

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
January 26, 2021
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 January 26, 2021 at 7:00PM by President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:04PM), Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini (7:12PM), Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian (7:04PM) and Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, and Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman.
- Public in attendance: Carole and Robert Snider, Vivian Mahli, Jolene Vongray, Janet Logan, and Rick Sprecker.

Public Participation –

- Robert Snider, 1175 7th Street – asked Council when the pool presentation would be available for residents to view.
 - Video has been made will be posted to the Borough website and all social media this week.
- Rick Sprecker, 1329 2nd Street – asked Council for any updates regarding a farm animal ordinance and asked Ms. McKean if she had reached out to the Humane Society.
 - Mr. Snowden – the Borough will follow the Solicitor’s advice and utilize the nuisance ordinance if needed.
 - Ms. McKean – did not reach out to the Humane Society after the last Council Meeting’s discussion of utilizing the nuisance ordinance.
 - Mr. Sebastian – the chicken ordinance does not address any other livestock.
- Jolene Vongray, 1185 7th Street – concerned about parking on 7th Street while pool is open, asked Council if more parking was considered in new pool designs.
 - Mr. Rathbun – Parking was a main focus and priority for all designs of the pool to reduce parking on 7th Street in the summer.
- Vivian Mahli, 1199 7th Street – also concerned about parking on 7th Street while pool is open and during football games.
 - Mr. Bovalino – The main priority while putting together designs was increased parking. Additional parking options can be seen in pool presentation to be released.
 - Mr. Andres – A designated path was included in designs to encourage parking in additional spaces by the tennis courts. This should help parking during football games.

Reports

President’s Report – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Asked Council at last Council Meeting if anyone wanted to change Work Session meetings to Council Committee meetings. Asked if anyone had interest in moving forward with this.

- No Council member was in favor. Work Session meetings will continue to be held.

Manager/Police Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Asked members of Council to bring any issues they may notice around town (leaves, overfilled trash, clean up, etc.) to the Borough's attention so it can be addressed rather than waiting until a Council Meeting.
- Had a walkthrough of town with Columbia Gas on Friday, January 22.
 - Mayor Hamilton – Columbia Gas has an aggressive schedule planned for 2021, many projects within town.
 - Mr. Bovalino – A lot of work is to be done in town causing disruption to many residents, will keep safety and communication with residents a priority.
- Pool presentation video was recorded and will be released to the public this week on all social media platforms. Flyers are being designed by Pacer Studios to distribute to local businesses and displayed at the Borough building.
- Borough Engineer is looking at the possibility of putting in a gas line down by Highway Department. Borough spends approximately \$10,000 in propane a year – this would reduce costs. Will continue to keep Council updated.
- A letter will be included in the February Council Packet from a resident asking to waive a tax late fee.
- Town Yard Sale will be held May 1, 2021.
 - Ms. Hindman notified Chamber of Commerce.
- 2021 Spring Clean Up will be held May 8, 2021 for the river-side of town and May 15, 2021 for the hill-side of town.
 - These dates were based off of Brunner's availability.
 - Dates have been added to the Borough website.
- Police body cameras have been received. Training is scheduled for March 2021 and should be up and running by this summer.
- Police officers have received the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mayor Hamilton –

- The gas substation located across from Lynn Park will be removed by Columbia Gas this year.

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- List of those wanting the COVID-19 vaccination has been submitted.

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Continuing to work with Columbia Gas. Discussions are being held regarding what percentage the Borough and Columbia Gas will pay for paving.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highway – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Borough is considering what streets need paved in 2021.

General Government – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Reached out to Beaver High School to see if residents would be able to park there in summer while going to the pool.
 - Mr. Snowden – Unable to rely on parking at the school during the summer with band practice and large projects planned by school district. It also may be too far away for residents to park at school when going to the pool.
- Suggested permit parking for 7th Street to enforce parking.
 - Mr. Snowden – Permit parking has been considered but not favored by residents in the past because it makes it difficult when family/friends visit and park on the street. Solicitor did not recommend permit parking in the past.
- Reached out to Zelenople and asked to meet via Zoom to discuss what financing options they considered when reconstructing their community pool.
 - Mr. Snowden – Requested that Ms. McKean set up the meeting and to include the Pool Committee members, Mr. Perini and Borough Engineer to attend.

Adjourned at 8:17PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips