

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
May 28, 2024
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00PM by Council Vice President, Amy Stettler.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:01 p.m.), Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, 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, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Margaret McKean, Alex Sebastian, and Sean Snowden.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley, Robert Snider, and Ellen Kretchmar.

Public Participation –

- Jim Woolley, Park Street
 - Complimented improvements being made at Bouquet Park and Shaw Park.
- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Stated that she does not own or operate Kretchmar’s Bakery and her comments do not reflect those of the employees or business.
 - Gave formal appeal to Council to search for a new Borough Manager.
 - Appeal to Mayor Hamilton to work with council and the Police Department to provide a written public safety plan regarding the safety of pedestrians and motor vehicles.
 - Appeal Mr. Sebastian to step down as the chair of the Public Safety Committee.
 - Appeal to Council to discontinue consulting services with Finance Manager Andy Kennedy and hire a grant writer.

Commissions/Authorities

Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG) – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2024 provided in the Council Packet.
- Reviewed Civic Leaders Flight with the 171st Air Refueling Wing in Coraopolis, PA.
- Reviewed petition to Harrisburg to raise the film tax incentive.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board – Reported by Mr. Sprecker

- Application received for a variance request for a property located on Third Street. More information to come.

Planning Commission –

- April 15, 2024 meeting minutes and May 20, 2024 draft meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Shade Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer –

- April-May 2024 Code Enforcement Officer’s report included in the Council packet.
 - Mr. Sprecker made Council aware that he was contacted by a resident for a copy of his report and it was provided to them after discussing it with the Borough Manager.

Historical Architectural Review Board –

- April 18, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- April 17, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Municipal Authority Board continues to review action plan to bring chloride levels down while working with PaDEP.
- Developing new rate schedule.
- Trying to encourage residents to conserve water as much as possible.
- The implementation of a line warranty program is ongoing, with hopes to have it finalized soon.

Pool Committee – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed status and committee history report included in the Council packet.
 - Fundraising efforts are ongoing.
 - Timeline of the development of the Pool Committee.
 - Reviewed MOU that agrees to three years of fundraising. This agreement expires June 2025.
 - Committee is approximately half way through a three-year capital campaign.
 - Encouraged Council members to direct residents to the committee for more information regarding the fundraising efforts.
 - Funds are to be used in Shaw Park if not enough funds for a pool are raised.

Council Committee Reports

Finance – Reported by Ms. Stettler

- Reviewed eliminating the Festival Fund line item and moving the remaining balance to the General Fund.

General Government – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- The first phase of paving has been completed. Once Columbia Gas completed the ADA ramps, the second and final phase of the paving will begin.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Mini stage at Quay Park is nearing completion. Electrical and landscaping work still to be finished.

- Ms. Stettler reviewed draft logos and signage for the renovated pool house building.
 - Mr. Madgar would like to host a Council Meeting or Work Session at the Pool House in the near future. An announcement will be made soon to advertise that the Pool House is now accepting reservations.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Gave update on requested speed bumps at Saints Peter and Paul Elementary School and Leopard Lane. An ordinance would be required to install and must be a permanent fixture on a public road. Additional discussions with residents and Council's review are still needed.
- The business owner that originally requested to place a mural on College Avenue reached out to the Borough that they are no longer interested.
- Reviewed the Memorial Day Parade.
- The Dutch Ridge Elementary PTA will be hosting the Carnival in Shaw Park and will take place June 25th – 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- The annual Fire Department 5K/10K race will be held this Saturday, June 1st
- Garrison Day and Library event to be held Saturday, June 8th
- Reviewed meeting with engineering group for recommendations for traffic flow improvements in town.
- The Road Department and Municipal Employees were recognized for the work they continuously do to keep the town running.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Thanked the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation for organizing the Memorial Day Parade and events. Thanked the Police Department and Road Department for their work and support as well. Also recognized the Fort McIntosh Foundation for their Veteran's event.

Police Chief Madgar –

- The Veteran's Day Parade will be held in Beaver again this year.

Fire Department – No report

Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Engineer – No report

President – No report

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips