

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
April 27, 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 April 27, 2021 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian, and Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman, and Finance Manager Andy Kennedy. Absent: Alexander Andres and Adam Rathbun.
- Public in attendance: Robert Snider, Roberta Good, Whitney Conjeski, Amy Stettler and Bruce Pollock.

Public Participation – None

RSSC Architecture – Borough Building Renovations

- Bruce Pollock from RSSC Architecture presented their feasibility study done on the Borough Building on September 10, 2020. Mr. Pollock discussed the existing condition of the building, future needs including ADA accessibility/compliance and proposed designs.
 - Presentation was delayed due to Council prioritizing Pool/Shaw Park discussions.
 - Mr. Snowden – The Borough Building will need to become ADA compliant at some point. Council will need to continue to consider renovations.

Reports

President's Report – No report

Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Memorial Day Parade is expected to be held as previous years.
 - Mayor Hamilton – After consulting with the Borough Solicitor and reviewing CDC guidelines, it was determined that the parade would be able to resume.
 - Mr. Snowden – Asked for communication with Beaver Area High School's JROTC program.
- Larry Renninger is seeking re-approval from Council to host a concert in Lynn Park. The event is tentatively scheduled for July 16 and 17. An estimated 1,500 people will attend and CDC guidelines will be followed. Council had approved this event in 2019 prior to COVID-19.
 - Mr. Snowden – Asked if this event had been discussed with the Borough Solicitor.
 - Mr. Madgar – Yes, if restrictions are loosened it will ultimately be Council's decision.
 - Mr. Snowden – Asked to seek direction from the Borough Solicitor if a motion will be needed to allow the event to be held.
 - Ms. McKean will make a motion at the May Council Meeting to allow the event if needed.

- Mr. Bovalino – Asked who is responsible for posting social distancing/CDC guidelines signage during events.
 - Mr. Madgar – The Borough Solicitor has mentioned in previous discussions that whoever is hosting the event is responsible for enforcing CDC guidelines.
- Mr. Sebastian – Asked who is responsible for the extra Police presence during events.
 - Mr. Madgar – Believes that when initially discussed in 2019, Mr. Renninger asked that the Borough invoice him for the additional Police. This can be discussed with Mr. Renninger to confirm.
- Mr. Perini – Suggested that this procedure be followed for all events, as it could become a revenue stream for the Borough.
- A private donor has asked to provide approximately \$50,000 to repair some of the bricks on East End Avenue (near the Train Station). The Borough Solicitor and Engineer would oversee the project. A motion may be ready for the May Council Meeting to approve.
 - A brief summary from the Borough Solicitor and Engineer will be provided to Council on the process of the project.
 - Discussed a potential non-profit organization that residents would be able to make donations to for future projects.
- Discussed upcoming motions:
 - Purchasing and selling two police vehicles.
 - Upfitting two police vehicles with Team Force.
- There was an accident involving the street sweeper and will be out of service for a few weeks. Discussions are ongoing with the insurance company – will update council at the next meeting.
 - Ms. McKean – Asked if Beaver Borough is reimbursed by Industry Borough for street sweeping.
 - Mr. Madgar – Have had these types of agreements with surrounding communities for approximately 10 years.
 - Mayor Hamilton – Sweeping the surrounding communities helps the Borough when applying for grants – which funds this type of equipment.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer –

- Mr. Snowden – There may be a request from a resident regarding a fence in the near future.

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park/Pool – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Actively reaching out and asking people to serve on the Pool Commission. There has been some interest.
- Ms. McKean – Suggested a type of slip and slide/sprinkler be made behind the pool on the grassy hillside for residents to enjoy this summer.
 - Mr. Snowden – This would need to be discussed with the Solicitor to consider any liability.
 - Mr. Madgar – Would also like to do something for the residents, ideas can be discussed.

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Columbia Gas is getting ready to start construction on 4th Street.
- Rental Registration inspections are starting to pick up.

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Governor Tom Wolf has signed a law that local taxes will be due the same day as state taxes, this year they will be due May 17, 2021.
 - Mayor Hamilton – After discussions with the tax collector, the Borough is estimated to receive \$22,000 in delinquent taxes from 2020

Highway – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Columbia Gas projects are ongoing as scheduled

General Government – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Bob Rice is continuing to reach out to Council members regarding the Historic Preservation Project and eventually a recommendation will be made to Council.
 - Mr. Madgar – Meeting with Mr. Rice to discuss the project was very informative.
 - Mayor Hamilton – Agrees – believes that this will be beneficial to the community.

Recreation –

- Mr. Snowden – Asked for an update regarding the Water Lot.
 - Ms. McKean – Spoke with the Heritage Foundation’s Solicitor John Rackley to discuss the project. Mr. Rackley was concerned about what financial commitment the Heritage Foundation would have towards the project. Ms. McKean assured Mr. Rackley that the Heritage Foundation would be used as a pass-through for the project. Any contribution would be at the Heritage Foundation’s discretion. This is still to be discussed by the Heritage Foundation Board members.

Motions

Motion – Un-table Environmental Planning & Design Invoice Motion

Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move to un-table the Environmental Planning & Design Invoice. Seconded by Mr. Deelo.

- Mr. Snowden read original motion: I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached invoice from Environmental Planning and Design dated February 16, 2021 in the amount of \$19,500 for Stage 1 and Stage 2 of Aquatic Facility Design, Inc. pool designs.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:29PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips