

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on February 9, 2026 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. P. McConnell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: Pres. T. Hairhoger, V.P. M. Kingman, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, R. Yost, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. D. Badger and Solicitor R. Long attended via telephone.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2026 reorganization meeting, R. Yost seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

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P. Morrison motioned to accept the bill lists, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Report:

Solicitor Long provided several skill games and data center ordinances for Council to review.

He advised that he has heard that there is some interest in the western end of Lawrence County along State Route 18 for placement of a data center and that the Stonecrest property could be a potential data center site. He advised that data centers would be a conditional use due to the 2025 Uses Not Defined ordinance that states that if a use is not defined in the borough's zoning ordinance, then it is considered a condition use and Council can attach conditions, criteria and standards. He does however recommend that an ordinance be drafted specifically relating to data centers.

D. Badger motioned for Council to allow him to work with Solicitor Long on drafting a skill games ordinance and data center ordinance, P. McConnell seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger will schedule a conference call with Solicitor Long to work on the ordinances.

Council received a letter from R.A.R. Engineering regarding the inspection of Stonecrest's as-built plan as it relates to the constructed roadway and storm water collection network.

J. Gubish motioned for Solicitor Long to prepare and advertise an ordinance accepting the Stonecrest roadway and storm water collection network, up to the catch basin, for adoption at the March or April 2026 regular Council meeting P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Long stated that the roadway would have to go through a PennDOT process to be added onto the road inventory to receive liquid fuel funds. Solicitor Long left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

Visitors:

Maryagnes Stuck and Cheryl Koncewicz attended the meeting without comment.

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Ordinance:

Council discussed implementing an amusement tax and adopting a massage parlor ordinance.

J. Gubish motioned to table discussion on an amusement tax and a massage parlor ordinance until further notice, R. Yost seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

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Ordinance Continued:

D. Badger is working on an Adult Entertainment/Sexually Oriented Business ordinance for Council's consideration.

Police/Fire:

A 2026 New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department roster and an accounting of how tax revenue was spent in 2025 was shared with Council.

Building:

J. Gubish motioned to advertise for bids to replace the municipal building roof, P. Morrison seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0. Pres. Hairhoger reminded everyone that prevailing wage would apply. He will contact a contractor to get specs written up for the bid.

Road:

Pres. Hairhoger shared that the public works department had trouble plowing around cars parked in the street on Pope Drive. Council agreed to send a letter to residents reminding them that parking in the road is a hazard to emergency vehicles, garbage trucks and plow trucks and to please refrain from parking on the road.

R. Yost advised Council that he noticed some low hanging wires in the borough and contacted utility companies to have them fixed.

R. Yost mentioned that the end of a culvert on Britton School Road has been broken off for a year and he believes it wouldn't take much more than several hundred dollars to repair it.

M. Kingman motioned to add the emergency Britton School Road issue to the agenda, P. Morrison seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

M. Kingman motioned to have public works repair the culvert when the weather breaks for no more than

\$13,000.00, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Pres. Hairhoger advised Council that a culvert at McBride Road and State Route 168 was crushed when a utility pole was being replaced. We are determining who was setting poles so they can be made aware.

Pres. Hairhoger advised that the 2001 International needed exhaust work done for a cost of \$939.37.

New Business:

D. Badger motioned to renew vehicle, building and equipment insurance coverage with PIRMA for March 13,

2026-March 13, 2027 in the amount of \$19,469.00, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison motioned to hold Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at \$1,850 per load with Aiken Refuse,

P. McConnell seconded. ROLL CALL: YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Due to it being deemed an emergency situation, **P. Morrison motioned to add to the agenda the borough's salt shortage issue, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Pres. Hairhoger explained there is approximately 80 tons of salt left in the salt shed. An order for 45 tons was placed with Cargill but they cannot guarantee a delivery date as they have no salt available due to the severe weather we have been experiencing. The additional 45 tons would bring us to a total of 515 tons of salt for the CoStars contract period August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026. There is a concern that we will not have enough to get us through this winter. Pres. Hairhoger stated that we should go back to the 3-1 antiskid-salt mixture we have used in the past.

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J. Gubish motioned to purchase no more than 50 tons of salt at \$116.00 per ton and 150 tons of anti-skid for \$18.40 per ton from McClymonds, who has the material available, to be paid out of general fund.
R. Yost seconded. ROLL CALL: BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH and YOST - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

J. Gubish motioned to contract for 600 tons of salt through CoStars for August 1, 2026-July 31, 2027,
P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST and BADGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger asked for Council input on submitting resolutions to PSAB. The deadline is April 1, 2026.

Pres. Hairhoger suggested a resolution that states that any business, including data centers, that requires infrastructure upgrades to support its power needs should be responsible for covering the full cost of the upgrades. These costs should not be passed on to the general public.

Pres. Hairhoger also suggested a resolution requiring data centers to replenish water resources at a higher rate than they do currently. Studies indicate that 70% of the water used by data centers is wasted.

Council received a letter from Conservation awarding \$48,931.30 for the Britton School Road Ext. drainage project.

R. Yost motioned to schedule a meeting with Freddy Smith of Conservation to discuss and execute the contract and to have R.A.R. Engineering bid out the project, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

P. McConnell motioned to renew the Wampum Area Business Association membership for 2026 for \$25.00,
P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER and MCCONNELL - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence: None

County Commissioners' Resolutions: None

Meetings/Conferences: Council received an invitation to the League of Municipalities meeting on March 5, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Pearson Park. Reservations are required.

D. Badger will be attending the PSAB Spring Conference, cost to be covered by PSAB. P. McConnell asked that he attend as well as he will be receiving recognition for completing the PSAB Certified Boroughs Officials program.
P. Morrison motioned for P. McConnell to attend the May 31-June 3, 2026 PSAB Spring conference at a cost of \$255.00 plus a 3-night stay at the Hershey Lodge at a cost of \$829.17, M. Kingman seconded. ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.
MCCONNELL abstained.

Miscellaneous:

Financial Ethics forms are due back by May 1, 2026.

Council opted out of participating in the County glass recycling program.

Permits: Two building permits were issued since last meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m., J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer