

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
August 22, 2023
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, August 22, 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, and Sean Snowden.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Borough Engineer Dan Martone, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Alex Sebastian and Amy Stettler.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Kathy Boyd, Tommi Wagner, Brian & Sue Wotman, Robert Snider, Todd Hindman, Steve McGrew, and Elaine Savoldi.

Public Participation –

- Judith Cashdollar, Third Ward, Beaver –
 - Presented a petition from 2015 while the pool was still in operation in support of a pool being at Shaw Park.
 - Expressed disfavor of any type of event center or community center at Shaw Park. Asked that additional communication such as flyers on telephone poles and knocking door-to-door be done to explain what is going on at Shaw Park.
 - Mr. Andres – Updates and communication on the old pool house project are discussed at public Council meetings.
 - Mr. Snowden – After feasibility studies, it was determined that a pool would not go back in the original spot and that the old pool house was too outdated that it would not be used as a future pool house. To keep the historical integrity of the building, the pool house would be repurposed to serve the community in a different way. Beaver Borough is not able to fund a new pool and is using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to support the renovations of the pool house.
 - Ms. Cashdollar – Asked if action had been taken to authorize work on the old pool house.
 - Mr. Snowden – Explained that there have been extensive discussions regarding the pool house renovations and general agreement on the project.
- Carrie Payne, Bridgewater –
 - Asked Council to consider a noise impact study for an event venue and questioned why the ARP funds could not be used towards a pool.
 - Solicitor Fedeles – The ARP funds need to be spent by a specific date and the construction of a pool would not be completed within that timeframe. The ARP funds of approximately \$400,000 would not have completely funded the construction of a new pool.

- Kathy Boyd, Beaver Street, Beaver -
 - Expressed concerns of security with an event venue and asked if this project has been brought to the attention of the School District.
 - Mr. Madgar – The Borough has had multiple discussions with the Superintendent and the school has been supportive of the project. The Police Department will ensure security just as they do for any other event in town.

Council Committee Reports

Shaw Park / Pool – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Sub-committees continuing to meet.
- Currently working on applying for another grant.
- Mr. Snowden – Has been approached by a potential donor who asked if a potential design of a pool will be released.
 - Mr. Andres – Some type of schematic design to be released is being reviewed.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Finance – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Preliminary meeting was held with Ms. Stettler and Mr. Kennedy to review the draft 2024 budget.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Road Paving Project No. 1 is finishing up.
- Road Paving Project No. 2 is currently out for bid and the project will be awarded at the September Council Meeting.
- PennDot continues to pave Market Street, they were pulled away from the project but will be back to complete the last portion.
- Columbia Gas will complete work on Third Street at the Intersection of Third and Dravo from 8PM – 6AM which will cause partial road closures. Traffic control will be present.

General Government –

- Reviewed the HARB Draft Ordinance
 - Mr. Andres asked that the Planning Commission review the draft ordinance and continue to work with the Solicitor.
- Draft amendment to the Overlay District Ordinance was reviewed. A public hearing to review the drafted ordinance is expected in October.

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Community Day will be held Saturday, September 2nd from 4PM – 8PM in Shaw Park

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- The Borough will offer \$75 for residents to have a Skunk trap installed and \$75 to have the trap removed. Residents will be responsible for \$50 to have the trap installed and \$50 for the trap to be removed.
 - Ms. McKean – Asked that preventative skunk control be communicated in a Beaver Life Magazine.
- Arborist will prune and re-shape trees in the business district for \$10,500.
- September Council Meeting:
 - Beaver Area Memorial Library will give annual report
 - Town Center Associates will give preliminary review of the proposed town home development at the corner of 2nd Street and Market Street.
- Upcoming events:
 - Community Day September 2nd
 - Wine Fest September 9th
 - Beaver Tales September 15th
 - Fire Department Open House September 16th
 - Fort McIntosh Day September 16th
 - Crafts and Drafts September 16th
 - Trick or Treat will be held on Tuesday, October 31st from 6PM – 8PM in Beaver Borough.
 - Veteran’s Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 11th

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 recent and upcoming events in town.
- Clarified inaccurate information being spread that Dollar General bought the Beaver Supermarket. There have been no inquiries to purchase the Beaver Supermarket as of yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips