

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
October 22, 2024
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, October 22, 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, 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: Alex Sebastian
- Public in attendance (signed in): Richard Sprecker and Robert Snider.

Public Participation –

- None

Commissions/Authorities

Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG) – No report

Civil Service Commission –

- September 23, 2024 meeting minutes were included in the Council packet.

Zoning Hearing Board – No report

Planning Commission – No report

Shade Tree Commission –

- August 25, 2024 and September 23, 2024 meeting minutes were included in the Council packet.

Code Enforcement Officer –

- September-October 2024 Code Enforcement Officer's report were included in the Council packet.
- Reviewed possible solutions for the Increased activity of skunks in town.

Historical Architectural Review Board –

- September 19, 2024 meeting minutes were included in the Council packet.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- September 18, 2024 and October 1, 2024 meeting minutes were included in the Council packet.
- The water line insurance program for residential customers became effective on October 1, 2024.
- Reviewed a potential lease agreement with Marcellus Awareness Community for an air quality monitor on Municipal Authority property.

Pool Committee – Reported by Mr. Andres

- October 7, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Trivia event raised approximately \$3,000.

Council Committee Reports

Finance – Reported by Ms. Stettler

- Reviewed the first proposal of the 2025 Draft Budget and the potential tax increase needed.
 - The Finance Manager was directed to prepare a budget analysis for the next Council meeting.
 - The second proposal of the 2025 Draft Budget will be reviewed at the November Council meeting.
- Mr. Kennedy reviewed the Liquid Fuels for 2025:
 - The estimated amount for 2025 is \$132,853.84
 - Per the agreement with PennDot that was approved by Council, approximately \$42,626 will be allocated from Liquid Fuels to install ADA ramps on Market Street.

General Government – Reported by Ms. Good

- The Collective Bargaining Agreement meeting will be held on October 25, 2024.

Highways – No report

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation –

- Mr. Hindman questioned electric bikes and scooters around town.
 - Mr. Deelo suggested PSAB may be of assistance to see if other boroughs have written ordinances.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31st
- Veteran’s Day Parade will be held on Monday, November 11th
 - Motion will be presented at the November Council Meeting to approve LSA Grant application. Grant application includes funding for 6 crosswalks: \$6,500/each = \$13,000/intersection
- Per the Beaver Borough Tax Collector, Janet Shute:
 - Tax office located at Huntington Bank will be closing at the end of January.
 - Asking to use the Pool House or the Community Room one day a week
 - Will set up a PO Box for mail

- Letter included in council packet requesting a raise
 - Discussed having a per parcel flat rate vs percentage collected.
 - Have until February to make the decision

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

Authorization of Borough Engineer to Survey the Water Lot

Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize Borough Engineer, Dan Martone, to undertake a topographic survey of the water lot area for future historic preservation. Cost not to exceed \$4,000. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Authorization of Water Lot Fundraising and Grant Application

Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize a fundraising effort and the application of grants for the renovation of the water lot. Apart from the Borough Engineers work, Beaver Borough contributions will be limited to in kind support as approved by the Borough Manager. Borough Council will reevaluate in 36 months. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips