

Borough of Beaver, PA  
Work Session Meeting  
January 28, 2025  
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7:00PM by Council Vice President, Amy Stettler.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, and Amy Stettler.
- Borough officials in attendance: Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Mayor Thomas Hamilton and Sean Snowden.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Ellen Kretchmar, Jim Woolley, Robert Snider, and Cheryl Hansen.

**Public Participation –**

- Jim Woolley, Beaver Resident
  - Thanked the Borough for keeping the lights on around the trees on Third Street.
- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
  - Distributed handout she created with millage and budget information of other municipalities.
  - Read prepared statement that included a suggestion of a police report being created.
    - Ms. McKean distributed a report to Council generated by the Beaver Regional police department.
    - Mr. Bickerton stated that the Public Safety Committee will take this under advisement.
- Sandie Egley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
  - Asked that Council consider live-streaming meetings.

**Commissions/Authorities**

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

- January 29<sup>th</sup> COG will hold a public elected officials training.
- Gave updates on being an ALOM member and their offered trainings.
- Reviewed upcoming on-site visits. Next visit will be to the Beaver County Mental Health facility.

**Civil Service Commission – No report**

**Zoning Hearing Board – No report**

**Planning Commission –**

- Ms. McKean asked for an update on the 5-year plan.

- Mr. Madgar stated that the Planning Commission continues to work on the Comprehensive Plan and the updates will be provided in their meeting minutes. The Comprehensive Plan is a 10-year plan.

**Shade Tree Commission – No report**

**Code Enforcement Officer –**

- December 2024 – January 2025 Code Enforcement Officer report included in the Council packet.

**Historical Architectural Review Board –**

- October 17, 2024 HARB meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

**Municipal Authority –**

- Municipal Authority Engineer mid-November 2024 through mid-December 2024 included in the Council packet.
- Gave update on services provided to Bridgewater Borough and the processes.
- Upcoming project to modernize and improve the water treatment plant.

**Pool Committee – Reported by Mr. Andres**

- January 6, 2024 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Met with DCED regarding grant opportunities. Will explore grant opportunities with DCNR as well.
- Mr. Madgar met with members of the pool committee. Pool Committee expressed that they would like to extend the current MOU with the Borough by two years as they continue efforts to fundraise for improvements to Shaw Park. The current MOU is set to expire June of 2025.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman**

- Reviewed the Finance Manager creating a summary/snapshot of the finances. Items being considered to include are: income, expenses, unexpected expenses, pool house revenue, etc.
  - Ms. McKean requested a 5-year budget to be created of the Borough’s fixed costs, including approved CBA’s, salaries, benefits, etc.
  - There was a general consensus of Council to have the Finance Manager creating both of these types of reports.
- Looking into what expenses may come up in the next five years that are not typically budgeted for.
  - Brick sidewalk repairs
  - Tree boxes
  - Road paving
- Mr. Andres submitted a report of financial suggestions/proposals. This will be discussed further at the next Work Session.
- Mr. Madgar reported that salt purchases and highway overtime in January have been an unexpected cost to the budget:
  - Approximately \$9,300 in overtime to salt and plow roads.
  - Approximately \$27,000 in road salt.
- Ms. Stettler and Mr. Andres reviewed more involvement from Council Committees.

**General Government** – No report

**Highways** – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Paving will be determined by Columbia Gas projects. More information on their projects will be provided after meeting with them in February.

**Public Safety / Code Enforcement** –

- Mr. Andres stated a resident asked for more police presence on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- Ms. Learn-Conjeski asked if there was an update on the grant submitted for the crosswalks.
  - Mr. Madgar – An announcement of awarded grants will be expected in the Spring.

**Recreation** – No report

## **Reports**

**Manager/Secretary Report** – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Reviewed the financial impact of the recent snow storms.
- Elaine Savoldi submitted resignation as a HARB member. Mr. Madgar thanked Ms. Savoldi for her commitment to HARB over the years.
- Reviewed need to change the police camera system servers sometime this year.
- Reviewed the need of new police tasers, as current tasers are reaching the end of their life cycle.
  - Yearly payments can be made for five years, interest free.
  - Can delay the purchase of two police vehicles by one year to help budget for this expense.
- Police Department working on grant to fund police body cameras.
- Ms. McKean suggested working with other departments to buy equipment in bulk for potential better pricing and if COG could look into something as well.
- Reviewed the costs associated to the increasing Right to Know requests submitted to the Borough office.

**Mayor Hamilton** – No report

**Police Chief Madgar** – No report

**Engineer** – No report

**President** – No report

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips