New Beaver Borough Regular Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, December 12, 2022 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. 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: 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.

- P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular Council meeting, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.
- <u>D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list, P. Morrison seconded</u>. ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGER, T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 7-0.
- **D.** Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors: Jarrett Svihra, owner of Mines & Meadows ATV/RV Park, attended to see if there would be any further discussions on instituting an amusement tax. He was advised that everyone had received a copy of a drafted amusement tax ordinance from 2015 but that discussions have not taken place.

J. Svihra left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Solicitor Report: D. Badger motioned to have Solicitor Long investigate the potential to offer tie-in opportunity to New Beaver Borough residents and businesses along the path of the sewage line that will be going from the Wampum sewage facility to the Stonecrest property, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road: P. Morrison will meet with the road crew to ascertain the issues they are having with the 2012 John Deere boom mower and report his findings at the January 9, 2023 Council meeting.

Ordinance: D. Badger advised that the animals in residential districts and the solar farm ordinances are being worked on. He advised that the nuisance ordinance will not be pursued. Solicitor Long will provide sample ordinances on "Disorderly House" and "Air B & Bs" from other municipalities. Solicitor Long will also share changes to Little Beaver Township's solar ordinance for the committee to review.

Personnel: M. Kingman motioned to stop COVID-19 pay effective December 31, 2022, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Fire/Police: Council was advised that Richard Landsberry would be the new Fire Department Chief effective January 1, 2023.

Old Business:

T. Hairhoger motioned to apply for two Lawrence County Transportation Improvement Program grants as submitted by R.A.R. Engineering, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

New Business:

- **D.** Badger motioned to accept the Van Kirk sub-division/lot consolidation and modification request as submitted, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.
- T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the proposed Highway Aid and General Purpose budgets as the 2023 budgets, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.
- D. Badger motioned to pass Tax Resolution 15-2022 setting the millage for 2023 Real Estate General Purpose Tax at 1.67 mill and the 2023 Fire Services Tax at .33 mill, P. Morrison seconded.

 Motion carried, 7-0.

Amusement Tax discussions were tabled until further notice.

D. Badger motioned to pay Richard Lansberry and Bryan Lutz \$18.00 per month toward their personal cell phone bill, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS and D. HAIRHOGER -YES. T. HAIRHOGER and MORRISON – NO. Motion carried, 5-2. This policy will be re-visited in Spring 2023.

Correspondence:

Council received Act 14 Notification from Veolia/Alaron regarding their application for an NPDES permit.

D. Badger motioned to accept Richardson Inspection Services 2023 Services Fee Schedule, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Permits: Permits issued by Richardson Inspection Services were shared with Council.

<u>J. Gubish motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., D. Badger seconded.</u> Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford Secretary/Treasurer