

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, January 2, 2024 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:15 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: M. Kingman, J. Gubish, D. Badger, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long was absent.

D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2023 regular Council meeting, T. Hairhoger 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, MCCONNELL and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

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

Visitors: Barb Majors was glad that the radar speed limit sign was fixed. She said that the "Watch Kids" sign is down again at Wilson Extension. She asked that Old Route 18 South be ditched. D. Hairhoger said that the ditcher would be put back on the truck in about a month.

The McConnell family attended without comment.

Solicitor Report: Absent

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road:

P. Morrison advised that the Patterson Road East Dirt & Gravel Grant project will be bid out early this 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 was contacted and asked if a coordinated effort is possible. We are waiting on a response.

Solicitor Long is researching Act of 1945. If necessary, a resolution will be submitted to PSAB regarding the Act.

M. Kingman motioned to approve the purchase of 2 front tires for the John Deere 6105 from Horst Tire for \$590.00 each plus mounting and to have LandPro replace the John Deere 6300 a/c compressor for \$675.00 plus \$30.00 for the core and whatever the cost of charging will be, T. Hairhoger seconded.

ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

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Ordinance:

D. Badger advised we are waiting on information on massage parlors, food trucks and micro-breweries. In addition, he will look into updating the Borough Building Compliance Ordinance of 2005 this year.

Police/Fire:

T. Hairhoger asked that the police patrol State Route 168 as speeding is excessive. P. Morrison mentioned putting markings on the 2015 Explorer similar to how the State Police mark their vehicles. P. Morrison is researching the PCM for the 2010 police vehicle. He found a rebuilt PCM for approximately \$600-\$750 with a one-year warranty but would like to do some more research.

Building:

M. Kingman motioned for P. Morrison to draw up bid specs for a lean to, T. Hairhoger seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Old Business: None

New Business:

M. Kingman motioned to accept the Rakosnik sub-division plan conditional upon compliance with the County Planning comments letter dated December 11, 2023, with the exception of the comments referring to set backs as they were correct as indicated on the plan.

In addition, the modification request to put a second home on the agriculturally zoned residual lot of approximately 78 acres, is granted due to the lot being significant in size provided the Rakosniks comply with the Department of Environmental Protection requirements, as well as complying with all borough zoning, building and other necessary permit requirements, D. Badger seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence:

Notification from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection was shared with Council advising that Wampum Borough's Act 537 Special Study Plan was approved.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer