

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on August 11, 2025 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. D. Badger led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: Pres. T. Hairhoger, V.P. M. Kingman, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, B. Majors, D. Badger, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long was absent.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2025 regular Council meeting, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list and the addition to the bill list, P. Morrison seconded.

ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

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

Visitors:

Rich Lansberry, Mary Stuck and Cheryl Koncewicz attended the meeting without comment.

Solicitor Report: Absent

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road:

Pres. Hairhoger will follow up with Youngblood Paving on excavation for the placement of the Patterson Road culvert.

Freddy Smith of Conservation will be in contact regarding Britton School Road.

Youngblood Paving is scheduled to begin road work this week.

P. Morrison motioned to rent a sealing machine to repair Britton School Road and to seal other roads where needed, D. Badger seconded. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Ordinance:

D. Badger motioned to begin the process to amend the zoning ordinance to include a "uses not specified" section, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger is working on the Adult Entertainment/Massage Parlor ordinance.

Planning:

P. McConnell shared that he had no information available on brownfields in the borough.

Building:

P. Morrison advised that the public works department could prep and set the blocks for the hoop building. Bids for the hoop building through Sourcewell will be requested.

Budget:

Budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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Recreation:

P. McConnell advised that due to ongoing renovations at the fire hall, the fire department is allowing use of the truck building for the Halloween party. R. Lansberry mentioned a tent could be rented if necessary.

Personnel:

M. Kingman advised he would review employee benefits for the next meeting.

Police/Fire:

Council was advised that the police vehicle is having issues again and will be taken to have codes read.

Old Business:

P. McConnell asked about the stop sign at Edwards Road and Wampum New Galilee Road. He was advised that Penn DOT regulates how far from an intersection they can be.

New Business:

D. Badger motioned to pass Resolution 14-2025 prohibiting seated Council members and Mayor from serving as a full-time borough employee, B. Majors seconded. Motion carried, 6-1. M. Kingman voted no.

J. Gubish motioned to not renew membership in Forward Lawrence, P. McConnell seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Council was told that the cost for salt for August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026 will be \$80.34 per ton.

M. Kingman motioned to approve the 2026 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$4,320.00, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: GUBISH, MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meetings/Conferences:

M. Kingman motioned to pay for P. McConnell to attend the PSAB Fall conference October 3-5, 2025, covering the 2-night hotel stay and the conference cost, D. Badger seconded. ROLL CALL: MAJORS, BADGER, MORRISON, KINGMAN and GUBISH - YES. HAIRHOGGER – NO. Motion carried, 5-1. MCCONNELL abstained.

Miscellaneous:

Green Meadows Mobile Home Park owner was given a 30-day extension to come into compliance with the issues at the park.

Council was advised that Mines & Meadows Campground/ATV Park is revising their dog policy for its campers to prohibit certain breeds of aggressive dogs.

Permits:

One zoning/building permit was issued since last meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Solicitor Long joined the meeting via telephone at 7:34 p.m.

M. Kingman motioned to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m., P. McConnell seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

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D. Badger motioned to schedule an interview with Ben Hostetler for the public works department, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Long had nothing to report.

M. Kingman motioned to permit D. Badger to speak with Solicitor Long regarding ordinances, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer