

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on January 13, 2025 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. Vice 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: V.P. T. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: M. Kingman, J. Gubish, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. D. Badger attended via telephone. President D. Hairhoger and Solicitor R. Long were absent.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular Council meeting, P. McConnell seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the bill list, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors:

Cheryl Koncewicz and Mary Stuck of Old Route 18 and Nick Vercilla from the New Castle News attended the meeting without comment.

James and Jim Olayer of Wampum-New Galilee Road attended to ask if any progress has been made with regard to the dip on Wampum-New Galilee Road as they see it as a safety issue. Council advised that they were still working on a viable solution.

Solicitor Report: Absent

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road:

Council tabled discussion on purchasing a new ditch bank mower. It was suggested that some maintenance be done on the ditch bank mower we have. Council tabled discussion on a CDL versus non CDL plow and spreader truck.

P. Morrison shared that the hand-held plow control mechanism for the 2012 F-350 is missing. **J. Gubish motioned to research the cost to replace the control, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

Freddy Smith of the County Conservation Department will contact us early 2025 to discuss potential for grant funds for Britton School Road, south of Edwards Road.

P. Morrison motioned to purchase 2 sections of 20-foot 48-inch corrugated pipe from Lane Enterprises for a total of \$2,769.60 to repair Patterson Road West in the Fall, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and T. HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

Old Route 18 flooding discussion tabled.

Ordinance:

D. Badger provided recommended revisions to the solar ordinance and asked that Council review. One question that came up was if ground solar panels should be restricted in residential areas. Solicitor Long will be asked for his opinion on if the current ordinance should be repealed and a new one enacted or if an amendment will suffice.

D. Badger will work on amending the animal ordinance to include requirement for a manure plan and an adult entertainment ordinance is pending.

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Personnel:

M. Kingman motioned to allow R. Lansberry to carry over two-weeks' worth of vacation into 2026 due to the new policy of using calendar year versus anniversary year, P. Morrison seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to have M. Kingman contact Solicitor Long and ask if public works employees who are also fire department volunteers can leave the job to tend to borough fires. J. Gubish seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Insurance:

J. Gubish motioned to not sign up for the Crime Policy, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Building:

P. Morrison shared with Council that the garage door was fixed.

Old Business:

M. Kingman motioned that Richardson Inspection Services be contacted regarding the Green Meadows Mobile Home Park and their non compliance to maintain the park and also to cite them for removing mobile homes and bringing in mobile homes without the proper permitting and approvals, P. McConnell seconded.

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

Motion carried, 6-0.

New Business:

M. Kingman motioned to pass Resolution 1-2025 reappointing Michael Swanik as the Vacancy Board Member, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to pass Resolution 2-2025 reappointing D. Crawford as EIT Tax Collection Committee delegate, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to pass Resolution 3-2025 reappointing Richardson Inspection Services as Floodplain Administrator, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

P. McConnell motioned to pass Resolution 4-2025 reappointing the Secretary as the Borough Open Records Officer, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

J. Gubish motioned to pass Resolution 5-2025 reappointing Daniel Norge as the Borough Appeals Board delegate, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to pass Resolution 6-2025 setting 2025 Fees and Charges, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

J. Gubish motioned to pass Resolution 7-2025 Disposition of Records, P. McConnell seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to appoint D. Badger as PSAB voting delegate, P. McConnell as the alternate, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

J. Gubish motioned to accept the New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department Events for 2025; gun bash, hall rentals, weekly practices, trainings, monthly meetings, free food Fridays, elections, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, Halloween Party, parades, monthly calendar tickets, weekly raffles, lawn maintenance, poker run and building maintenance, P. Morrison seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

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M. Kingman motioned to reappoint R.A.R. Engineering as the Borough Engineer, P. Morrison seconded.
Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to reappoint Michael Groves as Borough Sewage Enforcement Officer, P. McConnell seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

J. Gubish motioned to reappoint Richardson Inspection Services as the Borough Zoning, Building, Storm Water and Property Maintenance Code Enforcer, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to table discussion on the March 1, 2025-March 1, 2026 PIRMA insurance renewal policy until the February 2025 meeting, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to table discussion on the Co-Stars salt contract until the February 2025 meeting, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to get a quote and date from Aiken Refuse for Spring Clean Up, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to table discussion on website ADA compliance, P. McConnell seconded.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Council was reminded that the deadline to submit resolutions to PSAB is April 2, 2025. If Council members have ideas, please let D. Badger know at the February meeting.

A list of 2025/2026 important election dates were shared with Council.

Financial Interest forms were distributed and due back by May 1, 2025.

Correspondence: None

Permits:

One building/zoning permits was issued since the last meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer