

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
July 27, 2021  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on July 27, 2021 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:01PM), Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian (7:00PM -8:30PM), and Sean Snowden. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Borough Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman and Sergeant Ken McCoy. Absent: Chris King, Adam Rathbun, and Chief Dan Madgar.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker.

**Public Participation –**

Joe Boscia, 190 Buffalo Street –

- Read and distributed letter to Council members regarding his concerns of the upcoming concert to be held in Linn Park. Mr. Boscia discussed that he or his neighbors were not contacted to be notified of this event and asked that the Borough considers the residents that will be affected for future events. Mr. Boscia recommended public meetings be held so neighbors can address any concerns they may have ahead of time.

**Planning Commission Presentation – Carey McDougal, Bob Rice, and Dan Martone**

- Borough had asked the Planning Commission to look at and update Borough ordinances. Planning Commission has been working with Environmental Planning and Design (EPD) to consider best practices and updates. The main areas that were looked into were signage, self-storage, short-term rentals and daycares.
  - Document distributed to Council members that outlined the recommendations made by EPD, updated definitions, and comments added from the Planning Commission.
  - Reviewed and discussed distributed document of recommendations and requested that the Borough Solicitor review the document and reach out to the Planning Commission with any suggested edits.
  - Solicitor Fedeles – These recommendations will be reviewed and edits will be made by the Planning Commission. There would then need to be a public hearing for public participation and comment. The recommendations would then need to be approved by Council.
- Mr. Snowden – Asked that the ordinance regarding mobile campers, trailers and boats be reviewed and updated.
  - Council discussed pros/cons of keeping current ordinance regarding campers.
- Mayor Hamilton – Requested that ordinances regarding commercial vehicles with large signage be reviewed and updated as needed.

### **HARB Historical Preservation plan/recommendation – Bob Rice**

- HARB is looking for guidance regarding the proposed preservation plan and asked Council for any suggestions. Recommendations include updated definitions and language, permits to be required for updates to homes in the historic district that can be seen from street view, and recommendations from HARB while making updates to homes. HARB would like to have this plan finalized by the end of 2021 to prevent deterioration of the historic district.
  - Mr. Snowden – Would like the residents to be notified in the historic district so they are aware of these potential changes and voice their opinions.
  - Mr. Rice – Documents are available to be posted for public view online and this plan has been discussed at public HARB meetings for approximately 4-5 years.
  - Council discussed pros/cons of the proposed plan and recommendations.
  - Mr. Snowden – Council can continue to discuss and vote at the next meeting.

### **Beaver County Foundation Presentation (Water Complex at Shaw Park) – Theresa Laderer, Executive Director**

- Reviewed the process of donations made to the Beaver County Foundation to benefit the project at Shaw Park.
  - Money is not able to be returned after it is donated.
  - Funds are distributed from account upon Council Approval.
  - Beaver County Foundation handles all tax documentation.
  - Reviewed fees associated with donations.
  - Council discussed logistics of potential donations that would be made.
  - Borough Solicitor to review agreement and vote on at August Council meeting.

## **Reports**

### **President's Report – No report**

### **Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Ms. Hindman**

- COVID-19 ARP Funds – deposit of \$223,259.43 should be posted tonight into the Capital Funds account.
  - There is a tentative list of what is permissible for the funds to be spent on. The final list should be out by September.
  - These funds do not need to be spent until December 2024.
  - Will keep council informed when the other \$223,259.00 will be received.
- Recycling area – 902 Recycling Pre-Application has been submitted. Borough office is awaiting for a scheduled meeting with Beaver County Waste Management and DEP to review the application.
  - Deadline for the complete application is September 2021.
  - Submitted for \$121,000. Should be 90/10 reimbursement.
  - Will keep council informed.
- 2021 Road Paving Project – Bid will be advertised in the Beaver County Times on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be opened on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Currently one motion is scheduled so far for the August 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:

- Accept the Columbia Gas Restoration Agreement (Columbia Gas will pay 75% of restoration and paving work)
- Council packet included letter from Nick Sheleheda, the Borough's Health Officer, to announce his retirement at the end of the year. Ms. Hindman expressed appreciation for all that Mr. Sheleheda has done for the Borough since 2017.
  - DEP will be in contact with the Borough to find a replacement Health Officer.
  - Will keep council informed.

**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. Bovalino

- Elected officers at their last meeting.
- Going to set up a booth at the Car Cruise to distribute informational pamphlets.
- Planning to establish a website to collect donations.
  - Mr. Snowden – Asked Pacer Studios to contact Mr. Bovalino or Mr. Andres to set up a website.
- Spoke to surrounding communities about possible support for a potential pool.

**Public Safety/Code Enforcement** – No report

**Finance** – No report

**Highway** – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Paving expected to resume in October after handicapped ramps are installed.

**General Government** – No report

**Recreation** – No report

Adjourned at 9:09 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips