

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Council Meeting  
October 8, 2024  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room of the Beaver Borough Municipal building and was called to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, 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, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, and Debbie Hindman.
- Absent: Todd Hindman
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Rick Sprecker, Mary Anne Peluso, Robert Snider, Jim Woolley, Ellen Kretchmar, Albert & Danielle Simoni.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

***Motion by Ms. Good to accept the September 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes and the September 24, 2024 Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

#### **Treasurer's Report –**

- The September Treasurer's report was provided in the Council packet.

#### **Review invoices and authorization to pay bills**

***Motion by Ms. Stettler to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.***

#### **Public Participation –**

- Beaver Area Memorial Library
  - Mary Anne Peluso gave an update of activity at the Beaver Area Memorial Library and thanked Beaver Borough Council for their continued support.
  - 2024 Fall Fundraiser will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Jim Woolley, Beaver Resident
  - Encouraged council members to attend Beaver Library Fall Fundraiser

- Albert Simoni, 241 Greenwood Drive, New Brighton
  - Spoke on behalf of Our Lady of the Valley parish to expand their community outreach efforts and to improve their impact in the community.
  - Contact information was given to the Borough Manager for any needs in our community or projects that need volunteers for.
  
- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
  - Questioned traffic calming solutions
    - Mr. Madgar stated inquiries have been made and continue to be researched regarding crosswalk signs and signals. The Borough continues communication with PennDot and researching possible grants.

**MS4 Storm Water Presentation – Dan Martone**

- Beaver Borough has a MS4 permit that is required to discharge any water that comes from storm sewers and catch basins into the Ohio River. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) oversees the Brough while doing this.
- The yearly renewal process was formally renewed every 5 years. As in 2024 DEP decided to administratively extend the renewal permit indefinitely.
- The purpose of this permit is to ensure that the water that is disposed of into the Ohio River does not disturb or have any adverse effects on aquatic life.
- Beaver Borough ensures that residents are disposing of certain items/chemicals properly.
- Beaver Borough also monitors downspouts on resident’s homes are not directly pointing towards a storm water drain and instead directed into their yard to into the soil. It is encouraged to create practices such as rain barrels or gardens to collect the storm water.
- Beaver Borough completes street sweetening to prevent soot and debris from entering the storm water sewer.
- Residents are encouraged to notify the Borough if they see anyone not properly disposing of chemicals.
- A brochure created by DEP that includes educational material will be posted to the Borough website.
- Any questions should be directed to Borough/Municipal Authority Engineer Dan Martone.

**Council Committees**

**Finance – Reported by Ms. Stettler**

- General discussion of the 2025 draft budget

**General Government – Reported by Mr. Andres**

- Shaw Park Project fundraiser will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

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

- Awaiting Columbia Gas to finalize 2025 projects to determine if any paving will need done.
- Replacement of brick and sidewalks impacted by Columbia Gas work should be completed within the month.

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

### **Recreation –**

- Ms. McKean passed out potential Borough contributions regarding the Water Lot
  - Borough would not be spending any money on the project except for a topographic survey of the area by Mr. Martone. Approximate cost of the survey will be between \$2,500 - \$4,000.
  - Requested the same security cameras as in Clark Park.
  - Will submit a budget for the water lot to foundations. Estimating between \$150,000 and \$300,000 for repair and restoration.
  - Mr. Madgar stated the project could move forward since there was minimal cost to the Borough.

## **Reports**

### **Manager/Secretary Report –**

- Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Leaf pickup will begin October 21<sup>st</sup> through the end of November.
- Street sweeper is approximately 20 years old and is estimated to need replaced within the next 3 to 5 years.
- The Fire Department does not have a smoke alarm system. The cost of installation is approximately \$25,000 to \$28,000.
- Reviewed the increase of rental properties within Beaver Borough through the Rental Registration program.
  - 2019 – 635 Rentals
  - 2024 – 703 Rentals

### **Mayor Hamilton – No report**

### **President's Report –**

- Executive Session will be held regarding negotiations and personnel matters.

### **Police Department – No report**

### **Borough Engineer – No report**

### **Solicitor Report – No report**

**Motion by Ms. Stettler to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned and entered into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 8:56 p.m.**

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips