

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
March 26, 2024  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, 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, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Finance Manager Andy Kennedy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Debbie Hindman.
- Absent: None.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley and Rachel Telljohann

**Public Participation** – None

### **Commissions/Authorities**

#### **Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG) –**

- Reviewed the last COG meeting and a Resolution to be distributed to Beaver County municipalities in the future in regards to the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of signing the Declaration of Independence.
- Ms. McKean stated that the Fort McIntosh DAR Chapter is planning to do various projects to celebrate 2026. One of the projects includes working with Robert Morris University to make a film to talk about the history of Fort McIntosh. They are also interested in the Water Lot and filming at the location. A meeting to review the site will be held next week.

**Civil Service Commission** – No report

**Zoning Hearing Board** – No report

#### **Planning Commission –**

- February 19, 2024 meeting minutes and March 18, 2024 draft meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

**Shade Tree Commission** – No report

#### **Code Enforcement Officer –**

- February – March 2024 Code Enforcement Report included in the Council packet.

- Ms. Stettler stated that the dog waste in Linn Park is still an issue and asked if anything could be done to help the problem.
  - Mr. Sprecker has spoken with neighbors in the area to help keep an eye out for anyone who is not picking up after their pet so Mr. Sprecker can speak with them directly and make them aware of fines.
- Mr. Deelo asked if Beaver Borough has any Ordinances regarding squatters.
  - Sergeant McCoy stated that this is not an issue but trespassing or burglary could be charged to someone who is doing something like this.

#### **Historical Architectural Review Board –**

- February 5, 2024 and March 7, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

#### **Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo**

- February 21, 2024 and March 5, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Mid-February through mid-March 2024 Municipal Authority Engineer report included in the Council packet.
- Reviewed status of the Municipal Authority exploring insurance options for water lines. The Municipal Authority Board approved an insurance program for residential water lines. Additional details are to come. The program is expected to roll out in the second half of the year.
- The Municipal Authority will be putting in a new line on River Road and Beaver Street for sanitary sewers. Construction is expected in this area to complete the project.

#### **Pool Committee – Reported by Ms. Telljohann**

- A draft Request for Proposal is being put together for a detailed pool design and engineering services. The Borough Solicitor is currently reviewing.

### **Council Committee Reports**

#### **Finance – Reported by Ms. Stettler**

- Reviewed motion to approve payment to Generation X Contractors for the repair of the hill slide on River Road. Finance Committee met with Borough Manager and Finance Manager to review financing options. Some of the options being considered is working with the Municipal Authority who could provide a payroll prepayment and exploring loan options with FNB.
- Finance Committee is working on putting together a three-year and five-year budget plan to review with Council.

#### **General Government – No report**

#### **Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar**

- A meeting has been scheduled for the Borough Engineer to meet with Youngblood Paving to review the paving leftover from the 2023 Road Paving Project No. 2. Paving is expected to begin at the end of April.
  - A separate bid will be acquired to pave the section of River Road where the hill slide occurred.
- A meeting will be scheduled with Columbia Gas to review any potential projects they have planned in Beaver Borough in 2024.

**Public Safety / Code Enforcement** – No report

**Recreation** – No report

## **Reports**

### **Manager/Secretary Report** –

- Reviewed if a sidewalk cut was able to be performed at Otter Lane. After inspection with the Road Department, it appears that the retaining wall would be at risk of damage or failure if the sidewalk is shortened in this area.
- Eight picnic tables were received from the Shell Plant. Other picnic tables in town are being repaired by the Road Department.
- Installation of new playground equipment at Bouquet Park continues.
- Gave update on renovations to the old pool house. A fee schedule is to be presented to Council for review.
  - Mr. Deelo recommended contacting the LCB for their comments on an alcohol policy for the renovated pool house.
  - Ms. Stettler – A name and logo for the building will be presented to Council soon. The Pool House Civic Center is being considered as a name.
  - Mr. Madgar – Has initiated conversations with the School District to partner on new signage at the corner of Buffalo and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A digital sign is being considered.

**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Police Chief Madgar** – No report

**Fire Department** – No report

**Emergency Management Coordinator** – No report

**Engineer** – No report

**President** – No report

## **Motions**

### **Payment to Generation X Contractors**

*Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, based on the Borough Engineer's written recommendation, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve invoice #089 from Generation X Contractors dated March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$176,280 for the repair of the embankment failure between River Road and the railroad tracks opposite of Linn Park. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Purchase of Police Vehicles**

*Motion by Mr. Sebastian, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Laurel Ford quote dated November 20, 2023 and payment in the amount of \$76,560 for two police vehicles (VIN numbers ending in 98049 and 99124). This is part of the established rotation. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.*

**Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.**

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips