

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
August 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, August 27, 2024 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:01PM), Michael Deelo, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Roberta Good.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Jim Woolley and Robert Snider.

Public Participation –

- Cheryl Hansen, River Road
 - Addressed concerns about the clearing of trees along the River Road hillside.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that work has been being completed along the hillside of River Road all year to cut down dead vegetation and will not harm the stability of the hillside. This work is not done all the time, but every few years. There have been ongoing discussions of placing erosion blankets along the hillside.

Commissions/Authorities

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

- Gave recap of annual leadership conference.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board – No report

Planning Commission –

- July 15, 2024 meeting minutes, August 19, 2024 draft meeting minutes, and a signage ordinance update report were included in the Council packet.

Shade Tree Commission –

- The August meeting agenda and July 22, 2024 meeting minutes were included in the Council packet.

Code Enforcement Officer –

- August 2024 Code Enforcement Officer's report included in the Council packet.

Historical Architectural Review Board –

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

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- July 17, 2024 and August 6, 2024 meeting minutes, and Municipal Authority Engineer report were included in the Council packet.
- Gave update on the service line warranty program. This program is expected to be implemented in mid-October. The next water and sewer bill will include a letter to explain the program and information will also be put out on Municipal Authority and Borough websites.

Pool Committee – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Reviewed the August 24, 2024 5K Splash and Dash fundraiser and thanked the Police Department, Borough, Fire Department and Beaver Area School District for their support of the event.

Council Committee Reports

Finance – No report

General Government – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- PennDot installed stop-signs at the intersection of 5th Street and Market Street, creating a 4-way stop. Borough is looking to install permanent flashing lights on the stop signs. Additional cameras may be needed on 6th and 7th Streets to accommodate traffic trying to avoid the new 4-way stop.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Received request from resident asking to consider flashing lights to be installed on stop signs located at the intersection of 5th Street and College Avenue.
- Upcoming action items:
 - Renew 5-year Winter Maintenance Agreement with PennDot
 - Approve final payment to Youngblood Paving, Inc. for paving completed this summer
- A rental rate needs to be established for the new mini-stage at Quay Park.
- Projects will need to be considered for the updated Comprehensive Plan. How a survey will be completed for the Comprehensive Plan will also need to be determined.

- Health Inspector and Municipal Authority have been reviewing the draft Grease Trap Ordinance with restaurants and food preparation facilities.
- Reviewed number of Yard Waste Permits that were purchased in 2023 and 2024.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Chief Madgar – No report

Engineer – No report

President – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Asked that HARB provide clarification on a statement made in the July 18, 2024 HARB meeting minutes regarding communication from the Borough so any concerns can be addressed.
- Commended the Borough for their communication with the Beaver Area School District, bus transportation, fire department, and surrounding police departments regarding the new stop signs put in at the intersection of 5th Street and Market Street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips