

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
March 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, March 28, 2023 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, Sean Snowden, and Amy Stettler.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough Engineer Dan Martone, Finance Manager Andy Kennedy, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: None.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Robert Snider, Cheryl Hansen, and Jim Woolley.

Public Participation – None

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park / Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- A meeting was held on March 28th to review grant opportunities.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – Reported by Mr. Perini

- Would like a review done of the Shell contract. Mr. Perini does not think anyone has done anything wrong and it should be done as a closing formality. Mr. Perini, Mr. Kennedy, and Ms. Stettler met with J. Martin and Associates, who completes the Borough's annual audit, and was provided a quote of approximately \$2,000 to complete the review. Mr. Perini believes that this will ensure that the contract was done within the guidelines laid out by Council when the contract was put into place 3-4 years ago.
- Mr. Kennedy stated that this contract could be internally reviewed as the process is not complex and is not required by the state to be audited or reviewed. The decision can be made by Council if they would like the contract to be reviewed by a third party.
- Ms. Stettler asked where these funds would be pulled from as it is not budgeted for this year.
 - Mr. Kennedy – This will be an additional expenditure and will come from the contingency line item.
- Mr. Madgar stated that if Council was in agreement and there were no objections, an agreement will be made with J. Martin and Associates to complete the review as a professional service.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Martone

- Continuing to work with Columbia Gas regarding their reimbursement of the upcoming paving project. Once the agreement is finalized, the project will go out to bid. It is expected that Columbia Gas will pay for the majority of the project.

General Government – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Thanked Rep. Josh Kail for assisting Beaver Borough businesses during the power outages over the past weekend.

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Police Department was awarded the DCED LSA grant for radios in the amount of \$115,424.00.
- Motion will be made at the April 11, 2023 Council Meeting to approve a Silver Sponsorship for the 2023 Beaver County BOOM fireworks in the amount of \$1,250.00.
- Reviewed School Resource Officer agreement approved by the Beaver Area School District at their last meeting. The agreement will be a 3-year contract for an officer at the College Square Elementary School and Middle School/High School with a 4% increase each year. A motion at the April 11, 2023 Council meeting will be put on the agenda to approve.
- Reviewed the proposed agreement extension with Industry Borough for police services. Mr. Madgar is recommending a 5-year contract that would increase \$5,000 each year. A motion at the April 11, 2023 Council meeting will be put on the agenda to approve.
- Civil Service Commission received 7 applications for full time police officer. Testing process will begin soon. Will continue to keep Council updated.
- Recognized Patrick McGuire for working with the food businesses in town during the power outages and assisting them to identify how to maintain proper temperatures and which food needed disposed of.
- Mr. Sprecker is suggesting Council consider an ordinance that would regulate bee keeping in town.
 - Mr. Fedeles – If bee keeping created any issues, it could fall under the nuisance ordinance.
- Met with the Pool Committee to review the updated schematic designs of Shaw Park, the proposed designs of the old bathhouse, and the location of a potential pool. Mr. Madgar asked for monthly or quarterly reports from the Pool Committee to keep Council updated.
- Gave update on the old bathhouse renovation project. Work is expected to start in the coming weeks to remove the flooring inside and beginning prepping for the new parking area. A few trees are expected to be removed to accommodate the off-street parking.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar –

- Ms. McKean noticed vandalism to the name plaques at Clark Park.
 - Mr. Madgar will get a quote for additional cameras in this area and look into options to repairing the plaques.

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – Reported by Mr. Martone

- A Zoning Hearing has been scheduled for March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to review a request for a variance from the minimum rear yard setback distance to place a rear garage attached to a proposed dwelling on a vacant lot located at 723 Second Street.

President – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed recent letters mailed regarding the County Reassessment.

Motions

Appointment of Historical Architectural Review Board Member

Motion by Ms. Good, following the recommendation by the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Laura Wingard to the HARB to fill an unexpired term. This term expires December 31, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Beaver Police Association

Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Beaver Police Association and the Borough of Beaver effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Snowden. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Perini. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips