

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
January 25, 2022  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden and Amy Stettler. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Manager and Chief of Police Dan Madgar, and Borough Secretary Rebecca Phillips. Absent: Michael Deelo and Jim Perini.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker, Jeff Hamilton, Jim Woolley, John Grosskopf, Glenn Buffington, Marilyn Banmann, Emily Tiberio, Midge Sefton, Rick and Debbie Pentz, Bob Rice, Nick Pentz, Michael Conjeski, Robert Snider, and Justin Swogger.

**Public Participation –**

- Jim Woolley, 343 Park Street – Complimented Highway Department on the recent snow removal.
- John Grosskopf, 1200 Park Place – Addressed concerns and disapproval of a potential ordinance that would restrict parking recreational vehicles and trailers on public roads and private property.
- Richard Pentz, 1709 Corporation Street – Addressed concerns and disapproval of a potential ordinance that would restrict parking recreation vehicles on public roads.
  - Mr. Madgar – This potential ordinance is a draft and is still being discussed. Many different components still need to be considered and discussed among Council such as logistics and enforcement of a potential ordinance. This item is not currently up for a vote. Any vote on an ordinance is required to be advertised to the public.

**Emily Tiberio, Request of Parking Waiver for Your Wellness Puzzle, LLC –**

- Ms. Tiberio made a presentation to Council requesting a Parking Waiver for her business, Your Wellness Puzzle, LLC located at 345 College Avenue. A stenographer was present to document the presentation.
- A motion to approve/deny the parking waiver is expected to be made at the February Council Meeting.

**Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Rice**

- Overlay District
  - Future Planning Commission meetings regarding an Overlay District will be recorded and provided to Council.
  - Reviewed tentative schedule to draft a recommendation and expects to make an official recommendation to Council in May.

- Quay Square update
  - Mr. Martone – reviewed designs and completed a survey to complete a more detailed design. This survey was sent to EPD last week to review. Design concepts were discussed with Council.
  - Minimal trees will need to be removed to complete the project.
    - Ms. McKean – Asked if the Elm tree would be removed.
    - Mr. Martone – No Elm trees are being removed.
  - Ms. McKean – Addressed concerns of potentially adding public restrooms to the design.
    - Mr. Martone – Public restrooms are not included in this design. Current designs would accommodate public restrooms if desired at a later date.
  - EPD will make a presentation of the design to Council.
  - Friends of Beaver Parks agreed to split the cost of the Quay Square designs.

**Public Safety / Code Enforcement –**

- General discussion of a potential ordinance that would limit and/or restrict recreational vehicle parking within Beaver Borough.

**Reports**

**Manager/Secretary Report –** Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Reminded Council Members who served in 2021 to complete and submit their State Ethics forms to the Borough Office.
- Clark Park update
  - Michael Boso will be picking up the plaques once the weather breaks to clean
- Larry Renninger is seeking approval to organize another Concert in the Park on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The genre will be 80's music and will follow the same procedures as done in 2019.
  - No concerns from Council were presented.
- Meeting with Columbia Gas was held on January 21, 2022 with Mayor Hamilton, Mr. Sprecker and Mr. Martone to review their projected gas line replacement project for 2022.
  - Streets expected to be affected are:
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Galey Boulevard to Wayne Street
    - Galey Boulevard from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 7<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Insurance Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street
    - College Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- Rental property owned by the Borough at 471 Corporation Street will have a new tenant moving in on February 18, 2022 at \$1,300/month.
- Reminded Council to not wait to bring urgent matters to meetings, please reach out to the Borough to address any issues as soon as possible.
- Encouraged Council members to ask questions and visit the Borough Building to see day to day operations.

**Mayor Hamilton –** No report

**Police Chief Madgar –** No report

**Fire Department** – Reported by Chief Grosskopf

- Asked that information be put in the next magazine asking residents to help the Fire Department shovel out fire hydrants when it snows so they are easily accessible during an emergency.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Engineer** – No report

**President** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed new Council Committee members
  - Highways – Mr. Deelo (chair), Mr. Sebastian, Ms. Learn-Conjeski
  - General Government – Mr. Snowden (chair), Ms. Good, Ms. Stettler
  - Parks and Recreation – Ms. McKean (chair), Ms. Learn-Conjeski, Ms. Stettler
  - Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Mr. Sebastian (chair), Mr. Snowden, Ms. Good
  - Finance – Mr. Perini (chair)
- Discussed a new agenda format to have shorter Council Meetings and longer discussions at the Work Sessions.
- Complimented Borough Highway Department for their snow removal in town.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Shaw Park/Pool** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Fundraiser is currently being organized.
- Mr. Martone – The project to fill in the pool will go out to bid soon.
- Ms. Stettler and Ms. Learn-Conjeski expressed interest in assisting the Pool Committee in their efforts to fundraise and request funds through grants.

**Finance** – No report

**Highway** – No report

**General Government** – No report

**Recreation** – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Signage will be refurbished at Clark Park
- Will be writing a Keystone Grant for the restoration and preservation of the water reservoir at the Water Lot.

Adjourned at 8:41 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips