

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
October 25, 2022
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7:00PM 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 Tom Hamilton, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Chief of Police/Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Rebecca Phillips, and Debbie Hindman. Absent: Sean Snowden
- Public in attendance (signed in): John Wolbert, Carey McDougall, Rick Sprecker, Steve McGrew, Elaine Savoldi, Chuck Copeland, Megan Stanislow, Joan Young, Colleen Young, Robert Snider, Valentine Brkich, Robert Rice.

A moment of silence was held for Walt McDermott, a resident and former Councilmember of Beaver Borough.

Public Participation –

Carey McDougall, 445 Dravo Avenue –

- Reviewed the Historic Preservation Plan and how it benefits Beaver Borough, the residents and property values. Ms. McDougall supports HARB's proposed ordinance changes which include administrative oversight of plans and designs of architectural changes. Ms. McDougall believes that the recommendations the plan outlines could educate residents and contractors to minimize historic architectural loss through potential renovations.

John Wolbert, 300 River Road –

- Addressed support of the proposed HARB ordinance recommendations and believes that these proposed changes are what is best for the community.

Megan Stanislow, 1055 4th Street –

- Addressed support of the proposed HARB ordinance recommendations. Recently renovated home within the guidelines.

Elaine Savoldi, 414 Fair Avenue –

- Addressed support of the proposed HARB ordinance recommendations. Resident of Beaver Borough and realtor. Reviewed benefits of property values when historic architecture is maintained.

Joanne Young, 1055 4th Street –

- Addressed support of the proposed HARB ordinance recommendations. Believes that this will keep the beauty of homes in Beaver Borough.

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) request to amend ordinances – Mr. Bob Rice

- Reviewed recommendations:
 - Include a HARB review and recommendation process for new building construction, street-facing buildings and structures in the Historic District. This process is to be coordinated with the current building permit process.
 - Enact a similar process for projects involving the removal of street-facing architectural elements or features. These projects compromise the structure's architectural character as addressed in the Borough's Design Guidelines and Preservation Manual. Some examples include porches, window patterns, cornice details, brackets and stained glass.
 - Require the applicant to submit written justification for a demolition in the Historic District. Consider how it is in the best interest of the Borough, how it benefits the neighborhood and community, and how it provides benefits to not only the property owner.
- Ms. McKean to work with Mr. Rice regarding amendments to the existing ordinance.
- Mr. Fedeles – A public hearing will be needed for any ordinance amendments.
- Mr. Martone – Asked that any draft be cross referenced with the Zoning Ordinance.

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park / Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Committee had a meeting last week. Mr. Madgar attended the meeting to review the potential renovations to the bathhouse. The committee was very supportive of the draft renovations.
- The Pool Committee is continuing to focus on large contributions to start their fundraising.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Martone

- A preconstruction meeting for the 2022 Road Paving project will be held on Thursday. The project is expected to start the following week.
- A meeting with Columbia Gas is scheduled for this Thursday to review their 2023 gas line replacement project.

General Government –

- Ms. McKean – Reviewed the benefits of becoming a Certified Local Government.

Recreation – Reported by Ms. McKean

- Reviewed the report from Mr. Martone regarding the water lot reservoir.
 - Ms. McKean requested that Mr. Martone put together a budget of the proposed scope of work. A line item of \$20,000 has been included in the draft 2023 budget to apply for grants for this project and the engineering costs.
 - Ms. McKean has been in contact with the Heinz History Center regarding the water lot reservoir project and has asked that they visit the site.
 - Ms. McKean contacted the Superintendent of Beaver Area School District and a school board member regarding the educational value of the water lot reservoir.
- Mr. Madgar asked if the plan had changed to repair the water lot reservoir in-house with the Borough Engineer and staff.

- Ms. McKean stated that in order to apply for a Keystone Grant, the engineer must meet the Secretary of Interior Standards. This is why Ms. McKean had previously approached the Markosky Group and Michael Baker to look at the project.
- Ms. McKean stated that two phases are planned for the project, a repair phase to be completed by the Borough employees and Engineer and the second phase is an educational piece to be funded by a Keystone grant. The \$20,000 line item included in the budget would include the repair and the educational piece.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Halloween Trick or Treat will be held in Beaver Borough on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00PM – 8:00PM.
- Reviewed proposed resolution required to submit for the DCNR special grant round. The grant application is requesting funds to redevelop Bouquet Park to become an ADA accessible and inclusive park. This is an 80/20 grant. ARP funds are able to be used as match money. The application will request approximately \$500,000 for the project.
- Received a quote of approximately \$80,000 to repair the monument located in McIntosh Park. This could be a project to submit for during another grant funding round.
 - Ms. McKean stated that this monument is owned by Beaver County and is the responsibility of the County Commissioners to fund the project.
- Mr. Madgar thanked Giant Eagle in Rochester for donating donuts to be given out at Light Up Night this year and Rosland Candy for their donation of candy.
- Light Up Night will be held an hour earlier this year and be held 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The parade will be held at 5:00 p.m. and fireworks at 8:00 p.m.
- A waterline repair will take place on Beaver Street to a home with fire damage. Beaver Street will need to be closed for 2-3 days from Third Street to East Second Street while the work is being completed.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – No report

President – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed the Haunted Bathhouse event and the upcoming Library fundraiser.

Municipal Authority

- General discussion of the financial impact of renovations to the current Waste Water Treatment Plant and construction to send Beaver Borough's waste water to Vanport for treatment.
- Mr. Perini is to be the point of contact for discussions with Vanport.

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Review and discussion of 2023 draft budget

Motions

Resolution 2022-04 Approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Police Services for Fairview Elementary School.

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution 2022-04, authorizing Beaver Borough to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Borough of Ohioville and Western Beaver County School District to provide police services for Fairview Elementary School. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Joint Cooperative Police Service Agreement

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Joint Cooperative Police Service Agreement between the Borough of Beaver, Western Beaver County School District and the Borough of Ohioville. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-05 Designating an Authorized Signature for the Bouquet Park Redevelopment DCNR 2022 Grant Application

Motion by Ms. Good, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Resolution 2022-05, authorizing the Borough Manager to electronically sign on behalf of Beaver Borough for the Bouquet Park Redevelopment DCNR grant application. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:51 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips