

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, April 10, 2023 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. P. Morrison led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: President D. Hairhoger, V.P. T. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, D. Badger, B. Majors and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long attended via telephone. M. Kingman was absent.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2023 regular Council meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list plus the additional Groff Equipment bill, T. Hairhoger seconded. ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors: Bryan Lutz, public works employee, and Cheryl Koncewicz and Maryagnes Stuck of Old Route 18 attended without comment.

Jarett Svihra of Mines and Meadows ATV Park advised Council that the Easter Egg Hunt brought in many more people than expected and that they had a skeleton crew working the weekend. Next year the ticket sales will be curtailed and more staff will be available. The donated speed limit sign will be fixed shortly. B. Majors wanted to make sure that a lane on Old Route 18 is kept open in case emergency vehicles need to use the road.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long stated he would speak during the Ordinance Committee portion of the agenda.

Mayor Report: Mayor Crawford advised that Office Baldelli has been sworn in. The police/fire committee will schedule a date to meet with available Officers to discuss the writing of tickets.

Committee Reports

Road: P. Morrison advised Council that the 2012 John Deere is in a shop in Leetonia, Ohio for the clutch problem. The shop will also be providing a quote for a hydraulic pump that would move the boom mower functions off the transmission. A quote for a hydraulic pump was received from Seigworth and shared previously with Council.

Of the 48 CDBG surveys mailed to Glenkirk Road residents in January 2023 only 12 have been returned.

P. Morrison motioned to send PennDot a letter regarding the poor condition of the State-owned Beaver Dam bridge, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0. Pictures will be taken to send with the letter.

P. Morrison stated that the Possum Hollow bridge doesn't qualify for Dirt and Gravel or Low Volume grants. The project will have to be looked at next year.

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P. Morrison motioned to sell the dirt road roller on Municibid, T. Hairhoger seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0. No advertising is needed since it was determined that it will not bring in over \$2,000.

P. Morrison met with Becca Naber of the Conservation Department and discussed potential grants for projects on Britton School Road and Patterson Road. The grants would fall under the Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Road programs. Council would like to explore these options and asked P. Morrison to get additional information. Solicitor Long will look into the process of abandoning Borough roads.

D. Badger motioned to have Rich Lansberry and Bryan Lutz attend the ESM Training in Cranberry on May 16 and 17, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Ordinance:

D. Badger advised Council that the County provided comments for the Animals in Residential District Zoning Amendment. Solicitor Long and D. Badger will speak about the recommendations and Solicitor Long will contact the County for clarification on some items. The ordinance committee will then meet to discuss potential revisions.

The Little Beaver Township Solar Ordinance was distributed to Council previously. D. Badger asked that Council review it for the May meeting.

Police/Fire:

Solicitor Long is preparing a letter advising the Volunteer Fire Department that they are not covered by Workers' Compensation insurance in the State of Ohio.

D. Badger motioned to send a letter to all appropriate legislators advising that our volunteer fire department is not covered by our worker's compensation insurance in the State of Ohio due to Ohio's Workers Compensation laws, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence:

A letter from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission was received reminding Council that encroachments or incursions on their property is prohibited.

Information from the Tax Claim Bureau regarding the Judicial Sale scheduled for April 28, 2023 was shared with Council.

Miscellaneous: Council was reminded that Clean Up Day will be April 22. Trash needs to be curbside April 21.

Permits: Permits issued by Richardson Inspection Services were shared with Council.

P. Morrison motioned to go into executive session for a personnel matter, G. Gubish seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0. All visitors left the meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to come out of executive session, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

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T. Hairhoger motioned to table the executive session discussion and action until the next meeting, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer