

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, March 11, 2024 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

T. Hairhoger 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 attended via telephone.

**P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2024 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:**

Beth Morrison and Patricia McAnlis, Borough auditors, attended the meeting to advise Council that the 2023 audit was completed and filed with DCED and the County Prothonotary's office. No discrepancies were found. Auditors left at 7:03 p.m.

Mary Stuck and Cheryl Koncewicz attended without comment.

Andy Rauch of R.A.R. Engineering attended the meeting to aid in opening the road bids.

Barbara Majors requested that Mines and Meadows be asked to remind their patrons that they must adhere to the posted speed limit on Old Route 18. Mayor Crawford will contact Jarett Svihra.

Bryan Lutz thanked Council for the opportunity to work for the borough. He appreciated the opportunity and learned a lot.

**Solicitor Report:** Solicitor Long's secretary Bernadette will contact D. Badger to schedule a meeting to go over potential ordinances.

**Mayor Report:** None

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**

The County Conservation Department is waiting for the green light from the State to move forward with advertising for bids on the Patterson Road East Dirt & Gravel Grant project. Due to Bryan Lutz's resignation, we need to send another person for the ESM training. Secretary will make arrangements.

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 and may want to repair our portion if Wampum moves forward with their project.

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D. Hairhoger mentioned that a complaint came in regarding cars parking on both sides of Pope Drive when the school bus is dropping kids off at 3:30 p.m. The school bus garage has advised the borough that the buses cannot turn around at the top of Pope Drive and this appears to be the alternative.

**J. Gubish motioned to buy a rear tire for the 1995 John Deere 6300 through Horst Tire for \$1,598.00.**

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

T. Hairhoger received a complaint that Doren is using a loader to move material from the back of their plant to the Wampum Property Owner’s portal on the hill using Old Route 18 and the concern is that they are damaging the road. D. Hairhoger will contact Doren.

**Ordinance:**

D. Badger will meet with Solicitor Long to discuss potential ordinances.

**Recreation:**

P. McConnell stated that he is researching ideas for the Halloween party. He is interested in partnering with Wampum Borough for ideas on how to better use their park. D. Hairhoger mentioned the 100 acres Stonecrest offered previously and what it could be used for.

**Building:**

P. Morrison is working on lean-to ideas and estimates.

**Personnel:**

The personnel committee will review applications for the vacant public works position on March 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**Police/Fire:**

Power Control Module replacement for the 2010 police vehicle is pending.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Andy Rauch from R.A. R. Engineering assisted in opening the bids for the Liquid Fuels Glenkirk Road project. Bids are as follows:

<u>GLENKIRK ROAD</u>	<u>BASE REPAIR</u>	<u>ASPHALT</u>	<u>BASE REPAIR &amp; ASPHALT TOTAL</u>	<u>OPT BID #1 TAR &amp; CHIP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	2,500 SY	1,375 TONS		25,000 SY	
PROTECH	\$46.20/SY	\$102.80/TON		\$5.60/SY	
	\$ 115,500.00	\$ 141,350.00	\$ 256,850.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 396,850.00
YOUNGBLOOD	\$24.50/SY	\$93.30/TOM		\$4.06/SY	
	\$ 61,250.00	\$ 128,287.50	\$ 189,537.50	\$ 101,500.00	\$ 291,037.50

**T. Hairhoger motioned to award the base repair and asphalt road work to Youngblood Paving, Inc. for a cost of \$189,537.50, seconded by J. Gubish. Optional bid #1 will not be included in the project.**

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

A. Rauch from R.A. R. Engineering left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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**T. Hairhoger motioned to permit Carson Drake to use one driveway off Cosgrove Road for two homes on his 119-acre property provided the addresses are clearly identified by use of 9-1-1 approved reflective signs, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to submit Resolution 9-2024 to PSAB, regarding the maintenance of storm water facilities on State roads within Borough boundaries, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to pay P. McConnell's Hershey Lodge 3-night hotel stay and session attendance at the PSAB Spring 2024 Conference, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN -YES. Motion carried, 6-0. McConnell abstained.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to appoint D. Badger as voting delegate and P. McConnell as the alternate at the PSAB Spring Conference in Hershey, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to send a support letter on behalf of Mines and Meadows ATV/RV Park in support of their effort to get running water and flushable toilets at their facility, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 6-1.  
T. Hairhoger voted no.

Discussion took place regarding the 100-acre lot that Stonecrest offered the Borough. Several ideas were shared on how the property could be utilized.

Council was advised that we received \$92,075.91 in State Liquid Fuels and \$15,680.00 in Turn back funds for 2024.

### **Correspondence:**

A letter from the Lawrence County Conservation District to PA Turnpike Commission was shared with Council stating that the Turnpike's NPDES application to Conservation was considered complete. Technical review will now take place.

A letter from Swank Construction Company LLC regarding the closure of lanes on several borough roads during the installation of fiber optics on the PA Turnpike was shared with Council at the meeting.

A letter from PennDOT regarding traffic counting on Haggerty and Newport Roads between March 4-November 21, 2024 was shared with Council.

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

The Lawrence County League of Municipalities will be meeting at The Confluence in New Castle on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Reservations are required.

P. Morrison shared that the Lawrence County Boroughs Association would be having a reorganization meeting at the MoCo House in Bessemer on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Paul encouraged all to attend.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Clean Up Day was scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2024.

D. Badger advised that the Pittsburgh Food Bank paid a visit to the distribution site on March 1, 2024 and was happy with our participation. D. Badger asked for permission to apply for a grant through the food bank to buy boxes.  
**T. Hairhoger motioned to apply for the grant, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

P. McConnell stated that he enjoyed the Newly Elected Officials Boot Camp and learned a lot. He recommended everyone attend it.

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Richard Rapone will be collecting 2024 County taxes in the Borough building on Thursday, April 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m.-noon.

**Permits:**

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

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded.**

Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer