New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2026

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026, in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. J. Gubish led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present:
Pres. T. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, R. Yost, D. Badger, and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. P. McConnell attended via telephone. V.P. M. Kingman and Solicitor R. Long were absent.

D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2026 regular Council meeting, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the bill lists, J. Gubish seconded. ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGER, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

Visitors:
C.J. Showers, Maryagnes Stuck, Lee Mucko, Phyllis Milliken, Trudi Nottingham, David Nottingham, Sean Clark, Joseph Clark, Kristin Clark, Cherie Norge, John Norge Sr., Travis Bessell, Jim Jackson, Charmaine Jackson, W.R. Jackson, Ronald Frelin, Sr., Travis Blake, Michelle Sokoloski, Ray Jacobs, John Jacobs, Robert Lutz and Crockett Reed attended the meeting.

Members of the New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department were in attendance.
Travis Blake, VFD Chief, asked Council to consider an increase in the fire tax millage from .33 to 1 mill. Phyllis Milliken shared information explaining the financial challenge they are experiencing. Council members stated that they would take it under consideration. The request will be put on the August 2026 agenda for discussion.

Sean Clark, Glenkirk Road, represented many borough residents who were in attendance regarding the increasing number of speeders on Glenkirk. Glenkirk Road has become a short cut to Route 376 and they asked Council to consider additional stop signs to slow down speeders. Council advised that the issue is on the agenda and they will discuss it under the committee report.

Solicitor Report: Absent

Mayor Report: Mayor Crawford advised Council that Officer Adams had shoulder surgery and will be off duty for a while.

Committee Reports

Building:
The contractor is scheduled to start the metal roof on the municipal building Saturday, July 18, 2026.

Solicitor Long called in to the meeting via telephone at 7:30 p.m.

Solicitor Long reviewed Burning Ordinance 2-2024 and determined that the rules and regulations were mandated by the State due to our location being in an air basin. R. Yost has additional questions about the ordinance and asked to speak with the Solicitor about them. **D. Badger motioned to approve R. Yost speaking with Solicitor Long regarding Burning Ordinance 2-2024, J. Gubish seconded.**
ROLL CALL: GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGER - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

Road:
The 1995 JD 6300 tractor is still being worked on by Pat Douglas. Due to age and hours of the tractor, a full rebuild was needed.

The 2013 JD 6105 tractor is at LandPro being looked at. An estimate for repairs is pending.

The 2026 Kenworth truck is at the Clintonville shop waiting for the correct PTO harness to be put in. Information on extended warranty was shared. Council tabled discussion until we get clarification on the timing of warranty.

J. Gubish motioned to get estimates to mark the 2026 Kenworth truck with "New Beaver Borough" and a truck number to match the other public works vehicles, P. Morrison seconded.
Motion carried, 6-0.

An estimate of $7,677.07 from Valley Services (Busser's) to repair the 1984 International truck was shared with Council. Pres. Hairhoger advised that the alternator will also have to be fixed as it failed when the truck was brought back to the borough garage. **D. Badger motioned to have the 1984 International repaired by Valley Services, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER and GUBISH - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

Several visitors left the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Pres. Hairhoger reminded Council that Larry Youngblood would be starting on the Patterson Road culvert project soon.

A letter will be sent to Representative Aaron Bernstine to request help on getting PennDOT to put stop signs on State Route 168 at the intersection of Britton School and Beaver Dam Road making it a four-way stop.

R. Yost motioned to have Solicitor Long write up an amendment to the borough Stop Sign ordinance adding stop signs to Glenkirk Road, at the intersections of Wampum Mt Air Road, creating two 3-way stops, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Ordinance:
D. Badger advised Council that the PA Supreme Court ruled that skill games should be subject to gambling laws because they are considered a slot machine. However, they did approve a 120-day stay so that new regulations regarding skill games could be legislated.

D. Badger motioned to table the Skill Games Ordinance until a definitive decision is made, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Old Business:
Council was advised that the costs for salt under the Co-Stars contract for August 1, 2026-July 31, 2027 will be $84.76 per ton between August 1- October 31, 2026 and $89.22 per ton between November 1, 2026-July 31, 2027. We contracted for 600 tons of salt and are required to purchase a minimum of 450 tons but can purchase up to 840 tons of salt.

New Business:
D. Badger motioned to get quotes to fell a tree in our right of way near 134 Possum Hollow Road, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to send V. Proya and T. Blake to the Environmentally Sensitive Material (ESM) training on September 2-3, 2026, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

The gas drilling impact fee received for year 2025 was $3,682.96.

Council was advised that the ADA Compliance deadline for websites was extended until April 2028.

Correspondence: Council received correspondence from Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage regarding an open house to take place Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ramada in Beaver Falls. Their plan is to build their Measurement and Regulation Station in New Beaver Borough.

County Commissioners' Resolutions: None

Meetings/Conferences: None

Miscellaneous: None

Permits: Two zoning/building/demolition permits were issued since last meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to go into executive session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to come out of executive session, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to send T. Blake to take the CDL B driving test using Moore's manual truck and if he is unsuccessful, he can re-register for a driving test using our automatic truck, D. Badger seconded.
Motion carried, 6-0.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer