

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
August 24, 2021
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00PM by Council Vice President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Frank Bovalino, Michael Deelo, Chris King, Margaret McKean, and Jim Perini. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Borough Manager and Chief of Police Dan Madgar, and Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman. Absent: Adam Rathbun, Alex Sebastian and Sean Snowden.
- Public in attendance (signed in): James Flannick, Jim Woolley, Robert Snider, and Robert Rice

Public Participation –

James Flannick, 168 Dravo Avenue –

- Addressed concerns of safety when a vehicle is attempting to make a turn from Walnut Street onto Third Street. Stated that it is difficult for drivers to see, as the parked vehicles obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. Decreasing the speed limit from 25mph to 35mph may be a solution.
 - Mr. Madgar – Will take a look at the area with the Borough Engineer to see if there is anything that can be done. The Borough has petitioned to the state to decrease the speed limit on that part of the road but have had no success. Extending the yellow line and petitioning to the state again are possible solutions that will be looked into.

HARB – Mr. Rice

- Read letter written by Carey McDougal addressing concerns of the vacant home located on the corner of Dravo Avenue and 4th Street. The letter discussed the Borough's lack of ordinances that would limit the type of garage allowed on the property. Ms. McDougal stated her support of the drafted HARB Historical Preservation Plan and how it could empower the Borough to help owners make decisions that benefit their property and neighbors. The letter also asked Council to approve and support the HARB documents.

Reports

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Commended those who were part of the post Car Cruise and Elton John concert clean up.
- Had a resident request a second trash pickup day in the fall.
- Discussed Beaver County COG conference.

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Bids were open for 2021 Road Paving Project on August 19, 2021
 - Protech Asphalt, New Castle was lowest bid. Total bid was \$495,595.40 and the Borough's responsibility will be approximately \$125,000.
 - A motion will be made at the September Council Meeting to accept bid.
- Elton John concert and Car Cruise a success
 - Donations from these events will be made to Friends of Beaver Parks.
- Wilson Restoration is still waiting on materials to begin construction on Clark Park.
 - Met with Nancy Lonnett-Roman from the Shade Tree Commission, Mayor Hamilton, and representatives from Cardello Electric at Clark Park to discuss new lighting options. A project estimate was received from Cardello Electric totaling \$11,600.
 - Donations made to Friends of Beaver Parks may be able to cover this cost of lighting.
 - Will continue to keep Council updated.
- Borough office has been working with TurnKey to ensure all businesses are paying outstanding taxes. They will also start to review all landlords to make sure they are also current. Will updated council once a total is given from TurnKey.
- Borough and Municipal Authority Engineer Dan Martone will be making a short presentation at the September 14th Council meeting regarding storm water education and the impacts to the community. This is a requirement for the Borough MS4 Permit.
- Met with members of the Planning Commission, Solicitor Fedeles, Mayor Hamilton, Ms. Hindman, and a representative for the property owner of the beer distributor on 5th Street. This property may be requesting a zoning change from R-1 to R-2. The property owner is considering putting condos at this location and/or selling the property. These discussions are preliminary but will continue to keep Council informed.
- Continuing to monitor COVID-19 cases.
 - Spoke to Council President, if the numbers continue to rise, the Borough Office will operate the same as in the past but will continue to be available to the public.
 - Possibly conduct Council Meetings and Work Sessions online via Zoom again.
- 2015 Police vehicle sold for \$7,500 on Municibid
 - A 2018 Police Vehicle is currently listed with 3 days remaining. The bid is currently at \$14,100.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Complimented the Elton John concert and the clean up the following day.

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

- Last meeting was held on August 16th. Welcomed a new member, Dan Reed. Mr. Reed has an expertise in fundraising and has already begun helping the committee with ideas and procedures for successful fundraising.
- Reached out to Cathy Frankle regarding funding/grant applications and information needed for the applications.
 - An updated feasibility study will be needed, as the last one was done in 2010 and needs to be done within 5 years prior to the grant application. Reached out to AJ Schwartz for an estimated cost of an updated feasibility study. With Council's approval, the Shaw Park and Pool committee would like to complete a new feasibility study.
- The committee will have a table at Garrison Day to promote a new pool and ask for support from residents. Will distribute wrist-bands that have information about the pool including the website address.
- Mr. Andres – Discussed at the recent Beaver County COG meeting that Beaver Borough was looking for funding for the pool.

Public Safety/Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highway –

- Discussed the need of replaced sidewalks in town. Unable to determine when and what sidewalks will need done with Columbia Gas's frequently changing schedule.

General Government – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Believes that historic preservation is a key component of the Borough.
 - Hopes that Council can agree that the plan prepared by the State Historic Preservation Office does a great job identifying recommendations to maintain and improve the historic nature of buildings in the Borough.
 - Recommendations include education on historic preservation guidelines and enforcing these guidelines.
 - Recommends that Council proceeds with a resolution to accept the plan initially with voluntary compliance through education.
 - Council would then consider recommendations on how the plan should be enforced and how it will be done.
 - Will introduce a resolution at the September Council Meeting.
- Mr. Rice - HARB currently has a member vacancy. HARB will make a recommendation on who they would like to fill the vacancy and Council will vote to approve the recommendation.
- Mr. Perini – Confirmed that there is nothing in writing that states there must be two members of Council on the Municipal Authority Board.

- Mr. Madgar – Believes that Council should always have one member on the Municipal Authority Board. Consider making this official in the future.

Recreation – No report

Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips