

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
May 11, 2021
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held remotely via Zoom due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. Meeting was called to order on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:02 PM), Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean (7:06 PM), Jim Perini, Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian (7:02 PM), and Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Manager/Chief of Police Dan Madgar, Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman, and Finance Manager Andy Kennedy.
- Visitors in attendance: Midge Sefton, Whitney Conjeski, Robert Snider, and Amy Stettler.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Bovalino to accept the April 13, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the April 27, 2021 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

- Report included in Council packet.

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation – None

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

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

- April 2021 meeting report enclosed in council packet.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – No report

Planning Commission –

- March 15, 2021 meeting minutes and April 19, 2021 draft meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

Tree Commission – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Highway Department has been working with Nancy Roman of the Tree Commission to get trees planted along the main street and within parks.

Code Enforcement Officer Report –

- April 2021 report from Code Enforcement Officer enclosed in council packet.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –

- April 5, 2021 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.

Municipal Authority –

- April 21, 2021 meeting minutes enclosed in council packet.
- Borough Municipal Authority Engineer report for mid-March 2021 through mid-April 2021 enclosed in council packet.

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park/Pool – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Had a meeting regarding the expansion of the pool committee. Discussed what their goals and tasks would be including fundraising, sponsors and grant research. Another meeting will be held June 7, 2021.
- Several volunteers are part of the committee, although there are still some spots available and looking for any recommendations.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- All revenues are coming in as expected.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- Gas line projects are still continuing, not much paving has begun yet. Curbs and ramps continue to be installed.

General Government – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager's/Police Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Reviewed Borough Manager report provided in council packet.
- Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 31st at 10:30 AM.

- Reminder that the Municipal Primary will be held May 18th.
- Complimented Council members for a productive April Work Session. Received positive feedback from Council members and residents.
- Successful Town Yard Sale. Received positive feedback from residents.
- East End Brick Road Project – Mr. Kennedy is reviewing the non- profit requirements/laws with Borough Solicitor.
 - Mr. Bovalino – Asked how far down East End Avenue the project would take place.
 - Mr. Madgar – Construction would take place to East Second Street. Only sections that have sunk/dipped will be fixed.
 - Mr. Bovalino – Asked what type of filler would be used to repair the road.
 - Solicitor Fedeles – Construction would need to meet the specifications set by the Borough Engineer. More details can be provided to Council once details are determined.
- Expecting to have an updated from the Beaver Chamber of Commerce regarding Light Up Night for the next Work Session. Chamber is scheduled to have a meeting this Thursday.
- Spoke with Larry Renninger today and will meet in the near future regarding the planned Elton John Concert in Linn Park regarding billing/reimbursements.
- Hostetter Auction of pool items is now being advertised, will keep Council updated.
- Municipal Authority identified a water break on 5th and Market Street, intersection was closed for approximately 6 hours. Complimented Municipal Authority and Highway Department for their efforts.
- Complimented and thanked Brent Dawson of the Highway Department and crew for repairing the street sweeper. Street sweeper should be up and running 5 days a week. Was able to order parts totaling approximately \$2,000. To rent a street sweeper would have costed the Borough \$2,500 per week.
- Borough did not receive grant for the Clark Park Project. Money has been set aside in the budget for the project. The Borough cannot wait any longer on this project, as it has been in disrepair for a few years – must be repaired or torn down.
 - Ms. McKeen – Because the structure is not historic, there were not many grants that the project qualified for. More information will be provided to discuss at the next Work Session then a vote at the June Council Meeting, including an additional \$3,000 needed for the project.
 - Mayor Hamilton – Would like to see Council move forward on this to begin the project as soon as possible.
 - Mr. Deelo – Asked if bids would need to be provided.
 - Solicitor Fedeles – No bids will be required for the additional \$3,000.
 - Ms. McKeen suggested budgeting \$4,000 to cover any potential unexpected costs.
 - Solicitor Fedeles – As long as the cost is below \$10,000 a bid is not necessary.
 - Mr. Perini – Asked why there is no playground equipment in Clark Park.

- Mr. Snowden – Clark Park is a former cemetery.
- Mayor Hamilton – As many graves were moved to the existing cemetery, there are still some graves located at the park. No playground is to be put there and the park is to be left a green space out of respect for the graves still there.

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Restrictions on gatherings are being lifted by Governor Wolf at the end of this month. Beginning in June, in person meetings will resume in the Community Room at the Borough Building. Committees will also be able to meet in the Community Room if desired.
 - Asked that committees be contacted to confirm meeting locations for an announcement at the end of the month.
 - Council Meetings and Work Sessions will only be held in person, the Borough does not have equipment to offer in person and virtual sessions at the same time. Masks will still be required.
 - Mr. Rathbun – Consider that this has only been an announcement by the Governor and is not yet official.
 - Mr. Snowden – Will plan to hold meeting in person and will continue virtual meetings if necessary.
- Commended Mr. Madgar for his communication with the School District and bus company during the water break. Traffic was able to be rerouted to avoid the area.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Department – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer and Borough Municipal Authority Engineer –

- Borough Engineer March 2021 report included in council packet.
- Borough Municipal Authority Engineer report for mid-March 2021 through mid-April 2021 enclosed in council packet.
- Mr. Madgar - Communication continues between Columbia Gas, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker and Borough Office. Recent rain has delayed work but projects are moving as quickly as possible. Will provided an update at the next Work Session.

Solicitor Report – No report

Motions

Motion – Purchase Two Police Vehicles and Sell Two Police Vehicles

Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Laurel Auto Group, Inc. quote dated April 12, 2021 for two 2021 Ford police vehicles in the amount of \$67,670. Additionally, I move to direct the Police Chief/Borough Manager to sell two police vehicles. This is part of the established rotation. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Team Force – Upfitting Two Police Vehicles

Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Team Force quote #2847 dated January 6, 2021 for two 2021 Ford police vehicles to be upfitted with emergency equipment in the amount of \$27,038.96. Seconded by Mr. Rathbun. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Concert in the Park – Tribute to the Music of Elton John

Motion by Ms. McKeen, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve a Concert in the Park, Tribute to the Music of Elton John. Concert scheduled for August 14, 2021 with rain date of August 15, 2021. Concert provided by L&C Promotions benefitting Beaver Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Resolution 2021-01 Mutual Aid Agreement with Beaver County District Attorney's Office

Motion by Mr. Rathbun, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve Resolution 2021-01 approving the attached contract/agreement between Beaver Borough and Beaver County District Attorney's Office providing a Joint Police Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Andres. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips