

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
February 28, 2023
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Alex Sebastian, and Amy Stettler.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Chief of Police/Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Borough Engineer Dan Martone, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Michael Deelo, Jim Perini, and Sean Snowden.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley, Robert Snider, and Cheryl Hansen.

A moment of silence was held for Mary Christian and Coach Pat Tarquinio.

Public Participation – None

Presentation by the Planning Commission to review recommended changes to Chapter 27 Zoning (Bed and Breakfast/Short Term Rental) – Postponed to the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting.

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park / Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Sub-divisions of the committee are ongoing.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Reviewed upcoming bid for the spring paving project.
- Reviewed current patchwork being completed from water line repairs by the Highway Department.

General Government – No report

Recreation –

- Ms. McKean distributed draft designs for signage at Clark Park.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Beaver Borough's Liquid Fuels payment will be deposited on March 1, 2023 in the amount of \$136,438.29.
- Night-time parking enforcement resumes on March 1, 2023.
- A contract for the School Resource Officer for Beaver Area School District and Western Beaver School District is being drafted. A three-year contract is being considered. Will continue to keep Council updated.
- Industry contract for police services expires at the end of this year. Starting to draft a new contract so both communities can properly budget. Industry has voiced that they would like to keep the terms of the contract the same.
 - Ms. McKean – Stated that Beaver tax payers pay more for police services than Vanport and Industry do and that without a contract with these communities, Beaver would not need as many police officers. Beaver could merge Police Departments with Brighton Township and then sell the current Beaver Municipal Building to provide funds for a pool.
 - Mr. Madgar – Explained that the contracts with Vanport and Industry are vital to Beaver Borough's budget and that Beaver is currently in need of more officers. The safety of the community should not be risked for a pool.
 - Sergeant McCoy – Brighton Township does not have a current interest to merge departments with Beaver. Beaver Borough benefits from the current contracts with Industry and Vanport because the majority of the police's calls are within Beaver Borough.
 - Mayor Hamilton - Having these contracts in place has created a strong and positive relationship within the communities.
 - Mr. Sebastian – Moving the Borough Building off of Third Street has been explored in years past and there was not support within the community to do so.
 - Mr. Andres – If Ms. McKean would like to discuss regionalization, it needs to be put on the agenda so the community is aware it is being discussed by Council.
- Jim Perini has agreed to the Emergency Management Coordinator position. An official motion will be put on the agenda for the March 14, 2023 Council Meeting. Council agreed that Mr. Perini will be acting EMC until the official motion is made at the March Council Meeting.
- Mr. Madgar, Mr. Martone, Mr. Renninger, and Ms. Stettler have met to begin drafting a plan regarding the old bathhouse. Ways of splitting the project into smaller segments, purchasing the materials through COSTARS and the Borough acting as the general contractor are all being considered to get the project underway.
 - ARP funds of approximately \$400,000 can be used to start funding the project. ARP funds need to be spent by the end of 2024. Beaver Borough could look into other funding sources, such as a loan, to fund the rest of the project.
 - A schematic design of Shaw Park was presented to Council and reviewed.
 - Ms. Stettler will be the liaison between Council and the project.
- Received notification from Beaver County that the Beaver County ARPA Municipal Infrastructure grant funds to be used for the storm drain need to be spent by December 31, 2023.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar –

- The Civil Service Commission is now accepting applications through March 27, 2023.

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – Reported by Mr. Martone

- A Zoning Hearing Board Meeting is expected to be scheduled in March or April.
- PennDot is expected to start work along Market Street soon and begin asphalt work during the summer.
- Ms. Learn-Conjeski asked about the work being done on telephone poles in town.
 - Mr. Martone – These poles are owned by Verizon and work is being done to strengthen the base which would extend the life of the poles.

President – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Acknowledged and celebrated how well the business district is doing in town.
- Reviewed Church Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips