

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2023**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, December 11, 2023 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Majors led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: President D. Hairhoger, V.P. T. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: M. Kingman, J. Gubish, D. Badger, B. Majors and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long attended via telephone.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023 regular Council meeting, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**Visitors:** Bruce Hairhoger, employee of the Wampum Property Owner, LLC, advised that he will call the state police to remove the local police if they continue to park on the strip of property between Old Route 18 and State Route 18 which he stated is owned by Wampum Property Owner, LLC. Discussion on who actually owns that strip of property came up as the assessment office shows it being owned by CEMEX.

**Solicitor Report:** None

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Crawford said that the brake issue on the 2010 Ford Interceptor has been fixed however, the control module needs to be addressed. P. Morrison will look into purchasing a replacement part.

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**

P. Morrison advised that the Patterson Road East Dirt & Gravel Grant project is moving forward. The job will be bid out early next year with the help of Conservation.

Patterson Road West remains closed at the failed culvert.

Conservation is looking at the mine run off and the deteriorating culvert at the corner of Old Route 18 and Possum Hollow Road.

Wampum Borough is considering repairs to Park Drive in 2024. New Beaver is responsible for approximately 300 feet of that road. Wampum Borough will be contacted and asked if a coordinated effort is possible.

**Ordinance:**

D. Badger advised we are waiting on information on massage parlors, food trucks and micro-breweries.

**Building:**

Construction of the lean to is still pending.

**D. Badger motioned to hire Central Heating and Plumbing to install a new heat pump for \$7,475.00, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 6-0. GUBISH abstained as he is an employee of Central.

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**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**M. Kingman motioned to increase the hourly wage for the office staff, public works and police officers by 3%, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGER and T. HAIRHOGER-YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the proposed Highway Aid and General-Purpose budgets as the 2024 budgets, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to pass Tax Resolution 11-2023 setting the millage for 2024 Real Estate General Purpose Tax at 1.67 mill and the 2023 Fire Services Tax at .33 mill, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGER, T. HAIRHOGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

### **Correspondence:**

Notification from PennDOT to New Beaver Borough regarding the highway occupancy permit approval for Stonecrest to install Storm Water Facility to the State drainage facility was shared with Council.

### **Miscellaneous:**

The Reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the regular meeting of Council. There will also be a planning committee meeting that evening.

**Newly elected boot camp hosted by PSAB will be held on February 16 and 17, 2024 in Cranberry Township. D. Badger motioned to pay the \$125.00 for P. McConnell and anyone else interested in attending, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGER, T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH-YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Permits:** 2 building permits were issued since last meeting.

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer