

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, June 10, 2024 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

M. Kingman 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, and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long attended via phone.

Mayor R. Crawford was absent.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2024 regular Council meeting, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the bill list, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGER, (excepting his lawn cutting wages), T. HAIRHOGER, 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:**

Barbara Majors thanked Council for their cooperation in helping with the Wampum Woman's Club civic project. Ninety veteran flags were sold. A dedication ceremony is being planned.

Cheryl Koncewicz, Maryagnes Stuck and Nicholas Vercilli attended without comment.

Andrea and Michael Rakosnik's request regarding Edwards Road will be discussed under new business.

**Solicitor Report:** Solicitor Long and D. Badger are working on various ordinances.

Solicitor Long believes a decision from Judge Hodge on the Huddy appeal will be forthcoming in the next 30-45 days.

**Mayor Report:** Absent

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**

D. Hairhoger advised that a new ditch bank mower deck will be needed next year.

**Ordinance:**

A copy of the Borough Building Compliance Ordinance 2-2005 was distributed.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to have Solicitor Long draw up an ordinance repealing the 2-2005 ordinance and drafting a resolution setting the fee schedule for building permits, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Long will work on this with the Secretary.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to have Solicitor Long draft a burning ordinance that is in line with the Department of Environmental Protection's regulations, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Discussions on microbreweries, massage parlors, solar energy systems and grass cuttings on borough roads to take place at a later date.

**Personnel:**

**M. Kingman motioned to modify the May 1 through September 30 public works schedule to 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, BADGER,

MCCONNELL and MORRISON-YES. T. HAIRHOGER, GUBISH and D. HAIRHOGER-NO Motion carried, 4-3.

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### Building:

P. Morrison is waiting on quotes for lean-tos and hoop buildings.

### Police/Fire:

P. Morrison advised that he found a company that will look at the 2010 Police Explorer's Power Control Module.

### Recreation:

**M. Kingman motioned to increase the 2024 Halloween party budget to \$2,000.00, T. Hairhoger seconded.**

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

### Planning/Ag Security:

P. Morrison advised that the Ketterers are in the process of adding their property to the AG Security program. P. McConnell stated that he and M. Kingman would be meeting with John LaCarte to discuss the vacant 100 acres behind Stonecrest.

Barb Majors left at 7:45 p.m.

### Old Business:

**D. Badger motioned to pass Resolution 10-2024 appointing Tammy Romesburg, Rex Huber and Michael Ketterer to 3-year terms on the zoning hearing board, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Council asked that Joann McCready be contacted and asked if she would serve on the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate member.

### New Business:

**T. Hairhoger motioned to permit the Rakosniks to use one driveway off Edwards Road for three homes on the 2 lots they own (total of 88 acres) provided the addresses are clearly identified by use of 9-1-1 approved reflective signs, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Council received a request from Forward Lawrence asking the Borough to become a member of the organization.

**M. Kingman motioned to table discussions until more information can be gathered about the benefits,**

**D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to send a letter supporting PA American Water's expansion to the Stonecrest property, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned that the CEMEX sub-division plan be approved conditional upon compliance with the County Planning comments letter dated May 21, 2024, which includes submitting a Component Module to the Department of Environmental Protection, requesting a waiver from sewage facilities planning, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

### Correspondence:

Council received a copy of the Department of Environmental Protection's Notice of Technical Deficiencies letter sent to the Pennsylvania Turnpike regarding the Fiber Optic I-376 project.

A letter from Mines and Meadows ATV/RV Resort announcing the receipt of a \$17,761.39 grant from Yamaha Motor Corporation was shared with Council.

Information on a class action suit regarding the East Palestine Train Derailment was shared with Council.

An annual downstream notification was received from Covanta Environmental Solutions.

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### **Meetings/Webinars/Conferences:**

Norfolk Southern is holding a safety training session on June 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

An invitation to a PennDOT District 11 Community Stakeholder Meeting was shared with Council. It is being held On July 10, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Reservations are required.

### **Miscellaneous:**

D. Badger will be providing a synopsis on the Spring PSAB Conference held in Hershey at a later date.

P. McConnell shared that he learned a lot and is willing to attend again.

A copy of the Lawrence County Transportation Improvement Program plan for 2025-2028 was left on the table for review.

### **Permits:**

Council was advised that three building permits were issued since the last meeting.

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

Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors left the meeting.

**M. Kingman motioned to exit executive session, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to hire V. Proya and J. Paswell as full-time public works employees at an hourly wage of \$18.00. Upon completion of a 90-day probationary period, hourly wage will increase to \$18.50. D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to increase hourly wage of R. Lansberry and D. Crawford by \$2.00, J. Gubish seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.**

Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer