bovalino to accept the September 8, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the September 22, 2020 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Treasurer's Report –**

- September 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. Bovalino 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) –**

- September 2020 minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Civil Service Commission –** No report

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

**Planning Commission –**

- September 21, 2020 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Tree Commission** – Reported by Ms. Lonnett Roman

- Had meeting to discuss trees that will need ordered for Spring 2021 planting, including commemorative trees, trees to replace removed streetscape and trees for the parks.
- Developing a Streetscape Tree Plan to identify trees that need to be planted and what trees should be removed next summer.
- Chief Madgar thanked Ms. Lonnett Roman for all of the work she has done for the town.

**Code Enforcement Officer Report** –

- September 2020 report enclosed in council packet.

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

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

- Reviewed the September 16, 2020 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Public Safety / Code Enforcement** – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- Looking in to adding more cameras in town, including the Gazebo

**Finance** – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Preliminary 2021 budget report reviewed and discussed.
- Discussed possibility of raising taxes.

**Highway** – No Report

**General Government** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Spoke with owners of property on 690 Third Street and steps are being taken to fill the vacant building.

**Recreation** – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Planning to have grant to fund Clark Park resubmitted by the end of October. A copy of the grant proposal will be provided to the Borough office.
- Engineers coming to survey the Water Lot and reservoir spring house for possible renovation and repair on October 16, 2020.
  - Ms. McKean asked that the spring house is unlocked when engineers come to survey and invited members of council to attend.
  - The survey is no cost to the Borough and information from the survey will be used to submit a grant proposal.

## **Reports**

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

- Manager/Secretary report enclosed in council packet.
- Discussed benefits of being able to vote during a Work Session in case of an emergency. Council will need to decide prior to end of the year for advertising purposes.
  - Solicitor Fedeles – this would be beneficial for Council and recommends a decision is made for next year
  - Will be put on the agenda for the next Work Session
- Reviewed debt service payment if Borough would receive a bond.
- Spoke with Worker's Comp representative, Karen Beck - Ms. Beck recommends keeping the Borough Building closed to the public.
- Leaf pickup will begin Monday, October 19 through the end of November 2020.
  - E-mail was sent notifying residents
- Banner across 3<sup>rd</sup> Street will be taken down for a couple of weeks. The tree will be removed and replaced with a pole for future banners.
- Company may discontinue making light fixtures on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in the near future. Cost for ordering at least 10 is \$2,300 each, this is currently not in the budget.
- Discussed adding additional cameras in town
  - To add cameras inside/around gazebo approximately \$8,000

### **President's Report** – No report

### **Mayor Hamilton** – No report

### **Fire Department** – Reported by Mr. Perini

- 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** –

- September 2020 Borough Engineer monthly report and mid-August 2020 through mid-September 2020 Borough Municipal Authority Engineer monthly report enclosed in council packet.

### **Solicitor Report** – Reported by Solicitor Fedeles

- An additional police officer may be funded by a county grant to patrol polling locations on Election Day. Beaver Borough is on the tentative list to be considered.

## **Motions**

**Motion – Amendment to Ordinance 805 Deferred Retirement Option Plan**

***Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached ordinance amending Ordinance 805 lowering the retirement eligibility age to 50 and removing the minimum service restriction for police officers in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – House Bill No. 1069**

***Motion by Mr. Andres, I move that Beaver Borough Council adopt, sign and send the proposed letters to Senator Vogel and Representative Kail regarding opposition to House Bill 1069 regarding restrictions on municipal meetings, and supporting efforts to ease restrictions on public meeting notifications. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

**Motion – Clark Park Memorial repair and preservation**

***Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council reaffirms support to submit a grant proposal to the DAR for the repair and preservation of the Clark Park Memorial with a guarantee of the remaining funding of \$15,000. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

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

Adjourned at 8:19 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips