New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2026

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2026, in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Crawford led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present:
Pres. T. Hairhoger, V.P. M. Kingman, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, R. Yost, D. Badger, and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. P. McConnell attended via telephone.
Solicitor R. Long was absent.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2026 regular Council meeting, R. Yost seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison motioned to pay all the bills including the additions to the bill list with the exception of the $15,961.68 bill for repairs to the 1995 JD 6300, R. Yost seconded. ROLL CALL: GUBISH, YOST, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN AND BADGER – NO.
Motion carried, 4-3.

P. Morrison motioned to send payment of $7,800.00 to Douglas Garage for repairs to the 1995 John Deere 6300 and to include a letter offering Mr. Douglas an opportunity to discuss the additional charges, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors:
Maryagnes Stuck, Cheryl Koncewicz, Barb Majors, Aileen Martin, Dan McCaskey, Charles Showers, John Kimmel, Travis Blake, Ron Frelin, Ray Jacobs, Phyllis Milliken and Sgt. Joseph Olayer attended the meeting.

Aileen Martin of Possum Hollow Road asked about the progress of the Data Center Ordinance. She inquired if it would be conditional use and if there had been any additional communication with the company that expressed interest in the borough. Pres. Hairhoger advised that the borough hired a second attorney to help with the ordinance and that the ordinance is written as a conditional use. No applications/plans have been received from any data center company.

Sgt. Joseph Olayer from the PA State Police attended the meeting to discuss any concerns and answer questions. Some of the topics discussed were opaque license plates, light bars, and speeding on borough and state roads in New Beaver. Council thanked Sgt. Olayer for coming and he left the meeting.

Mayor Report: None

Solicitor Long called in via telephone at 7:35 p.m.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long reviewed Burning Ordinance 2-2024 and is satisfied that no changes are needed. He advised that a resolution can be passed to add the Borough Fire Chief as an agent permitted to enforce the ordinance.

D. Badger motioned to give authority to the New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief to enforce Burning Ordinance 2-2024, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison motioned to have Solicitor Long advertise the intent to adopt the amendment to Stop Sign Ordinance 2-2020 adding four additional stop signs at Glenkirk Road and Wampum Mt. Air Road intersections creating two 3-way stops, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

P. Morrison asked Solicitor Long if the borough could add a clause to work orders that states any changes to work must be approved by Council. Solicitor Long has no problem with doing moving forward. He also saw no problem with paying Douglas Garage for no more than the estimated amount of $7,800.00.

Committee Reports

Road:
D. Badger motioned to send a letter to Kenworth expressing dissatisfaction that the truck needed to spend a month back in the shop the day after it was delivered and that Council is requesting an extension of the warranty for that time, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

M. Kingman motioned to table discussions on extending the warranty until a response is received regarding the start date of the existing warranty, R. Yost seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Council reviewed quotes from Signs by Sam and Signsxpress to letter and number the 2026 Kenworth Dump truck**. M. Kingman motioned to have Signs by Sam do the work for $300.00, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

The 1984 International dump truck is at Busser's being repaired.

R. Yost advised Council that he received two estimates from LandPro Equipment on the 2013 JD 6105. To repair the transmission, estimate is $26,350.53 and to replace the transmission, estimate is $23,449.46. Discussion took place and bidding requirements were reviewed.

D. Badger motioned to get three quotes to repair the 2013 JD 6105, J. Gubish seconded.
Motion carried, 7-0. P. Morrison will work on getting the quotes.

Council was advised that the Patterson Road culvert work has been completed. The road plate was brought back to the garage.

No action was taken on the $2,117.08 estimate received to fix the oil cooler on the 1995 JD 6300.

Building:
Pres. Hairhoger advised that the metal roof job is completed.

Budget:
A budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2926 at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation:
P. McConnell motioned to budget $2,000.00 for this year's Halloween party, P. Morrison seconded.
ROLL CALL: YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH - YES. Motion carried, 7-0. The $902.00 carried over from a 2024 volunteer fire department donation will be held on account for future use at a Halloween party.

Old Business:
Council received three quotes to fell the tree near 134 Possum Hollow Road; Marshall Tree Experts, $4,900.00, Banks' Tree Services, $5,500.00 and Hudson & Sons Tree Service, $6,975.00.

M. Kingman motioned to hire Marshall Tree Experts for $4,900.00, P. Morrison seconded.
ROLL CALL: BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH and YOST - YES. Motion carried, 7-0. Public works will handle traffic control and road closure.

Council was advised that Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage will be applying for necessary permits in Summer 2027 for the Metering and Regulation Station being built in New Beaver Borough.

Council was advised that Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will review our request for stop signs on State Route 168 at the Britton School/Beaver Dam Roads intersection.

New Business:
D. Badger motioned for the Police/Fire Committee to meet and discuss the fire tax, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

J. Gubish motioned to forego joining Forward Lawrence at this time, P. Morrison seconded.
Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to send the three public works employees, the Mayor and Secretary to the PA One Call Locator Program at the Crane Room on November 6, 2026, P. Morrison seconded.
Motion carried, 7-0.

M. Kingman motioned to renew participation in the Lawrence County Enterprise Zone by resolution, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence: Council received notification from Disability Options Network (DON) that they will be applying for a Pennsylvania Main Street Matters Accessibility Housing Grant.

County Commissioners' Resolutions: None

Meetings/Conferences: D. Badger advised that PSAB would be paying his way to the 2026 Fall Conference in Erie. **M. Kingman motioned to pay for P. McConnell to attend and to pay for the conference package, $200.00 and 2 hotel nights, $381.94, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST and BADGER - YES. Motion carried, 6-0. MCCONNELL abstained.

Miscellaneous: None

Permits: Four zoning/building permits were issued since last meeting.

M. Kingman motioned to go into executive session at 8:33 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors left the meeting.

M. Kingman motioned to come out of executive session at 8:40 p.m., D. Badger seconded.
Motion carried, 7-0.

M. Kingman motioned for V. Proya to drive T. Blake to take the CDL B driving test at a cost of $80.00 using the borough's 2020 Freightliner for $80.00, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, MCCONNELL and BADGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0. Secretary will schedule the test.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer