

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
May 24, 2022  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:01PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Jim Perini, Alex Sebastian, and Amy Stettler. Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Borough Manager and Chief of Police Dan Madgar, Rebecca Phillips, Debbie Hindman and Sergeant Ken McCoy. Absent: Michael Deelo, Roberta Good and Sean Snowden.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Sandie Egley, Frank Bovalino, Jamie McIntosh, Jim Woolley, Frank Grisafi, Robert Snider, and Rachel Telljohann.
- Moment of silence held for the victims of the Uvalde, Texas mass shooting.

### **Public Participation**

- Sandie Egley, 1460 2<sup>nd</sup> Street –
  - Asked that Council consider prohibiting campaign signs being parked on the main street.
  - Mr. Madgar – Stated that this can be looked into by the Borough Solicitor and addressed concerns of any restrictions violating freedom of speech.

### **Council Committee Reports**

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

- Reviewed questions submitted from Council members to Pool Committee
- Reviewed requested financial commitment
  - Mr. Grisafi – The Pool Committee will agree to take on the project management costs but this will not be an addition to the fundraising goal. The feasibility study done has set their fundraising goal at \$3.9 million.
- Reviewed ideas to renovate the existing Pool House.
  - Mr. Andres reviewed letter submitted to Planning Commission to consider community volunteer work to renovate the Pool House.
    - Mr. Madgar – The idea will need to be discussed further as the Solicitor addressed concerns of liability issues.
  - Ms. McKean – Suggested supplies be donated for a renovation. Also, asked Council to keep an open mind to renovating the current pavilion.
  - Mr. Madgar – The pool bath house should be renovated and utilized year-round. Suggested to work in partnership with the Pool Committee so the renovations compliment a future pool.
  - Mr. Grisafi – Asked how a renovation to the pool bath house be funded.
    - Mr. Madgar – These renovations would qualify for the ARP grants received. An additional bond payment would most likely be needed.

- Mr. Perini – Recommended the idea of digging a ½ acre, 10 to 12-foot-deep lake in Shaw Park instead of a pool. This could provide space that is cost effective to build and maintain.
  - Mr. Madgar – The idea was discussed with the Borough Engineer who stated there would be DEP regulations and could attract different animals, birds and insects.
- Mr. Andres – Amended Memorandum of Understanding will be voted on at the next Council Meeting.

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

**Finance** – No report

**Highways** – No report

**General Government** –

- Hometown Happenings Restaurant Weekend
  - Jamie McIntosh, co-founder of Hometown Happenings (non- profit organization) has been hired by the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce to plan events on their behalf and requested permission from Council to invite local breweries to serve alcohol at their upcoming event that spotlights local restaurants. The event is scheduled for June 17 – 18, 2022 and they expect to have one to three breweries/wine tasting at the event as well as live entertainment.
    - Discussed options of location to host the event.
    - Council had no reservations regarding the event. A motion will be made at the next Council Meeting to authorize.

**Recreation** – No report

## Reports

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

- Vandalism at the Clark Park Memorial, a reward of \$500 is being offered to anyone to has information that leads to an arrest.
- Had a meeting with Brunner’s, they will be raising their rates for trash pick up and recycling pickup. Trash is currently being paid for by residents and recycling is paid for by the Borough. Their rates have not been raised in 11 years. Will have final rates to report at the next Council Meeting.
- Vanport Township and Industry Borough have agreed to help fund the cost of new police laptops. Vanport agreed to \$10,000 and Industry agreed to \$16,000. Mr. Madgar thanked both of these communities for their support and partnership.
- The City of Beaver Falls has been discussing their interest in potentially purchasing two police vehicles from Beaver Borough. There will be a potential motion at the next Council Meeting to authorize.
- Police injury update, will be down an officer until the end of the year due to an injury.

**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Police Chief Madgar** – No report

**Fire Department** – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Annual Beaver Volunteer Fire Department and Heritage Valley Health System 5K/10K walk/run race will be held on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Engineer** – No report

**President** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Fort McIntosh Club will be offering breakfast following the Memorial Day Parade for veterans, police officers, fire fighters and EMS.

Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips