

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2023**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, June 12, 2023 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. P. Morrison led the Pledge of Allegiance. D. Badger asked for a moment of silence for Susan Swanik. Roll call was read with the following present: President D. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: M. Kingman, J. Gubish, D. Badger, B. Majors and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long attended via telephone. V.P. T. Hairhoger was absent.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular Council meeting.
D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list with the additions, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL:
D. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES.
Motion carried, 6-0.

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

Visitors: Bryan Lutz attended without comment.

Jarett Svihra of Mines and Meadows ATV Park attended to let Council know that he is donating the use of his facility to New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department for a Poker Run. He is still trying to get the speed sign repaired. He wanted to hear if anything more would be discussed about an amusement tax.

Cheryl Koncewicz of Old Route 18 stated that there are ATV riders coming into the borough from Koppel by way of State Route 18.

Mary Stuck of Old Route 18 asked what Council could do about the trees on Old Route 18 falling on utility lines. **D. Badger motioned to send a letter to Verizon asking them to take care of the trees hanging on the lines in the Borough, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

Solicitor Report: None

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road: The 2012 John Deere boom mower is still at the shop waiting for the pump and cooler to be added.

The asphalt roller was sold for \$275.00 on Municibid.

P. Morrison advised Council that we are still waiting for a new representative from Conservation to continue discussions on potential grants for projects on Britton School Road and Patterson Road. The grants would fall under the Dirt and Gravel and Low Volume Road programs.

Ordinance:

D. Badger motioned for Solicitor Long to advertise notice of intent to adopt an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Animals in Residential District 1-2023, at the July 10, 2023 Council meeting and to advertise a public hearing to be held at 6:45 p.m. on July 10, 2023 prior to the regular meeting, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to have Solicitor Long advertise the Solar Ordinance for consideration at the July 10, 2023 meeting, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Long will research zoning ordinances as they relate to massage parlors.

Building:

D. Badger motioned to research the cost of security cameras, M. Kingman seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Recreation:

B. Majors advised Council that she reserved the fire hall for the Halloween Party for Tuesday, October 24th.

M. Kingman motioned to budget \$1,500.00 towards the party, D. Badger seconded. ROLL CALL:

KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER-YES.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Old Business:

Council received copies of the violation notices and emails from Richardson Inspection Services for M & M and Green Meadows Mobile Home Parks. They will continue following up to ensure compliance.

New Business:

M. Kingman motioned to renew August 1, 2023-July 31, 2024 workers' compensation coverage with AMTrust at a cost of \$16,163.00, D. Badger seconded. ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN -YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

D. Badger motioned to allow only the New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department to borrow, at no fee, the Borough's tables and chairs, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

M. Kingman motioned to accept Maximillion Knechtel II's bid to purchase mobile home ID# 17-900050 at 124 Center Lane for \$550.00, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Amusement Tax was not discussed.

M. Kingman motioned to pass Resolution #11-2023 accepting the name Lawn View Lane for the private lane off Clyde Street Ext. onto the Marshall property, ID # 17-042000, P. Morrison seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Correspondence:

A response letter to the PA Department of Environmental Protection from LSSE, Wampum Borough's engineering firm, regarding DEP questions about Wampum's Act 537 Plan was shared with Council. The revised plan was available at the meeting.

D. Badger motioned to send a letter to all involved regarding the response to question #18, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 6-0. Solicitor Long and Secretary will work on this.

Council received notification that the website will no longer be overseen by PSAB but will be handled by CourseVector and the renewal cost of \$597.00 per year was on the bill list and approved.

Miscellaneous:

P. Morrison advised that the PA Department of Transportation did some repairing of the Beaver Dam Road bridge.

D. Hairhoger asked Council to consider decreasing the speed limit in the borough.

D. Badger mentioned that a law allowing for radar use by local municipalities may be passed soon.

Permits: None

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer