

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on August 12, 2024 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. J. Gubish 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, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long attended via phone. M. Kingman was absent.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2024 regular Council meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the bill list and the addition to the bill list, D. Badger seconded.**

ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGER, (excepting his lawn cutting wages), T. HAIRHOGER, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

**Visitors:**

Barbara Majors, Janet & Carter Yost, James and Jim Olayer, Nicholas Vercilla, Cheryl Koncewicz, and Mary Stuck attended without comment.

Jarett Svihra of Mines and Meadows ATV/RV Park shared that there was an incident at the park over the weekend and that he appreciated the volunteer fire department's help. B. Majors mentioned that the speed sign is not working consistently. J. Svihra said he will check on it.

At 7:09 p.m., V.P. T. Hairhoger called a recess.

President D. Hairhoger and James Olayer left the meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

**Solicitor Report:** None

James Olayer returned to meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Crawford stated that he and the secretary attended the County's Hazard Mitigation meeting as is required in order to adopt the County plan when it is completed.

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**

**D. Badger motioned to purchase 6 tires for the 2012 F-350 from Horst for \$1,620.00, P. Morrison seconded.**

ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGER, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES.

Motion carried, 5-0.

**J. Gubish motioned to not move forward with a leveling course and tar and chip on approximately 400 feet of Park Drive for an estimated \$12,000.00, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 5-0.

Council was advised that a verbal estimate of \$2,800.00 was received to fix the damage to Clyde Street Ext done by a semi-truck recently. Once the written estimate is received it will be forwarded to the trucking company.

R.A.R. Engineering has been contacted to take a look at the dip on Wampum New Galilee Road. **D. Badger motioned to send out surveys to the residents near the site so that an application to CDBG can be submitted at some time in the future, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 5-0.

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Rich Lansberry, Director of Public Works, explained the issues with Patterson Road East after the heavy rain we had recently. **D. Badger motioned to have an onsite meeting with Youngblood, Conservation and the borough road committee to discuss the problems and potential resolutions, J. Gubish seconded.**

Motion carried, 5-0.

**P. Morrison motioned to have R.A.R. Engineering look at Patterson Road West to determine what needs to be done to fix the culvert, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 5-0.

R.A.R. Engineering was asked to look at Old Route 18 North to determine what can be done to alleviate the flooding at the road's low spots.

### **Ordinance:**

D. Badger has been working with Solicitor Long on the burning ordinance. Drafts were distributed for everyone to review for the next meeting.

Adult entertainment, microbreweries, solar, grass cutting and rowdy house ordinances are also being considered.

### **Building:**

P. Morrison is researching hoop buildings for equipment and antiskid storage.

### **Police/Fire:**

Conversation regarding the 2010 police vehicle took place. D. Badger motioned to send the vehicle to Matus Service Station but the motion died due to no second.

**P. McConnell motioned to strip and scrap the 2010 Ford Explorer police vehicle, J. Gubish seconded.**

Motion carried, 4-1, P. Morrison voted no.

### **Recreation:**

P. McConnell said he has been in contact with Tanya LeFebvre regarding the Halloween party. The party is scheduled for October 29, 6-8 p.m.

### **Budget:**

Budget committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Old Business:**

**P. Morrison motioned for Solicitor Long to write up a hold harmless agreement for Rob Yost so that he can volunteer 50 hours to the Borough under the direction of Rich Lansberry, D. Badger seconded.**

Motion carried, 5-0.

### **New Business:**

**D. Badger motioned to put decals on the 2016 Ford Explorer police car, J. Gubish seconded.**

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

Motion carried, 5-0.

**D. Badger motioned to enact Ordinance 1-2024 repealing the Borough Compliance Ordinance 2-2005, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 5-0.

**D. Badger motioned to pass Resolution 11-2024 accepting the Borough Compliance Improvement Fee Schedule, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 5-0.

**D. Badger motioned to pass Resolution 12-2024 appointing Joann McCreedy as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 5-0.

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**D. Badger motioned to accept the 2025 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$4,680.00, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, T. HAIRHOGER and GUBISH - YES.  
Motion carried, 5-0.

### **Correspondence:**

Council received a copy of the Department of Labor and Industry's audit of our building code officer Jeff Richardson's UCC permitting. No issues were found.

The application to the PUC by PA American Water on behalf of Stonecrest to extend the water line to Stonecrest was shared with Council at the meeting.

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

D. Badger advised Council that he will be attending the PSAB Fall Conference and that the cost will be paid for by PSAB. P. McConnell expressed an interest in attending as well. D. Badger said that he has a coupon that covers the cost of the \$190.00 conference fee that can be used. **P. Morrison motioned to pay for two nights for P. McConnell to attend the conference, D. Badger seconded.**

ROLL CALL: MORRISON, T. HAIRHOGER, GUBISH and BADGER - YES. Motion carried, 4-0.  
P. McConnell abstained.

### **Permits:**

Council was advised that 3 building/zoning permits were issued since the last meeting.

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.**

Motion carried, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer