

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, February 13, 2023 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. P. Morrison 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, B. Majors and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford, Solicitor R. Long and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. M. Kingman was absent.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Planning Committee meeting, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

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**T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the bill list, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**Visitors:** Bruce Hairhoger of Possum Hollow Road attended without comment.

**Solicitor Report:** **D. Badger motioned to change the sequence of the agenda to act on the planning committee projects so that Solicitor Long could leave the meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the Zavo land development plan as submitted, including the proposed 21'6" rear set back, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the Stonecrest Developer's land development plan conditional upon Developer's submission and approval of a sub-division plan, Developer's compliance with County Planning and R.A.R. Engineering's comments, excepting the 1,200-foot maximum length cul de sac road requirement in the Borough Sub-division and Land Development Ordinance (Developer needs 1,700-feet) and that Council allow the Developer to submit lighting and landscaping plans at the time that the building permit applications are submitted, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**D. Badger motioned to conditionally approve the Stonecrest Developer's Storm Water Management plan upon compliance with R.A.R. Engineering's comments, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned for Solicitor Long to continue working with Lawrence Maiello, Stonecrest's Attorney, on a proposed Developer's Agreement incorporating discussions that took place regarding the responsibility of a proposed traffic light, two culverts and proposed road in the development, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

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Solicitor Long stated that once drawn up he will present the agreement to Council for review. The issues addressed at the planning meeting regarding the responsibility for the traffic light and two culverts on Route 18 will be included in the agreement to stipulate that the Developer's responsibility for the traffic light and two culverts will end when real estate tax receipts hit \$25,000.00. In addition, verbiage regarding the Borough's acceptance for responsibility of the proposed road in the development, conditional on the road meeting and satisfying the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation standards, will be included in the agreement.

D. Badger asked Solicitor Long to review the Animals in Residential Districts Ordinance draft and share comments with him.

Solicitor Long left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Crawford advised Council that one application for a part time police officer was received. Secretary will work on scheduling an interview with the applicant, the mayor and the personnel committee.

### **Committee Reports**

**Road:** P. Morrison advised Council that the 2012 John Deere is in a shop in Leetonia, Ohio for the clutch problem. The shop will also be providing a quote for a hydraulic pump that would move the boom mower functions off the transmission. A quote for a hydraulic pump was received from Seigworth and shared with Council.

A 2023 road project handout was distributed showing the proposed road work for the year. The Lawrence County Transportation Improvement Program grants will be discussed during new business. The bridge on Old Route 18 at the bottom of Possum Hollow Road was not included in the 2023 road projects.

**Ordinance:** D. Badger asked that the Animals in Residential Districts ordinance be reviewed for the next meeting.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to use a stand-alone solar ordinance versus an amendment to the zoning ordinance, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

A copy of Little Beaver Township's solar ordinance was distributed for Council's review. D. Badger will work on drafting an ordinance for Council review.

### **Personnel:**

**J. Gubish made a motion to grant a 2.5% wage increase to the 3 full time road crew employees, the secretary and the 3 part time police officers, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES. T. HAIRHOGGER-NO. Motion carried, 5-1.

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**Fire/Police:** T. Hairhoger, Mayor Crawford and P. Morrison shared with Council that they met with the volunteer fire department regarding the potential purchase of a tanker.

**T. Hairhoger made a motion to allow the Fire Chief to contact Solicitor Long with regard to legal questions as long as Solicitor Long is agreeable, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

The Secretary will contact the Solicitor regarding this.

### **Building:**

D. Hairhoger advised Council that the Fire Department had to drill a new well because their water was tested and found to be undrinkable. The Borough tested their water and the water was found to be safe to drink.

### **Old Business:**

**D. Badger motioned to pay the extra \$100.00 for Aiken Refuse Clean Up Day, seconded by T. Hairhoger.** ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

### **New Business:**

**D. Badger motioned to approve the Carson Drake request to build a second home on lot #17-061500, 409 Cosgrove Road, which is zoned agriculture, without requiring submittal of a land development or sub-division application due to the lot size being significant in size provided Mr. Drake complies with the Sewage Enforcement Officer's requirements as well as complying with all Borough zoning and building permit conditions and any other necessary approvals/permits. T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**P. Morrison motioned to have R.A.R Engineering advertise requests for bids for road projects approved for Lawrence County Transportation Improvement grants, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to contract for 200 tons of salt through Co-Stars for August 1, 2023-August 1, 2024, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to pass Resolution 6-2023 Setting Fees and Charges, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**D. Badger motioned to pass Resolution 7-2023, Disposition of Records, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Hairhoger advised Council that Pennsylvania American Water came and met with D. Badger and him regarding water line extension from Hartzell's to the County line. D. Badger told Council that they estimated \$4,000,000.00 to run the line from Hartzell's to the County line which would include the pump that was necessary. Grants will be needed and D. Hairhoger has spoken to Representative Aaron Bernstine about help with funding.

**D. Badger motioned for the three full time road crew employees to attend a flagging certificate class in New Wilmington at no charge unless there is inclement weather and the crew is needed for snow plowing, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

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### **Correspondence:**

Council received a letter from Comcast regarding the franchise renewal process that will start soon.

**D. Badger motioned to accept County Commissioners Resolution #37116, Peter and Deborah Norge, 4736 Wampum Mt Air Road, exonerating \$1,900.00 for 2023 due to a correction to assessment, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Richard Rapone, County Treasurer, will be collecting County taxes at the Borough building on March 30, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

PSAB requested nominations for a Second Vice President.

**Permits:** Permit issued by Richardson Inspection Services was shared with Council.

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded.**  
Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer