

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, April 8, 2024 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

T. Hairhoger led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Ed McCready.

Roll call was read with the following present: President D. Hairhoger, V.P. T. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: M. Kingman, J. Gubish, D. Badger and P. McConnell, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Councilperson P. Morrison and Solicitor R. Long were absent.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2024 regular Council meeting, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the bill list, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER and MCCONNELL (excepting his reimbursement to attend the County 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration) -YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

**Visitors:** Barbara Majors, representing Wampum Woman's Club, asked for help with their civic project. The club will be putting up flags commemorating veterans on poles in Wampum and asked if applications could be picked up from and returned to the New Beaver Borough office. Council had no problem with the request.

Cheryl Koncewicz, Mary Stuck and Barb Majors mentioned that traffic on Old Route 18, due to a recent Mines & Meadows event, was blocking the roadway and driveways. They asked that J. Svihra continue to remind his patrons not to speed.

Sgt. Joseph Olayer of the State Police New Castle barracks introduced himself and asked if there was anything the State police could help with. Council stated that help with speeders on State Route 168, Old Route 18 and Wampum New Galilee Road is needed. Sgt. Olayer stated that perhaps they could come out at and use their radar equipment. Sgt. Olayer left the meeting.

**Solicitor Report:** Absent

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Crawford shared that the State mandated that new citation forms be used and that the municipalities must bear the burden of the expense. Officer Garver was in contact with the Little Beaver Township and North Beaver Township police departments and they spoke about sharing the cost of the citations.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to purchase 100 non-traffic citations and 100 traffic citations at an approximate cost of \$400.00, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Road:**

Bids for the Patterson Road East Dirt & Gravel project are scheduled to be opened on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Patterson Road West remains closed at the failed culvert.

Freddy Smith of the County Conservation Department advised that the Department of Environmental Protection's Mine Reclamation office is researching the mine run off on Possum Hollow Road and will advise when he hears what will be done. Discussion regarding culvert replacement at Old Route 18 and Possum Hollow Road is pending.

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Wampum Borough is considering repairs to Park Drive in 2024. New Beaver is responsible for approximately 300 feet of that road and may want to repair our portion if Wampum moves forward with their project. We are waiting to hear from Wampum.

ESM/Dirt and gravel training was scheduled for Rich Lansberry and Paul Morrison.

### **Ordinance:**

D. Badger has spoken with Solicitor Long regarding ordinances. He asked that the Borough Building Compliance Ordinance be shared with Council and to ask Solicitor Long to review it to determine if it is needed. D. Badger also mentioned that we may have to consider incorporating the stand-alone Solar Energy System Ordinance into the Zoning Ordinance.

### **Personnel:**

M. Kingman asked Council to consider allowing the public works department to work 4 ten-hour days during the months of May through September. Discussions to take place at the May meeting.

### **Building:**

P. Morrison is working on lean-to ideas and estimates.

### **Police/Fire:**

Power Control Module replacement for the 2010 police vehicle is pending.

### **Recreation:**

P. McConnell shared that he is speaking with Jim Ferrante and Bob Schrock, Wampum councilpersons, to see if there is the potential for a collaboration between us with regard to the Wampum Park and surrounding area.

### **Planning/Ag Security:**

M. Kingman and P. McConnell will continue to research the potential uses for the 110 acres that John LaCarte offered the Borough.

### **Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

D. Badger explained to Council his trouble in getting First Energy/Penn Power to supply him with a list of reasons for the rate hike proposal submitted to the PUC. He is filing a formal complaint as a resident. **T. Hairhoger motioned that New Beaver Borough send a letter to the PUC opposing the rate hike on behalf of the residents and business owners in the Borough, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

### **Correspondence:**

Council asked that Solicitor Long review the Borough's Burning Ordinance as it relates to the email from DEP outlining their restrictions on burning.

**D. Badger motioned to accept County Commissioners Resolution # 37493, exonerating \$38,000.00 for 2024 for a cell tower that was taken down on Paul Dodds' property on Cosgrove Road, T. Hairhoger seconded.**

Motion carried, 6-0.

### **Meetings/Webinars/Conferences:**

Lawrence County Boroughs Association reorganization meeting will be held Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Mohawk Coffee House in Bessemer.

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### Miscellaneous:

Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024.

### Permits:

Council was advised that two building permits were issued since the last meeting.

**M. Kingman motioned to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, T. Hairhoger seconded.**  
Motion carried, 6-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to come out of executive session, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.**

**T. Hairhoger motioned to offer John Olszewski the full-time public works position at \$18.00 per hour with no medical, vision or dental benefits and to offer Vincent Prova an as needed position with a guarantee of at least 8 hours per week with no benefits. The schedule for the eight hours and any additional hours will be determined by Rich Lansberry. Upon completion of a 90-day probationary period, both will receive an increase of \$.50 per hour. Employment is contingent on passing a physical, and drug and alcohol testing.**

**Motion seconded by D. Badger.**

ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL and T. HAIRHOGGER -YES.

D. HAIRHOGGER- NO. Motion carried, 5-1.

**D. Badger 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