
**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on July 8, 2024 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Crawford 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 Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long attended via phone. P. Morrison was absent.

D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2024 Planning Committee meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

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T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the bill list and the addition to the bill list, D. Badger seconded.

ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGER, (excepting his lawn cutting wages), T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER and MCCONNELL - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors:

Barbara Majors, Cheryl Koncewicz, and Maryagnes Stuck attended without comment.

Jim and Jimmy Olayer attended to ask if anything would be done toward fixing the intersection of Darlington and Wampum-New Galilee Roads. President Hairhoger said that the Borough engineer would be asked to look into it.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long advised Council that he confirmed that Rob Yost could volunteer 50 hours to the borough and that an indemnification agreement could be drawn up. **D. Badger motioned to table discussion until the next meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

T. Hairhoger motioned for D. Badger to meet with Solicitor Long to work on ordinances, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road:

D. Badger motioned to contact the winning bidder of Wampum Borough's Park Drive project and get an estimate of what it would cost to repair New Beaver's portion of Park Drive, T. Hairhoger seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger asked that public works put down sand or fine gravel in places in the Borough where the tar is coming up to surface.

M. Kingman asked that public works check Old Route 18 at Jeanette Wisbith's property as the culvert backs up and creates a problem at the foot of her driveway.

D. Hairhoger advised Council that work on Glenkirk and Patterson Roads are complete for the year. Public works will work on berming Glenkirk Road in the spots where it is needed.

Ordinance:

D. Badger is working on the burning ordinance.

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Personnel:

M. Kingman motioned to hire Winlin Clawson as a full-time public works employee at \$18.00/hour, with no benefits, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Police/Fire:

D. Hairhoger spoke with P. Morrison prior to the meeting regarding the 2010 police vehicle and shared that discussion with Council. **D. Badger motioned to take the 2010 Ford Explorer to Matus' Service Station to be looked at and if it cannot be fixed to then trailer it to P. Morrison's contact in Cleveland, T. Hairhoger seconded.**

T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, BADGER, MCCONNELL and D. HAIRHOGER - YES. GUBISH - NO.
Motion carried, 5-1.

Old Business:

Council was advised that Joann McCreedy was contacted in writing and asked if she would serve on the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member to fill M. Ketterer's position but that no response has been received yet.

T. Hairhoger motioned to appoint Barbara Majors as an alternate to replace Nancy Brown who is moving out of the borough, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

T. Hairhoger motioned to join Forward Lawrence for one year at a fee of \$800.00, D. Badger seconded.

KINGMAN, BADGER, MCCONNELL, D. HAIRHOGER and T. HAIRHOGER - YES. GUBISH - NO.
Motion carried, 5-1.

New Business:

D. Badger motioned to advertise Borough Compliance Ordinance 4-2024 and adopt Resolution 11-2024 setting fees for improvements, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to renew Workers' Compensation for August 2024-August 2025 with PIRMA for \$17,849.00, T. Hairhoger seconded. GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, D. HAIRHOGER,

T. HAIRHOGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned for the Mayor and Secretary to attend the County's Hazard Mitigation meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Council was advised that the impact fee of \$2,731.08 was received for reporting year 2023.

Correspondence:

Council received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection stating that a NPDES permit was issued to the Pennsylvania Turnpike for the Fiber Optic I-376 project.

Meetings/Webinars/Conferences:

Council was invited to the Forward Lawrence Noontime Knowledge meeting on July 11th. Reservations are required.

Miscellaneous:

D. Badger provided a synopsis on the highlights of the Spring PSAB Conference held in Hershey.

D. Badger pointed out HB 1632, which passed in the House and is now being sent to the Senate. The bill would provide unlimited benefits for mental health injuries for police, fire and EMS.

D. Badger motioned to send a letter opposing HB 1632 to Vogel, Brooks, Brown and Bernstine, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Copies of the New Beaver Borough VFD Relief Association Audit covering 2020-2023 were left on the conference table for perusal.

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Permits:

Council was advised that one building permit was issued since the last meeting.

Visitor Jeanette Wisbith of Old Route 18 arrived at 7:50 p.m. and expressed her concern about the road situation at the foot of her driveway. President Hairhoger said he would ask public works to take a look at it.

D. Badger motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation, T. Hairhoger seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

J. Gubish motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m., D. Badger seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer