

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

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and was called to order on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski (via Zoom), 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 Sergeant Ken McCoy. Absent: Margaret McKean and Sean Snowden.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Cheryl Hansen, Midge Sefton, Matt Maloney, Rick Sprecker, George Kauffman, Robert Snider, Jim Woolley.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Good to accept the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting minutes and the June 28, 2022 Work Session minutes. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- Ms. Good – Regarding the Recreation discussion at the June 14, 2022 Council Meeting, Ms. Good is not speaking on behalf of the Heritage Foundation.

Treasurer's Report –

- June 2022 Financial Report included in the Council Packet.

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

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation

- Cheryl Hansen, 1260 River Road –
 - Distributed information regarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
 - Addressed concerns regarding live goldfish being given as a prize at the Carnival, believes that this is cruel and unnecessary.
 - Mr. Andres – This has been addressed in previous years and agrees that animals should not be given out at Carnivals. The Carnival organizer was new this year and this was an oversight. This will not happen at future events.
 - Addressed concerns of the number of events in town and the liability risk they put on the Borough.
 - Suggested community restrooms for the town.

- George Kauffman, 100 Oak Street –
 - Addressed concerns of young children riding motorized bikes in town and people riding bicycles on sidewalks.
 - Stated that the recycling bins near the yard waste area are full.
 - Addressed concerns of residents growing bamboo in town.

Reports – Commissions / Authorities

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

- There will be no meeting held in July.
- COG is reviewing a potential new direction for commodities.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) – No report

Planning Commission –

- Report sent to Council via e-mail that includes recommendations for new definitions of short-term rentals, home-based businesses, etc., and suggested revised or new ordinances for items such as short-term rentals, home-based businesses, self-storage facilities, etc.

Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer Report –

- June 2022 Code Enforcement Officer Report included in the Council packet.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) – No report

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- June 15, 2022 Meeting minutes and the Municipal Authority Engineer report for mid-May through mid-June 2022 included in the Council packet.
- Municipal Authority seeking approval to create and advertise a manager position.

Shaw Park/Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Private fundraising event scheduled for August
- Seeking and accepting submitted photos of the pool to include in presentation.

Council Committees

Finance – No report

General Government – No report

Highways –

- Mr. Madgar – Reviewing budget for 2022 paving and prioritizing roads to be paved. A list of roads and an approximate budget will be presented at the Work Session. Expecting bid to be advertised in August for work to start between September and October. Some of the roads being prioritized are:
 - River Road Extension from East Second Street to Wilson Avenue
 - “S” Bend near Water Treatment Plant (this cost would be split with the Municipal Authority)
- Mr. Martone – Columbia Gas line replacement was delayed this year by Columbia Gas. Gas line replacements are expected to be completed by the end of this year but paving for this project is expected to be done in Spring of 2023. Currently, these roads include:
 - College Avenue from Fourth to Fifth Street
 - Insurance Street from Fourth to Fifth Street
 - Fifth Street from Market to Wayne Street
- Mr. George Kauffman – Addressed concerns of conditions of Market Street from Fourth to Fifth Street.
 - Mr. Martone – Market Street is a state road and Beaver Borough has requested to PennDOT that this road be repaired numerous times. Mr. Martone will reach out again.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Mr. Scott Challis contacted the Borough in regards to installing pickle ball courts in Shaw Park. Would like time at a Council Work Session to discuss further.
- Carnival was a success and no issues were reported.
- Hometown Happenings would like to attend the next Work Session to request permission to serve alcohol at one of their events scheduled in September.
- Mr. Madgar and Mayor Hamilton met with new Superintendent of Beaver Area School District. Reviewed meeting and looking forward to partnership.
- Contacted Cherie Moshier of Moshier Studios to see if she would be able to work within a \$500,000 budget for a renovation of the old bath house. Ms. Moshier stated that the overall cost of a renovation will depend on a few items such as:
 - The overall size of the building.
 - Type of layout decided on

- What all the building will need to be functional all year
- Scope of work needed and what work could be completed by the Borough.
- Mr. Madgar – Had AJ Schwartz of Environmental Planning and Design (EPD) view the interior and exterior of the bathhouse to see what ideas he may have. Would like to have Moshier Studios and EPD work together on this project. Suggested that the Water Lot funds that were allocated towards a matching grant be repurposed and put toward these designs. ARP funds could also be used towards this project. Project plans for ARP funding need to be submitted by the end of 2024 and funds need to be spent by 2026.
- Shaw Park Deed (Pew to Borough of Beaver 1939) included in the Council Packet and states that Shaw Park is to be used for recreational use only.
- Working with H&A Service Company (GLO East) to take advantage of Duquesne Light rebate program. Able to convert the Fire Department over to LED lighting. Company to look at other Borough buildings in the coming weeks to see if there are any other opportunities to convert to LED.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

President’s Report – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed the Concert in the Park and Carnival events.
- Brainstorming and prioritizing projects to be put on the next Work Session agenda.

Police Department – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Borough Engineer – Reported by Mr. Martone

- June 2022 report included in the Council packet.
- “Remove and Re-grade the Beaver Borough Municipal Pool Project” has been completed. The grass will be reseeded in the fall.
- Letters notifying residents of proposed Overlay District ordinance mailed out last week by Borough office.
- Reviewed the Columbia Gas Line Replacement project:
 - Replacement of main gas lines and service lines to individual homes
 - Professional patchwork until paving can be done in the Spring
 - Roads will be milled and paved in the spring
 - Columbia Gas projecting large project for 2023 in the north eastern quadrant of town. This is expected to start in January of 2023.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Mr. Fedeles

- Public Hearing to review proposed Overlay District ordinance to be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. This public hearing will be held in the Community Room of the Borough building.

Mr. Andres announced there will be an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at the end of the meeting.

Motions

Schematic Design of Bath House by Moshier Studio

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council request a schematic design of the bath house at Shaw Park conducted by Moshier Studio with a cost not to exceed \$11,720.00. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Additional Work Orders and Final Payment to DemEx, LLC to Remove and Regrade the Beaver Borough Municipal Pool Project

Motion by Ms. Good, based on the Borough Engineer's recommendation letter dated July 7, 2022, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the additional Work Orders 1 through 5, totaling \$19,334.90 and final payment of \$22,069.04, totaling \$41,403.94 to DemEx, LLC for the Remove and Regrade the Beaver Borough Municipal Pool Project conditional upon receipt of the items listed in the recommendation letter. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Andres opposed.

Meeting entered into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:56 p.m.

Regular Meeting resumed at 8:58 p.m.

Beaver Borough Municipal Authority Manager Position

Motion by Mr. Deelo, based on the recommendation of the Beaver Borough Municipal Authority at its meeting on July 7, 2022, I move that Beaver Borough establish a new position of Beaver Borough Municipal Authority Manager. Seconded by Mr. Sebastian. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- Mr. Deelo – This position will not be part of the bargaining unit and report to the Borough Manager. Salary and benefits to this position will be paid by the Municipal Authority. The candidates will be interviewed by the Municipal Authority who will make a recommendation to Beaver Borough Council for approval. This will be considered as a Borough position.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Deelo. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips