

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
May 23, 2023
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00PM by Council President, Alexander Andres.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, 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, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Jim Perini
- Public in attendance (signed in): Elaine Savoldi, Jim Woolley, Robert Snider, Steve McGrew, Rob Wilmoth, Todd Hindman, and Chuck Copeland.

A moment of silence was held for Betty Steege and Joseph Zagorski.

Mr. Andres announced that an Executive Session would be held to review litigation matters. A vote is not expected following Executive Session.

Public Participation –

- Jim Woolley-
 - Reminded members of Council of the upcoming Book Sale at the Beaver Area Memorial Library.
- Rob Wilmoth, Beaver County Farmer’s Market-
 - Addressed concerns of the required Health Inspections and permits/fees required by Beaver Borough.
 - Mr. Madgar encouraged Mr. Wilmoth to contact Patrick McGuire to review the inspection required.

Review of HARB Historic Preservation Draft Ordinance –

- Presented by HARB Members: Steve McGrew, Elaine Savoldi, Ed Hancock, and Chuck Copeland
 - Mr. McGrew reviewed the draft ordinance which would require HARB’s review for not only demolitions but also new construction, additions, and alterations. The goal is to preserve the historic quality of the town. HARB would issue a recommendation to Council who would ultimately approve or deny a permit (certificate of appropriateness).
 - Mr. Hancock expressed concerns of the current voluntary guidelines that are in place, they are ineffective to maintain the Historic District.
 - Mr. Fedeles reviewed proposed definitions, the role of the Historic Preservation Officer, and the process of issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA).
 - Mr. Andres stated that Council will continue to review and discuss the proposed ordinance.

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park / Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Update report included in the Council packet.
- Mr. Andres explained that the committee will determine the size, etc. of a pool once the fundraising is completed. The committee will manage the design and construction of the pool based on the budget fundraised.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- An agreement with Columbia Gas for reimbursement of paving is being drafted. A paving start date has not yet been determined.

General Government – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Working with McIntosh Productions to plan an event/Community Day. Will update Council once more details are determined.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- The Fire Department notified the Borough that the ladder truck needs repair. The quote provided totaled \$5,270.00. The timeframe to fix is delayed due to the lack of maintenance vendors available in the area.
- Reminder that the Fire Department 5K/10K Race is Saturday, June 3rd
- Garrison Day and Antique Sale will be held Saturday, June 10th
- Memorial Day Parade will be held in Beaver on Monday, May 29th
- Met with representatives of the Heritage Foundation at the Fort McIntosh site to review repairs to the plaques. Mike Boso will be refurbishing the plaques as well as the final plaque for Clark Park.
- An Eagle Scout approached the Municipal Authority asking if they could complete a project of constructing a pavilion along the river. The Municipal Authority is unable to accommodate the project and directed them to review any options with Mr. Madgar. Council was in general agreement that there was no location in town to accommodate the project.
- Civil Service will meet again on May 30th to review the scores of the applicants. An eligibility list to hire two full-time officers will be expected soon.
- Ms. McKean stated that the gate located access road from Bridgewater to the Sewage Treatment Plant was open and removed from the ground. Mr. Madgar will have the Highway Department look at the area.
- Ms. Stettler gave presentation to update Council on the renovations to the old pool house.
 - The renovations are to create a rentable community space to include meeting and event space, as well as an outdoor stage venue for large events.
 - Renovations will expand over two years and be conducted in phases.

- The project is currently being funded by ARP funds. Other sources of funding to consider would be to work with Beaver County Tourism, brick/tree program, donated labor and materials, loan, etc.
- Any work that can be done in-house is being done to stretch the current ARP funds.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Recognized and thanked all responding Fire Departments who helped control a garage fire on Park Place.
- A flyover will take place on Memorial Day on 11:45 a.m.

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – No report

President – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed the Penn State Beaver Speaker series, the municipal primary elections, upcoming Fire Department 5K/10K race, and Garrison Day.
- Mr. Snowden addressed concerns of tires, tv's, etc. being left along the sidewalks after the Spring Clean-Up days. People from out of town bring items that are not eligible to be taken and leave the items on the sidewalk.

Motion by Ms. Good to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting entered into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 9:29 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips