

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
February 27, 2024
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Sean Snowden, and Amy Stettler.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Finance Manager Andy Kennedy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, Scott Snyder, and Lisa Champ.
- Absent: Alexander Andres, Todd Hindman, and Alex Sebastian.
- Public in attendance (signed in): John Adkins, Jim Woolley, Ellen Kretchmar, and Rachel Telljohann.

Public Participation –

- John Adkins, King Street Productions, Inc.
 - Television series being filmed in the Pittsburgh area called Mayor of Kingstown.
 - Is applying for a permit with PennDot to utilize Route 51 bridge (between Beaver and Rochester) for an upcoming scene. A detour will be needed and the bridge is expected to be closed 3-4 days.
 - Will work with the Beaver Police Department for detours and safety measures.
 - The filming is expected to take place sometime in April 2024.
- Rachel Telljohann, Ward 2
 - Member of the Shaw Park Project/Pool Committee fundraising for a new pool. Thanked Council for their support.

- Presentation –** Ashley Shiwarski, National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program by HomeServe
- Reviewed service line warranty program being funded by the Beaver Borough Municipal Authority.
 - Helps residents avoid out-of-pocket expense for unanticipated service line repairs and replacements.
 - Residents will receive an informational brochure at least 30 days before the launch of the program.
 - Residents can call HomeServe directly to file a claim.

Commissions/Authorities

Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG) –

- Elected Officials and February report provided in the Council packet.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board – No report

Planning Commission –

- December 18, 2024 meeting minutes and February Signage Committee report included in the Council packet.

Shade Tree Commission –

- Ms. McKean stated a resident may be interested in joining the Shade Tree Commission and believes that the ordinance should be amended to add additional members to the commission.

Code Enforcement Officer –

- January-February 2024 Code Enforcement Officer report included in the Council packet.

Historical Architectural Review Board –

- February 1, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- January 17, 2024 and February 6, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Pool Committee – Reported by Ms. Telljohann

- Reviewed new/updated conceptual drawing of Shaw Park. The updated drawing is to be added to the Shaw Park Project website.
- Reviewed potential grant funding opportunities that the Pool Committee is going to explore further. The committee is also exploring professional grant writing services.

Council Committee Reports

Finance – Reported by Ms. Stettler

- Finalized paperwork for FNB Loan

General Government – No report

Highways – No report

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report –

- Coordinating time with Shell to pick up picnic tables. Old tables will be repaired.
- Received a call from a resident requesting more handicapped parking spots on Third Street. Will review this with the Borough Engineer. Third Street is not sloped properly for ADA requirements.
- Operations plan for renovated pool house is ongoing.
 - A separate application will be required to have alcohol on the property during a rental. Ongoing research by Solicitor and reviewed with insurance company.
 - Certificate of Liability Insurance will be encouraged for large or public events.
 - Beaver Borough residents will have first opportunity to reserve dates.
 - Events end by 10:00 p.m.
 - Fee discussion is still ongoing.
- Resident concerned with the raising of the Business Privilege tax and will be coming to a meeting to discuss the relationship Beaver Borough has with Berkheimer tax collecting services.
- Additional erosion and a slide occurred along the hillside of River Road near Linn Park.
 - This has been deemed an emergency repair.
 - The forecasted rain over the next few days may worsen this area and contractors have been working at the site to stable the area.
 - The repair is expected to cost approximately \$400,000.
 - Other areas on either side of the storm water drain are starting to move as well.
 - Available funds in the Capital Fund will not cover the costs of this repair. The Borough has approximately \$100,000 left of Beaver County ARP funds to put towards the repair.
 - Borough Engineer is working on getting another quote to repair the area.
 - Repairs could take up to a month to complete.
 - Temporary funding solutions are being considered by Finance Manager and Finance Committee, but Council will need to consider raising taxes for 2025.
 - Plan needs to be implemented to monitor the hill side of River Road to stay ahead of any potential issues.
- Ms. McKean asked that the cutting down of vegetation along River Road be closely monitored. Ms. McKean asked that lifted crosswalks be considered on Third Street near McDonalds and suggested that a request be put in to PennDot to remove some of the crosswalks to encourage pedestrians to use safer areas to cross.
 - Additional traffic safety issues and potential solutions discussed.
- Catch basin repairs ongoing.
- Ms. McKean asked that a sidewalk/curb cut be considered at the alley on Otter Lane.

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. Snowden

- Reviewed improvements made to the Beaver Area Middle School/High School.
- School District is looking to update signage at the entrance of the High School. They are requesting to ask the Borough permission for a back lit/electronic sign.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips