

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
April 12, 2022  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and was called to order on Tuesday, April 12, 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, Sean Snowden, and Amy Stettler (7:11PM). 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. Absent: Alex Sebastian.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Jeff Lloyd, Jim Woolley, Midge Sefton, Jeff Hamilton, Lisa Haigler, Joseph Pruszenski, Rick Sprecker, Robert Snider, Dawna Bott and Dennis Bott.
- A moment of silence was held for Mr. Alex E. Sebastian.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report –**

- March 2022 Financial Report included in the Council Packet.
- Mr. Deelo – Asked if the Capital Fund has been reserved for anything specific
  - Mr. Madgar – Funds were planned to be used for potential cash shortages while we wait for the reassessment, unexpected expenditures, and potential projects.

***Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

#### **Review invoices and authorization to pay bills**

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

#### **Public Participation**

- Dawna and Dennis Bott, 640 5<sup>th</sup> Street –
  - Addressed concerns of the amount of litter at the Water Lot and asked why trash cans were removed from the location. Also reported that the streetlight near this location was out.
  - Mr. Madgar – Trashcans were removed from that location because household items such as pet litter and diapers were being disposed of there. This made it difficult for staff to keep up with how often the cans needed emptied. Will put the trashcan back and monitor the area.
  - Mayor Hamilton – Will report the streetlight outage to Duquesne Light.

- Bill Braslawscce, Insurance Street –
  - Addressed concerns of dogs not being kept on leashes in town.
    - Mr. Madgar – The Police are aware of the situation and residents have been cited. A reminder to keep pets on leashes will be included in the next magazine.

## **Reports – Commissions / Authorities**

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

- Reviewed Police Broadband grant program. This is a 80/20 match grant.
- Local Government Conference scheduled for July.

### **Civil Service Commission – No report**

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

- Zoning Hearing Board will meet on April 25, 2022 to hear a request from Damian Eonta for a variance to construct a detached garage addition within the minimum side yard setback distance for an accessory structure located at 340 Insurance Street.

### **Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Martone**

- February 21, 2022 meeting minutes and March 21, 2022 draft meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Continuing to work on a potential overlay district and will present the recommendation to Council in the upcoming weeks.

### **Tree Commission – No report**

### **Code Enforcement Officer Report –**

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

### **Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) –**

- March 7, 2022 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

### **Municipal Authority –**

- March 16, 2022 meeting minutes and Municipal Authority Engineer mid-February through mid-March 2022 report included in the Council packet.

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

- Will make a presentation to Council at an upcoming Work Session.

## **Council Committees**

### **Finance – No report**

## **General Government – No report**

### **Highways – Reported by Mr. Deelo**

- Reviewed projected 2022 Columbia Gas line replacement projects:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Market Street to Wayne Street
  - College Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Insurance Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- Mr. Martone –
  - Columbia Gas contractors to complete paving on 4th Street from Iroquois Place to East End Avenue. Work should begin within the next week.
  - Protech to complete paving on River Road from Wayne Street to Navigation Street and Walnut Street from Second Street to River Road. They will also do various patchwork around town.
    - Mr. Madgar – Recommended that the contractors are reminded that the traffic control and resident notification and accessibility.

### **Public Safety / Code Enforcement – Reported by Mr. Snowden**

- Contract negotiations with the Police to begin soon.

### **Recreation – Reported by Ms. McKean**

- Requested that Council ask what recreational activities would be permitted along the river near sewage treatment plant. Suggested that a walking trail and dog park be considered.
  - Mr. Martone – Addressed concerns of DEP restrictions but will reach out and ask what would be permitted.
- Discussed ideas of putting pickleball courts at Shaw Park.
- Ms. McKean requested a meeting be scheduled with Hometown Happenings, the Recreation Committee and Borough Manager to discuss events and fundraising.

## **Reports**

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

- Mr. Martone reached out to PennDot regarding handicapped parking spaces in Beaver Borough.
- Scheduling a meeting with railroad company to discuss timeline options to repair storm drain along river. We currently have grant money from the County to put toward this project.
- New yard waste and recycling area is open. Permits are available for purchase in the Borough Office. Components of the new gate system have been delayed, so residents will use the same permit system as previous years and the new system will be implemented next year.
- Reviewed potential sidewalks to be installed at Quay Park and partnership with Friends of Beaver Parks. Will continue discussion at the next Work Session.

### **Mayor Hamilton – No report**

**President's Report** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Discussed ideas of creating a Community Center at the pool house.
- Suggested updated digital signage be considered to accommodate the number of events we have in town.

**Police Department** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Borough Engineer** – Reported by Mr. Martone

- March 2022 report included in the Council packet.
- Reviewed bids to demo the Beaver Pool. One bid was disqualified as an incomplete bid. Lowest bid submitted by DemEx Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$116,574.90.
- Discussed lot line revision plan for 422 Wayne Street and 506 4th Street.

**Solicitor Report** – No report

## **Motions**

### **Appoint 2022 Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Annual Conference Voting Delegates**

*Motion by Mr. Snowden, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Michael Deelo as Beaver Borough's Voting Delegate and Roberta Good as Alternate Delegate for the 2022 Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) 2022 Annual Conference. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

### **Remove and Re-grade the Beaver Borough Municipal Pool Project**

*Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council pursuant to and in accordance with the letter provided by the Borough's Engineer dated April 6, 2022, approve low bidder DemEx Demolition, LLC, to perform the bid to remove and re-grade the Beaver Borough Municipal pool in the amount of \$116,574.90. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

### **Amendment to Parking Ordinance 15-308**

*Motion by Ms. Good, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached ordinance amending the parking ordinance in Section 15-308 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances establishing parameters for vehicles permitted for on-street parking and setting penalties for violations. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

### **Request COG Support of House Bill 2311**

*Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve sending a request to the Council of Governments (COG), proposing that the COG support House Bill 2311 and ask our state representatives to ensure its passage by the PA state legislature. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Samuel Spanos and Aerosam Properties, LLC Lot Line Revision Plan**

*Motion by Mr. Deelo, based upon the Beaver County Planning Commission's letter dated March 21, 2022 and the Borough Engineer's letter dated April 8, 2022, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Samuel Spanos and Aerosam Properties, LLC Lot Line Revision Plan in the R-2 zoning district located at 506 Fourth Street and 422 Wayne Street.*

***Motion to adjourn by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips