

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
June 22, 2021
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held at the Beaver Station Cultural and Event Center. Meeting was called to order on June 22, 2021 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:03PM), Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean (Absent 8:10PM – 8:20PM), Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian, and Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief Dan Madgar, and Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman. Absent: Adam Rathbun
- Public in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Roberta Good, and Nancy Lonnett Roman.
- Mayor Tom Hamilton awarded the Beaver Area High School Softball team a Proclamation that recognized and congratulated the team members, coaches, staff and managers on their PIAA Class 4A Softball State Championship. June 22, 2021 was proclaimed as “Beaver Area Bobcat Softball Team Day”.
- HARB Presentation by Bob Rice to discuss the draft Historic Preservation Plan.

Public Participation –

Cheryl Hanson – 1260 River Road: Why was the hillside cleared?

- Mr. Madgar – Twice a year, the vegetation is cleared. Our Borough Engineer is going to look at erosion blankets to be placed in certain areas. Due to erosion at certain areas of River Road, some benches will either be removed or moved.

Reports

President’s Report – Reported by Sean Snowden

- Commended the Fire Department in assisting a business fire last week in Vanport.
- Discussed request from resident to remove a tree on Dravo Avenue.
 - Nancy Lonnett Roman – Reviewed photos taken by the Borough and the issue was discussed within the Shade Tree Commission. Will attend the next Council Meeting to discuss options with the Borough Solicitor.
 - Mr. Snowden – Discussed liability issues if the tree is not permitted to be removed.
 - Mr. Madgar – Suggested a discussion between the Shade Tree Commission, Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager to review.
 - Mr. Snowden – Discussed potential incentives that could help people replant trees that may have been removed. Possibly putting an article in the next magazine.

Manager's Report – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Complimented Borough employees who have been working hard to clean up after the recent storm.
- Paving on 4th Street has been pushed back to Thursday, instead of Wednesday, June 23. Information was posted on social media, the Borough website and an eblast issued.
- Met with Mr. Perini, Mr. Sebastian, Mr. Kennedy, Mayor Hamilton and Ms. Hindman to begin budget discussions.
 - Our Police part-time wages are \$19.13. After reviewing surrounding areas part-time wage rates, would like to prepare a motion at the next meeting to raise part-time wages to \$21.00.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – No report

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park/Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Mr. Snowden – Requested meeting minutes be provided to Council
- Next meeting will be held July 8th
- Mr. Snowden – Contacted Pacer Studios to provide a pool article in the next magazine regarding history of the pool and fundraising.
- Discussed fundraising options and goals that need to be set.

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Forward any questions or requests to Mr. Kennedy to have ready for the next Council Meeting.
- Discussed Business Privilege Taxes, police rates, and general finances at budget meetings.

Highway – Reported by Mr. Bovalino

- 4th Street paving project is in process:
 - Sharon Road from 4th Street to Laura Street
 - Insurance Street from Turnpike Street to 4th Street
 - 4th Street from Dravo Avenue to Sharon Road
 - Dravo Avenue from Canal Street to 4th Street

General Government – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- DEP contacted the Municipal Authority regarding the install of an air monitor. Borough and Municipal Engineer Dan Martone has been in contact with DEP with some questions. The response from DEP will be sent out to Council Members.
 - Some questions were in reference to the location of the air monitor.
 - Expecting to have more information for Council at the next meeting and may need to be discussed in Executive Session.
- Mr. Andres – Got a notice from COG that DCED is concerned that there are many municipalities that have not applied for the American Rescue Plan grant.
 - Mr. Madgar – The Borough is currently working on the application.
- Mr. Madgar – The Borough Building will open to the public July 6th with new hours.
- Ms. King – Went to pay taxes, but they are still not offering office hours.
 - Mr. Madgar – Will check to see if there are office hours and will get back to Council.
- Ms. McKean – Spoke with Mr. Sprecker with some issues he has been having with tracking property owners. Would like to discuss possible solutions with the Borough Solicitor.

Recreation – Reported by Ms. King

- Going to contact Underground Events to discuss hosting movies in the park.
- Ms. McKean – Asked that information for the Library Garden tour be put in the fall/winter magazine.
 - Ms. Hindman – The Library can submit any information they'd like for a magazine, just need to submit to the Borough.
- Ms. McKean – Asked if the Borough would like to pursue having alcohol at special events and partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to do so. Ms. McKean spoke with the President of the Chamber and organizers of the Car Cruise and they both showed interest.
 - Mr. Sebastian does not think that bringing alcohol to family events is necessary.
 - Ms. McKean – Could increase revenue.
 - Mr. Snowden – Suggested that Ms. McKean collect all the information and present it to Council.

Adjourned at 9:01PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips