

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
March 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, March 22, 2022 at 7:00PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Sean Snowden, and Amy Stettler. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Borough Manager and Chief of Police Dan Madgar, Borough Secretary Rebecca Phillips, and Sargent Ken McCoy. Absent: Whitney Learn-Conjeski and Alex Sebastian.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Rick Sprecker, Nicholas Vercilla, and Jim Woolley.
- A moment of silence was held for Mr. Donald Dawson.

Public Participation –

- John Zoeller, Monaca –
 - Addressed ADA accessibility concerns including handicapped parking and signage within Beaver Borough.
 - Mr. Madgar – This will be forwarded to the Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer to contact PennDot to look into.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- A motion is needed at the April Council Meeting to approve two Voting Delegates (one delegate and one alternate) for the upcoming PSAB Conference in May.
- Reviewed meeting held on March 9th with Christi Ringer, Ms. McKean and Mayor Hamilton regarding the Pool Committee. Requested that the Pool Committee issue reports to Council to keep them updated on their status.
 - Ms. McKean – Pool Committee is still planning on presenting to Council at the April Work Session.
- Meeting is scheduled with Columbia Gas on Friday March 25th to be updated on their 2022 project status. Will continue to keep Council updated.
- Yearly audit is currently taking place, March 22nd – 24th.
- New Yard Waste and Recycling area update
 - The installation of the fence and gate have been completed.
 - Awaiting delivery on gate opener before electrical work will begin.

- Clark Park update
 - Reviewing options for pedestal for smaller plaque
 - Working with Duquesne Light for new lighting
- Pool Demo work is currently out for bid. All bids are due by March 30th. Work is to be done this year.
- Ms. Stettler – Asked that the hillside be looked at near access road, addressed concerns of dirt falling from hillside onto the road.
 - Mr. Madgar – Will have the Borough Engineer look at this.
- Industry Borough made a motion at their Council Meeting on March 16th approving the purchase of four police laptops. Will keep Council updated if any other funding is provided by other municipalities.
- Committee members to be assigned for Police contract negotiations.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Discussed concerns of water pressure after fire truck got stuck in mud at Shaw Park during department training.
 - Mr. Madgar – Information was forwarded to the Municipal Authority and they will answer any questions.

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – No report

President – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Interviewed by Beaver County Times regarding the pool.
- Recognized Emmanuel Panagiotakis of Emmanuel Fine Art Photography for spearheading a campaign to donate a percentage of local business sales to a Ukrainian relief fund.
- Received letter from the Beaver Police Association Bargaining Committee notifying of their intention to begin collective bargaining.
- Hometown Happenings organizing a Beaver Birthday 5K and event in town this weekend, encouraged members to attend.

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park/Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Working with Pacer Studios to create a Case for Study presentation.
- Looking into funds that may be available through the American Rescue Plan.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highways –

- Mr. Madgar – Still awaiting an update from Protech regarding the paving that needs completed from 2021. Will update Council once more information is received.
 - Mr. Deelo – Addressed concerns of a potential fuel surcharge.
- Ms. Stettler – Asked that the Highway Department repair potholes along River Road.
- Ms. Good – Asked that the Highway Department remove gravel along Buffalo and Corporation Streets.

General Government –

- Mr. Snowden – Asked that the Borough Solicitor be made aware of the concerns of handicapped parking and ADA accessibility addressed at the start of the meeting and what the Borough’s responsibilities are.
- Ms. McKean – Attended the Planning Commission meeting and members had a question for the Borough Solicitor regarding the legality of restricting development of a property to condominiums only.
- Ms. McKean – Asked that Council recommend to COG, on behalf of the Beaver Community, that they write to our legislators in support of legislation against illegal puppy mills. Will get information in advance of next meeting to propose a motion.

Recreation –

- Ms. McKean met with Ms. Lonnett at Clark Park to review the landscaping plan and options to place the signage funded by the DAR that will explain the history of Clark Park.
- Reviewed drafted designs of Quay Park and projected cost estimates provided by Environmental Planning and Design (EPD).
 - Ms. McKean suggested that the funds provided by Friends of Beaver Parks for the Quay Park project, approximately \$80,000, be used as matching funds for a grant. If the Borough used their own equipment and labor in addition to a grant, this could maximize the use of funds available. Timeline concerns were also addressed.
 - Review of what improvements could be done with \$80,000 compared to \$160,000 if the funds were used as match money toward a grant.
 - Ms. McKean proposed the idea to Council to consider removing the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial and other veteran memorial monuments, and putting them in another location in town.
 - Spoke with Larry Dougan from the Vietnam Veterans Association, who was in favor of moving the memorials but stated it would ultimately need approval from the members. Mr. Dougan said he would be open to the conversation.
 - Spoke with John Dioguardi who stated that the monuments could be physically moved. Mr. Dioguardi said he would charge a maximum of \$10,000 to move a monument. Ms. McKean suggested that Borough workers could move the benches and bricks to save on costs.

- Mr. Sprecker, Mr. Madgar, Mayor Hamilton, Ms. Good, and Mr. Snowden expressed concerns and opposition with the idea of moving any monuments.
- Mr. Madgar – Will clarify with Mr. O’Leary if funds from Friends of Beaver Parks are able to be used for the sidewalks in Quay Park.
- Ms. Stettler – Encouraging more events/concerts in Quay Park may bring attention to fundraising.
- Mr. Snowden – Suggested that a simple rectangular pool design be explored and what the cost would be. Having a simpler design may be more cost effective for the Borough.

Adjourned at 8:24 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips