

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
February 22, 2022  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, and Amy Stettler. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Manager and Chief of Police Dan Madgar, Borough Secretary Rebecca Phillips, and Debbie Hindman. Absent: Alex Sebastian and Sean Snowden.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker, Kevin Ging, and Jim Woolley.
- Mr. Andres announced that although this is a working session, a motion is on the agenda due to a time restriction.

**Public Participation –**

- None

**Reports**

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

- Motion on the agenda is to approve a resolution required for a grant submission for police department radios and communication system. The grant is for 100% reimbursement.

**Motion – Resolution 2022-01 Approving the Application for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant**

***Motion by Ms. Good, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution 2022-01, approving the application for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for police department radios and communication system. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

- Question at last Council Meeting regarding the snow removal on sidewalks in the park – Bobcat brush is used for a light snow.
  - Considering the amount of snow that we had and expected to continue to get, plow was used and pushed further to the sides to make more room for additional snow. This method prevents the sidewalk paths from being narrowed when there is heavy snowfall.
- Question at last Council Meeting – frequency of checks from the County for Real Estate Transfer taxes.

- The Borough receives these checks monthly although January's was abnormally high due to a high-priced sale in town of a large property.
- Borough will be distributing recycling bins to residents in the Community Room on the following days:
  - Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm
  - Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm
  - Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7pm
- Reminder that night-time parking/street maintenance enforcement will resume March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Light poles for Clark Park have been received, they will be installed after concrete pads are poured.
- Met with fencing company last week to review fence that will be installed at the new recycling area once the weather breaks. This will be expected to take 2-3 weeks to install.
- Borough Engineer Dan Martone has specs and survey done for the pool demo. He will review at the next meeting before advertising the project for bid.
- Upcoming motions at the March Council Meeting:
  - Invoice for leaf vac in the amount of \$85,976.00. This is part of the awarded Recycling Grant and the Borough will be reimbursed 90%.
  - Invoice for upfitting of new police vehicles in the amount of \$30,290.00.
- Recognized projects being completed by Brighton Township to get their public buildings compliant to various regulations. Council needs to consider this as a future discussion for the Borough's building.

**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Police Chief Madgar** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Engineer** – No report

**President** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Annual PA State Association of Boroughs conference invitation was sent to all Councilmembers. Encouraged members to attend.

## **Council Committee Reports**

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

- Meeting was held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> prior to the Council Meeting.
- Ms. McKean – Pool Committee has a three-year fundraising plan to focus on renovating not only the pool but Shaw Park as a whole.
  - Their fundraising plan is to reach out to specific individuals and companies to commit to donating \$10,000 or more over the three years. Their goal is to raise \$4.8 million dollars in the three years.

- Pool Committee would like to attend the March Work Session to update Council on these items. If Council approves their plan, they are looking to launch in May.
- Committee is focused on Pool Design #2. Ms. McKean wants Council to look into how much it would cost the Borough to maintain this pool design.
- Ms. McKean suggested creating a Recreation Board to look over the maintenance costs, such as fundraising events, so these costs aren't completely funded by the Borough.
- Ms. McKean requested a meeting with the Borough Manager, Recreation Committee and Christie Ringer to review maintenance costs of a pool.
- Mr. Madgar – The previous pool cost the Borough approximately \$25,000 per year. It should not be expected to make a profit or break even with a new pool.
- Ms. Stettler – Recommended a cost/benefit analysis be completed.

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

**Finance –**

- Borough's historical tax rates included in the Council Packet

**Highways – Reported by Mr. Deelo**

- Reviewed planned updates for 2022 from Columbia Gas

**General Government –**

- Reviewed updates from the Planning Commission regarding a potential overlay district. This potential overlay district is still being worked on by the Planning Commission and nothing has been officially presented to Council.
- Recreational Vehicle On-Street Parking
  - Ms. Learn-Conjeski – Suggested that the term “alley” included in the drafted ordinance be specified as “public alley”.
  - General discussion reviewing the drafted amended ordinance.
    - Restrict parking of vehicles classified as a Class 4 through a Class 8 as defined by the Federal Highway Administration, except for the purpose of loading or unloading.
    - Prohibit storage trailer/containers, etc. from parking or being placed on any public street or alley.
    - Boat, campers, recreational vehicles, or similar vehicles are permitted to park on public streets or alleys for no longer than 48 consecutive hours.
    - Violation fine increased to \$50 per day.
  - A motion will be presented at the March Work Session to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the drafted ordinance.
- Planning Commission Projects/Prioritization
  - Ms. Stettler asked for clarification on how projects are prioritized when given to the Planning Commission or financed by the Borough.
  - General Discussion of current projects, including Clark Park and Quay Park, and the Comprehensive Plan.

**Recreation** – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Submitted grant for the Water Lot project.
- Clark Park update
  - Discussed work that still needs to be completed, including cleaning of concrete, a new base for one of the plaques, and installation of existing palques.

Adjourned at 8:39 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips