

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
November 24, 2020
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 Pennsylvania distancing guidelines. Meeting was called to order on November 24, 2020 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian and Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, and Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman. Absent: Alexander Andres, Chris King, and Adam Rathbun.
- Public in attendance: Carole and Robert Snider.

President Sean Snowden held a moment of silence in memory of Officer Steve Kasely. Officer Kasely was a valued member of the Beaver Police Department, serving for almost 27 years.

Public Participation – No comments

Reports

President's Report – No report

Manager/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Motion during the December Council Meeting - Library yearly donation will be \$26,500 (same as last year) and has been included in the 2021 Budget.
- Motion during the December Council Meeting to be able to vote at Work Sessions in emergencies.
- Two members of the Police Department are out, one due to a broken leg (expected back in mid-December) and the other for COVID-19.
- One member of the Highway Department has tested positive for COVID-19, this is an isolated case.
- Paving updates
 - Youngblood will put a temporary patch on Walnut Street at no cost to the Borough. This area will be a priority to pave next year.
 - Patch is needed on 5th Street and Gailey Boulevard, will cost approximately \$7,500 and plan to patch this year.
 - Borough will meet virtually with Columbia Gas on Friday, December 4 to discuss their planned projects for 2021.
- CARES Act reimbursement: Received \$106,588 with an additional \$6,172 to be received by the end of the month. Both checks will be deposited into the Capital Fund by the end of November.
- Motion during the December Council Meeting to promote Justin Quigley of the Highway Department from Laborer to Crewman Apprentice.

- Received notice we were awarded a 902 Recycling Grant on Monday, November 23 for a total of \$101,250. This includes a new leaf machine and recycling bins. Borough match money will be 10% and agreement should be received sometime this month.
- A new street sweeper will be needed within the next five years. This is not covered under the recycling grant; Borough will need to budget to pay 100%.
- 471 Corporation Street has been rented as of December 1, 2020 at \$1,300/month.
- Environmental Planning & Design (EDP) requesting feedback from Council regarding the presentation for the public.
 - Mr. Snowden and Mr. Bovalino suggested to present all three designs and all three costs to the public.
 - Ms. McKean asked that an overlay be shown on new drawings of current pool to easily visualize size.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Spoke with engineer from Columbia Gas, another big project is expected in 2021.

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Fire Department will be providing s'mores at the Clock tower on Small Business Saturday.

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer –

- Borough will have virtual meeting with Columbia Gas on December 4, 2020 to discuss 2021 projects.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report

Finance –

- Discussed 2021 Fee Schedule Draft.
 - Mr. Deelo asked if asphalt would be considered under the Concrete Permit and if residents who decided to pave an alley will need to apply for permit.
 - Fee item was added by Borough Engineer, Ms. Hindman will confirm to see if asphalt is included and what guidelines can be set so Borough Engineer is involved in any alleyway paving.
- Borough Manager spending limit amount will be voted on at the December Council Meeting.

Highway – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Complimented Youngblood Paving for their work in town.

General Government – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Municipal Authority board will be sending two recommendations to Council:

- Extending Matt Maloney's term on the Municipal Authority Board for an additional 5 years.
- Chairman position.

Recreation – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Recommended that a Recreation Committee be created. This committee would be valuable to find funding for the pool and receive more community involvement.
- Mr. Snowden would like to discuss more at the December Work Session. Asked Ms. McKean to work with Mr. Madgar and Ms. Hindman to develop criteria for a potential Recreation Committee.

Adjourned at 7:45PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips