

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
March 8, 2022
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and was called to order on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini (7:06 PM), Alex Sebastian, Sean Snowden, and Amy Stettler. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Manager/Chief of Police Dan Madgar, Borough Secretary Rebecca Phillips, Debbie Hindman, and Borough Engineer Dan Martone.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jeff Hamilton, John Saunders, Rick Sprecker, Midge Sefton, Robert Rice, Jim Woolley, Robert Snider, and Tim Buch.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Stettler to accept the February 8, 2022 Council Meeting minutes and the February 22, 2022 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

- February 2022 Financial Report included in the Council Packet.

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Mr. Snowden to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

Tim Buch, 414 East End Ave –

- Asked if AirBnB's were permitted in Beaver or if the topic would be discussed at future meetings.
 - Mr. Andres – The Planning Commission is currently reviewing this topic, but nothing has been determined at this time.
 - Mr. Martone – This is considered a short-term rental in Beaver, which is not currently permitted. Planning Commission expects to have a recommendation to Council soon.
 - Mr. Buch expressed support to permit AirBnB's in town.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

Council of Governments (COG) – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed Police Broadband grant program. This is a 80/20 match grant.
- Executive Director of the Beaver County COG, Bethany Williams is resigning.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – Reported by Mr. Martone

- A hearing was held on February 17th for 344 Buffalo Street and 1115 3rd Street. Both variance requests were approved.

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Martone

- January 17, 2022 meeting minutes, February 21, 2022 draft meeting minutes, and EPD’s draft proposal of an overlay district included in the Council packet.
- Last meeting was held Monday, February 21st. Items discussed were a potential zoning overlay district. Planning to have a summary of recommendations to Council in April.

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report –

- February 2022 Code Enforcement Officer report included in the Council packet.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – Reported by Mr. Rice

- January 3, 2022 draft meeting minutes and revised Historic Preservation Plan Summary include in the Council packet.
- Reviewed the HARB porch medallion project and preliminary funding from the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation. Mr. Rice has also been in contact with the Boy Scouts to assist with the distribution of the medallions as a community project.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- February 16, 2022 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Reviewed ongoing discussions with Bridgewater regarding the agreement to process wastewater.
- Mr. Martone designing and reviewing installation of reverse osmosis system.

Shaw Park/Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Currently working on a Case for Support.
- There will not be a presentation at the next Work Session.

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Asked if departments get a copy of their budget and expenses monthly.
 - Mr. Madgar – Departments can contact the Borough office to receive this information.
 - Mr. Perini requested that a copy of the Fire Department’s budget be sent to the Fire Chief.

General Government – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Reviewed projected 2022 Columbia Gas projects. This project is still in the planning process and continues to change. Will continue to keep Council updated.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Sebastian

- Update on new Police vehicles – awaiting approval of upfitting, expecting to receive them at the end of April.

Recreation – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Invited the Recreation Committee members and any members of Council to attend a meeting regarding pool maintenance costs. The meeting is scheduled for March 9th with Christi Ringer and Dan Madgar.
- The Fort McIntosh chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are providing up to \$1,000.00 towards signage for Clark Park. The sign is to give information regarding park and the history. The last time Ms. McKean looked into pricing of this type of signage, it was approximately \$750.00. Inflation of this price is expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Will discuss further with Mr. Madgar regarding placement of the sign.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Meeting with Ms. McKean and Christi Ringer scheduled for March 9th. Asked for clarification on what the meeting needed to cover and discussed concerns of running parallel to the Pool Committee.
- Liquid Fuels payment of \$132,338.20 deposited March 1st.
- Reminder of night-time parking/street maintenance enforcement has begun.
- Fence to be installed at the new recycling area/yard waste area starting Monday, March 14th.
- Met with Mike Lowe at the Clark Park to review work that still needs to be completed.
- Met today with EPD who presented two potential designs of Quay Park. A third design was discussed. The designs will be distributed to Council to review at the next Work Session.
- Have had two designated times for residents to pick-up new recycling bins. Next pick-up time will be Monday, March 14th from 4pm to 7pm.
- Borough Building has been open to the public as of March 1st.
- Motion will be made to approve the Chamber of Commerce's 2022 Wine Fest for closing of the main street and alcohol sales.
- Mr. Martone – Preparing bid package for the demolition of the current pool. This project will go out to bid in the Beaver County times on March 14th and March 22nd. The bid opening will take place on March 30th. Mr. Martone is expecting the cost of the demo to be approximately \$100,000.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Thanked the Police Department on behalf of the Fort McIntosh Foundation for their assistance with the recent parade.

Police Department – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Plans of the repair the storm sewer along River Road is in the process of being designed. This is expected to put out to bid late spring or early summer. Expected date of project to begin is in August of this year and should take approximately 4 weeks. \$127,000 were received from the American Rescue Plan to put toward this project.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Mr. Fedeles

- County-wide meeting will be held on March 16th at 2:00 p.m. at CCBC to discuss a County grant funding 80% of emergency responders radios and an update on the Beaver County reassessment.

Motions

Motion – Stephenson Equipment, Inc. Invoice

Motion by Ms. Good, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Stephenson Equipment, Inc. (SEI) invoice #18050717 dated February 11, 2022 for a leaf-vac in the amount of \$85,976.00 as part of the awarded Section 902 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Municipal Recycling Program Grant. Contract #7C-FA-28.0 / Program ID 02-112-2020. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Team Force Invoice

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Team Force quote #3010 dated February 7, 2022 for two 2022 Ford police vehicles to be upfitted with emergency equipment in the amount of \$30,290.00. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Advertisement of Ordinance Establishing Parameters for Vehicles Permitted for On-Street Parking

Motion by Ms. Stettler, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance amending section 15-308 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances to be voted on at the April 12, 2022 Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Wine Festival

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the request from the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce for the organization to host a Wine Festival in the Borough's Business District on August 27, 2022. The event is to be coordinated through the Borough Manager who will involve the Police Department as needed. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion – Resolution 2022-02 Approving the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Recipient Agreement with Beaver County

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution 2022-02, approving the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Recipient Agreement with Beaver County not to exceed \$127,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Snowden. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips