

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
April 25, 2023  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean (7:28 p.m.), Jim Perini, and Amy Stettler.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Borough and Municipal Authority Engineer Dan Martone, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Municipal Authority Board members in attendance: Matt Maloney, Rick Sprecker, and (Operations Coordinator) Scott Snyder
- Absent: None.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Jeff Hamilton, Jim Woolley, and Robert Snider.

**Public Participation – None**

**Municipal Authority exploration of water supply from Beaver Falls –**

- Mr. Andres requested members of the Municipal Authority Board to attend the meeting to ensure open communication regarding their projects. The Municipal Authority is their own entity but asked for more communication that Beaver Borough residents would see a direct impact on.
- Mr. Martone explained that in 2014 it was discovered that the chlorine levels of the drinking water exceeded the permitted levels and were therefore in violation. These increased levels affect the taste and color of the water and explained that the water is still safe to drink. Different types of analysis have been completed to try and determine the source causing the increased levels. To this point, the source has not been found. PA DEP is aware of the levels and the Municipal Authority is working closely with them to resolve the issue.
  - The Municipal Authority is now considering either constructing a new reverse osmosis system to treat the water or finding another water source, such as purchasing water from Beaver Falls.
    - Designs of the reverse osmosis system and exploration of water supply from Beaver Falls are both in progress to determine the best solution.
    - Independent financial study will be completed to create a financial analysis.
    - Mr. Maloney – Estimated a decision to be made in the next 6 to 9 months. Mr. Maloney believes there are obvious financial and operational benefits to purchasing water from Beaver Falls.
    - Public meetings will be conducted before a decision is made.
  - Mr. Madgar – Agreed that the option of purchasing water should be explored. Mr. Madgar requested that Mr. Snyder be included in future meetings and discussions with Beaver Falls and

that the third-party water/sewer engineering firm complete a financial analysis of this option to include the long-term financial impacts.

- Mr. Andres – Requested that the Municipal Authority attend meetings, similar to other committees, to present to Council when large projects or decisions are being considered.
- Mr. Sprecker – Agreed that the Municipal Authority will be more transparent moving forward.
- Mayor Hamilton – Addressed concerns of the long-term financial impacts of purchasing water from Beaver Falls due to the possibility of Beaver Falls having the option to sell their plant to a third-party.

## **Council Committee Reports**

**Shaw Park / Pool** – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed the Pool Committee’s website
- A variety of funding sources are being considered

**Public Safety / Code Enforcement** – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- Asked Council to consider an ordinance restricting bee keeping and reptiles.
  - Mr. Fedeles – The current nuisance ordinance can be applied to issues residents may have with bees or reptiles.

**Finance** – No report

**Highways** – Reported by Mr. Martone

- The 2023 Road Paving Project No. 1 has been advertised to accept bids. Bid proposals will be opened publicly on May 4, 2023.

**General Government** –

- Ms. McKean – Addressed concerns of air quality due to the Shell Plant operations. Asked Council to consider notifying the community when the air quality drops.
  - Mr. Snyder reached out to his contact at PaDEP to ask how communication should be handled. PaDEP recommended that any residents wanting more information should be directed to their website. A variety of information can be found on air monitoring and air quality. Mr. Madgar stated that this information can be shared on the Borough website.

**Recreation** – No report

## **Reports**

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

- Received a check in the amount of \$500.00 from Beaver County Emergency Services and is to be used to assist with emergency planning purposes or supplies.
- The Civil Service physical agility and written test was held today. Four of the seven applicants have moved forward through the testing process.

- Notified Council that Eric McPhilomy, a part-time police officer, who fills a full-time position slot will be leave the Beaver Borough Police Department to pursue a different career.
- Arbor Day will be held April 29, 2023 at the Gazebo.
- Payment to Motorola for police radio equipment is being requested as part of the awarded LSA grant.
- Upcoming at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:
  - Beaver Borough will recognize Diane Wakefield from the Beaver Area Memorial Library
  - Request to approve the 2023 Wine Fest and Beer Fest
  - Award bid for the 2023 Road Paving Project No. 1
  - Authorize an additional signer for Borough checks, per the recommendation of the auditors. Mr. Madgar suggested that the Municipal Authority also designate another signer as well.
  - Extend agreement with Western Beaver School District School for a School Resource Officer.
    - Three-year agreement (2023-2026)
    - 3% increase each year
  - Extend agreement with Vanport Township for police services
    - Five-year agreement (2024-2028)
    - \$5,000 increase each year
- Ms. McKean – Tires located on hillside near Log Cabin.
  - Mr. Madgar – Will work with Road Department to be removed.

**Mayor Hamilton –**

- Reviewed Representative Josh Kail’s Open House at new office in Vanport Township
- Recognized Detective Jim DeGori for being awarded by the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators – Pittsburgh Metro Chapter.

**Police Chief Madgar – No report**

**Fire Department – No report**

**Emergency Management Coordinator – No report**

**Engineer – Reported by Mr. Martone**

- Reviewed need for a minor revision to the Zoning Overlay District Ordinance including:
  - Clarifying building alignment with others on the same block (front yard setback)
  - Determine minimum lot width

**President – Reported by Mr. Andres**

- Reviewed ramp clean up event
- Reminded Council of upcoming COG meeting to review the ongoing Beaver County Property Reassessment

## **Motions**

### **LSA Grant Police Radio Grant**

*Motion by Ms. Good, I move that Beaver Borough Council accept the LSA Statewide Grant in the amount of \$115,424.00 for the Beaver Borough Radio Grant and issue payment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$115,424.00 for the purchase of radio communication equipment. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM**

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips