

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on March 9, 2026 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. P. McConnell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: Pres. T. Hairhoger, V.P. M. Kingman, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, R. Yost, D. Badger, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long was absent.

P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular Council meeting, R. Yost seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the bill lists, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors:

Gregg Boehler of Doren, Inc., Maryagnes Stuck, Cheryl Koncewicz, Travis Blake and Kathy McBride, Borough residents, attended the meeting without comment.

Solicitor Report: Absent

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Ordinance:

D. Badger motioned to table discussion on an adult entertainment/sexually oriented business ordinance until further notice, R. Yost seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

A drafted Data Center ordinance was distributed to Council for review. D. Badger will meet with Solicitor Long to discuss the drafted ordinance.

Solicitor Long joined the meeting via telephone at 7:09 p.m.

D. Badger said that he has a hand written draft regarding Skill Games. **D. Badger motioned for approval to meet with Solicitor Long to review the draft on a separate occasion from the Data Center review, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long is currently finalizing the Stonecrest ordinance accepting the Stonecrest roadway and storm water collection network for advertisement and adoption at the April 2026 meeting.

Committee Reports Cont'd

Personnel:

Discussion on CDL training for Travis Blake took place. If the training is done onsite in the borough with a borough truck the cost is \$3,100.00. Cost to have the training done at the trainer's facility using the trainer's vehicle is \$3,900.00. Council would like Travis to learn on the 1984 International since it is a standard transmission but it will need some work before getting inspected.

D. Badger motioned to send the 1984 International for an estimate to bring it into DOT CDL compliance, provided it has a working plow, decision will be made at the next meeting on how to proceed, P. McConnell seconded. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

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M. Kingman advised Council that Travis Blake's 90-day probationary period is up on April 4, 2026.

M. Kingman motioned for Travis Blake to be a regular full-time employee eligible for benefits as indicated when hired, effective April 4, 2026, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to send Travis Blake for his CDL B training once the issue of if his training will take place using the Borough truck or the training facility's truck is resolved, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL:

GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER and KINGMAN - YES.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Building:

J. Gubish motioned to request bids to put a metal roof over the existing shingles on the municipal building, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Ag Security:

R. Yost stated that he has been researching the Ag Security program that was started by Helen Jackson. The program is to be reviewed every seven years.

Old Business:

D. Badger motioned to submit the proposed resolution regarding the fair allocation of electric and water infrastructure costs for private entities including but not limited to data centers to PSAB, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

New Business:

M. Kingman motioned to approve the Doren, Inc. land development and storm water plans upon review of the Lawrence County Planning Commission at their March 11, 2026 meeting, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

M. Kingman motioned to name the Stonecrest roadway, "Stonecrest Drive", P. McConnell seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison motioned to reappoint Rex Huber to the Zoning Hearing Board for another 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Council was advised the 2026 Turnback funds, \$15,680.00 and 2026 Liquid Fuels funds, \$91,060.86 funds were received.

Council received a letter from the County stating that applications for County Liquid Fuels funds can be submitted. The past two years we have received between \$20,000.00-\$30,000.00.

D. Badger motioned to apply for the County Liquid Fuels grant via a resolution and to request that R.A.R. Engineering, Inc. provide an estimate and apply for stone to put on the surface of Britton School Road Ext. after the drainage project is complete, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

V.P. M. Kingman stated that the Columbia Gas project has damaged roads in New Beaver Borough. He mentioned a very large hole at Old Route 18 and Newport Road. Columbia Gas will be contacted and advised.

Correspondence: A letter from R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc. regarding Wampum Operator, LLC's intent to submit a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit application was shared with Council.

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County Commissioners' Resolutions: None

Meetings/Conferences: D. Badger motioned to permit the Lawrence County Boroughs Association to use the building for the April 2026 meeting, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Miscellaneous:

Council was advised that a conditional use application requesting that animals be permitted in a residential district would be submitted soon.

Permits: One building permit was issued since last meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer