

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
October 12, 2021
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and was called to order on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM 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 Thomas Hamilton, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Manager/Chief of Police Dan Madgar, Borough Secretary Debbie Hindman, and Finance Manager Andy Kennedy. Absent: Alexander Andres and Adam Rathbun.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Jim Woolley, Rick Sprecker, Robert Rice, Jeffrey Hamilton, Robert Snider and Roberta Good.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Mr. Sebastian to accept the September 14, 2021 Council Meeting minutes and the September 28, 2021 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- *Ms. McKean – Stated that her statement regarding the tree commission and their desire for increased funding in the future, a 50/50 program to plant new trees, and discussions of repairing the water lot reservoir were not included in the minutes. Ms. McKean did not want this to prohibit future motions.*
 - *Mr. Snowden – This would not prohibit future motions regarding these topics.*

Treasurer's Report –

- Preliminary 2022 Budget included in the Council packet.

Review invoice and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Mr. Perini to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Jim Woolley – Complimented Highway Department on maintenance of parks and their professional work on the sidewalks.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) – No report

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Ms. Sefton

- Civil Service Commission minutes from September 14, 2021 included in Council packet.
- Three applicants passed the physical agility test and two applicants initially failed but passed after completing a second time.
- The written test will be administered on October 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

- Civil Service Commission will hold their next meeting on November 17, 2021 after written test results are received. Those who pass the written test will move on to the oral test. Oral tests are expected to take place before the end of the year.
- A list of qualified candidates will be given to Council after the oral test. This list will be valid for one year.

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – No report

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Rice

- September 20, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes included in Council packet.
- The Planning Commission will meet again on Monday, October 18, 2021. A recommendation and/or progress report is expected on a number of items including on street parking and new zoning.
 - Mr. Rice requested to present a quick report of updates at the October Work Session.

Tree Commission – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- September 27, 2021 Shade Tree Commission meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Highway department is working with Ms. Lonnett-Roman to plant new trees along Buffalo Street. Expecting to have all of the trees planted along this street by the end of the year.
- Ms. Lonnett-Roman has designed landscaping for Clark Park and will be installed in the spring of 2022.

Code Enforcement Officer Report – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- September 2021 Code Enforcement report enclosed in the Council packet.
- Updated Council on status of property on 4th Street.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –

- HARB meeting notes from April 5, 2021 included in the Council packet.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Municipal Authority meeting scheduled for September 15, 2021 was cancelled.
- Municipal Authority Engineer report for mid-August 2021 through mid-September 2021 included in the Council packet.
- Considering projects to apply for the Beaver County American Rescue Plan Grant.

Shaw Park/Pool – No report

Reports

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

- Reviewed Borough Manager report provided in council packet.
- Clark Park Update
 - The aggregate is being delivered tomorrow and half is scheduled to be completed this week and the other next week. Expecting the concrete around the monument to be completed by the end of

next week. Wilson Restoration is not able to complete this work until this concrete pad is completed.

- Highway Department is working with the electrical company for conduit underground for lighting.
- Will continue to keep Council updated.
- Concrete sidewalk has been completed at Bouquet Park along 5th Street. Will continue to expand sidewalk to accommodate strollers and wheelchairs either later this year or 2022.
- 2006 Police trailer sold on Municibid for \$4,300.00.
- 2021-2022 CoStar Road Salt Contract came in at \$68.52/ton. The previous two years had a contract of \$80.59/ton.
- Trick or Treat will be held Thursday, October 28th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Hometown Happenings to host a Haunted House at the Pool Bathhouse on Saturday, October 30th during the Fall Fest fundraiser. Beaver Borough was listed as an additional insured on Hometown Happenings insurance.

President's Report – No report

Mayor Hamilton –

- Beaver will be hosting the Veteran's Day Parade on Thursday, November 11th.

Police Department – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Police Accreditation
 - Costs approximately \$34,900 and takes two years to complete. Annual fee of \$12,500.
 - Discussed policy needed to follow and benefits of being an accredited department.
 - Asked Council to consider for the future.
 - Will continue to collect more information and update Council.

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Borough Engineer September 2021 report included in the Council packet.
- Youngblood paving will be finished in the next few days with the trench repair.
- Protech is planned to start paving by the end of this month and completed by the end of November – depending on weather.
 - Columbia Gas will be paying for 75% of this paving.
- Working to create a list of Borough projects that have potential to submit to the Beaver County American Rescue Plan Grant.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Solicitor Fedeles

- The Shell contract with the Beaver Police Department was originally set to expire in December of this year. Shell notified the Borough Solicitor that they will be requesting an extension of the contract until May 2022. Once the contract is received, it will be brought before Council to approve.

- Ms. McKean – Asked for an update regarding the Methodist Church.
 - Solicitor Fedeles is not aware of this issue.
 - Mr. Martone is working with the individual to submit the missing information needed to go before the Zoning Hearing Board to request a variance. A Zoning Hearing Board meeting has not been scheduled.

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Reviewed the 2022 Preliminary Budget
- Discussed potentially increasing the Business Privilege Tax License and Mercantile Tax License fees from \$2.00 to \$65.00 to keep pace with surrounding communities.
 - Solicitor Fedeles – This amount will need to be determined by November so it can be advertised and voted on before January 1, 2022.
 - Discussion will continue at the October Work Session.
 - Ms. McKean – requested that the Chambre of Commerce be notified of this potential change.

Motions

Motion – Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Attorney George M. Patterson as the Borough of Beaver Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor at a rate of \$125/hour effective October 7, 2021. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Bobcat Invoice

Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Bobcat of Pittsburgh Invoice #2441789 dated August 24, 2021 in the amount of \$10,036.08 for a hydraulic breaker, hose kit, mounting cap and mounting frame. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Purchase of Two Police Vehicles

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Laurel Auto Group, Inc. quote dated September 21, 2021 for two 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV police vehicles in the amount of \$68,720. Estimated delivery date is the first quarter of 2022. This is part of the established rotation. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Purchase of Highway Vehicle

Motion by Mr. Bovalino, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Laurel Auto Group, Inc. quote dated September 21, 2021 for a 2022 Ford F150 highway vehicle in the amount of \$36,780. Estimated delivery date is the first quarter of 2022.

Motion – TMF Corporation T.M. Fitzgerald & Associates Invoice

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached invoice from TMF Corporation T.M. Fitzgerald & Associates dated September 10, 2021 in the amount of \$28,000 for 2,000 32-gallon recycling containers as part of the awarded DEP Grant 902 Municipal Recycling Program Grant. Contract # 7C-FA-28.0 / Program ID 902-112-2020. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Beaver Reservoir and Spring

Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve a \$15,000 line item in the Capitol fund to provide matching funds for a Keystone grant for the Waterlot reservoir and springhouse repair and restoration plans. These funds would be tapped if other funding sources to not materialize. Seconded by Mr. Bovalino. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- Ms. McKean – Wanted to move forward with this motion because there is not much time left to apply for a Keystone grant. Mr. O’Leary stated that if there are funds available in Friends of Beaver Parks that it could be contributed to this project. Funds may be able to come from the Car Cruise and/or Garrison Day next year. This would be Task #1 and Task #2 of the initial proposal. The \$15,000 would be the match money for a grant.

Motion – HARB Vacancy

Motion by Ms. McKean, Based on the recommendation of HARB, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Steve McGrew, a resident of Beaver, to fill the current vacancy on HARB. This term is set to expire December 31, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Reappointment of HARB Members

Motion by Ms. McKean, Based on the recommendation of HARB, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Val Brkich, Ed Hancock, Steve McGrew, and Bob Rice to the HARB committee for a five (5) year term. Terms will expire December 31, 2026. Seconded by Ms. King. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bovalino. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:07 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips