

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
May 10, 2022
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and was called to order on Tuesday, May 10, 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, Alex Sebastian, and Amy Stettler. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Manager/Chief of Police Dan Madgar, Rebecca Phillips, Debbie Hindman, and Borough Engineer Dan Martone. Absent: Sean Snowden.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Jeff Hamilton, Jim Woolley, Rick Sprecker, Robert Rice, Frank Bovalino, and Robert Snider.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Sebastian to accept the April 12, 2022 Council Meeting minutes and the April 26, 2022 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

- April 2022 Financial Report included in the Council Packet.

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

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

- Ms. McKean requested more information regarding a bill from Brunner's for approximately \$3,000.00.
 - Mr. Madgar – Will get the details and send via email to all of Council.

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

Public Participation

- Midge Sefton, 1360 River Road –
 - Asked for more information regarding the proposed motion to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Pool Committee and what the proposed financial commitment is.
 - Pool Committee has asked Beaver Borough to consider taking on costs of any permits, the project management of the construction of the pool and maintenance costs.
 - Mr. Martone – Reviewed costs of a project management fee. Estimated these costs to range between 5-15% of the total cost of the project construction. This would be approximately \$290,000 - \$870,000 for only project management costs. Mr. Martone also

mentioned that there would be fees to put this project out to bid that he estimates would cost approximately \$20,000.

- Ms. Sefton addressed concerns of the commitment this would put on future Council members and the Borough's budget.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

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

- April 2022 report and April 20, 2022 Executive Board Meeting minutes included in the Council Packet.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – No report

Planning Commission – Reported by Mr. Martone

- April 18, 2022 draft meeting minutes included in the Council Packet.
- Items to be discussed further are the request of review of electronic signs and renovations to the bath house.

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report –

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

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

- Reviewed the upcoming Historic District Emblem Program that is being funded by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- April 20, 2022 meeting minutes and Municipal Authority Engineer mid-March through mid-April 2022 report included in the Council packet.
- The Municipal Authority has authorized their solicitor to take legal action for unpaid bills of Bridgewater.
- Mr. Martone – Air monitoring station installed by PaDEP is now active.
 - This is the second air monitoring station located on Municipal Authority property, in addition to the station installed by Carnegie Mellon University.

Shaw Park/Pool – No report

Mr. Andres announced there will be an Executive Session held at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter. There will be no action taken.

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Reviewed projected budgets for the next three years and projected budgets with estimated inflation for the next ten years. Reviewed the concerns of additional expenditures and how it will be reflected in future Borough budgets. Asked Council to keep these projected and estimated costs in mind while considering a commitment to the Pool Committee.

General Government – No report

Highways – No report

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Asked for an update on the renovations to Clark Park
 - Mr. Madgar – Has reviewed the monument and concrete that is cracking/peeling. Mr. Martone to reach out to a few different companies to discuss what options there are to repair.
 - Ms. McKean – Avelli Corporation may be able to help with the concrete work. Ms. McKean sent photos of the concrete and is awaiting a response.
 - Mr. Martone – Reviewed the repairs needed on the concrete.
 - Mr. Madgar – Currently 50% of the final payment to Wilson Restoration is being withheld until project is completed and satisfactory.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Town Spring Clean-Up dates:
 - River-side of town, Saturday, May 14th
 - Hill-side of town, Saturday, May 21st
- \$101,250.00 will be deposited in four to six weeks for the 90/10 recycling grant. This is to reimburse for the recycling bins and new leaf-vac.
- Project updates:
 - Clark Park plaques have been installed.
 - Pool demo work to begin this week.
 - Had a meeting with Norfolk Railroad Company to discuss options regarding repair to stormwater drain. Beaver Borough was awarded a \$127,000 grant from Beaver County for this project.
 - 2021 Road Paving Project
 - Protech is completing work from last year's project. Project was delayed until Spring 2022.
 - River Road from Wayne Street to Navigation Street
 - Walnut Street from Second Street to River Road

- Various patchwork within town.
- Fourth Street paving
 - Youngblood Paving to start soon. Project was delayed due to installation of handicapped ramps.
 - Fourth Street from Iroquois Place to East End Avenue
 - Iroquois Place from Fourth Street to Otter Lane
- Reviewed repair work to sewage in basement of Borough Building
- Reviewed police injury and the police staffing shortage.
- A Police Memorial will be held on Friday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. College Avenue to Dravo Avenue will be closed for two hours.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

President's Report – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed the Arbor Day annual event.

Police Department – No report

Fire Department – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Fire Department and Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K walk/run race will be held Saturday, June 4, 2022.

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer – Reported by Mr. Martone

- April 2022 report included in the Council packet.
- Reviewed pool demo work to be done starting this week. This project is expected to take approximately three weeks.
- Reviewed asphalt patchwork done by Protech in various locations in town.
- Working in conjunction with Norfolk Railroad Company to repair the eroded storm water drain.

Solicitor Report –

- Items to be discussed during Executive Session.

Motions

Beaver County BOOM Fireworks Sponsorship

Motion by Ms. Stettler, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve a Silver Sponsorship at the rate of \$1,250 in support of the 2022 Beaver County BOOM annual fireworks display. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Sebastian abstained from the vote.

Authorization to Draft Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Based on the Planning Commission's recommendation, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft an amendment to the current zoning ordinance for a middle-scale housing zoning overlay district. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Beaver Pool Committee

I move that Beaver Borough enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Beaver Pool Committee. Whereas, Beaver Borough will assume the expense of the maintenance and upkeep of the pool and park, be responsible for the cost of oversight of the construction (project management) and assume the cost of permits needed for construction and operation. Whereas, the Beaver Pool Committee will commence a capital campaign to secure finances for construction through donations, fundraising events and grant applications. Whereas, Beaver Borough and the Pool Committee will collaborate when applying for public grants. Whereas, the Beaver Pool Committee will be recognized as an ongoing ad hoc committee of the Beaver Borough under the authority of the Beaver Borough Council. Seconded by Ms. McKean.

- Further discussion to be held at the May 24, 2022 Work Session. Questions to the Pool Committee to be sent to Rebecca Phillips to be submitted and answered by the Pool Committee at the Work Session.
- *Motion to table by Ms. McKean. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

Motion to adjourn and enter into Executive Session by Ms. McKean. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips