New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. 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:
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 April 13, 2026 regular Council meeting, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

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

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

Visitors:
Maryagnes Stuck and Cheryl Koncewicz, Borough residents, and Kyle Grisby, Exus Renewables, attended the meeting without comment.

Travis Blake, Borough resident, public works employee and VFD Chief, asked Council if the volunteer fire department could have access to the road closed signs if needed during an emergency. Council had no problem with the VFD taking the road closed signs when needed.

Solicitor Report: Absent

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Ordinance:
Council review the drafted Skill Games ordinance and agreed that the fee should be $250.00 per device at application and annual renewals. **D. Badger motioned to send the drafted Skill Games ordinance to the County Planning Department for review. Upon receipt of the County comments, if Solicitor Long is satisfied with the ordinance, it can be advertised for adoption at the next Council meeting, P. McConnell seconded**. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned for approval to meet with Solicitor Long to discuss the data center ordinance, if necessary, after Dave's review of some additional information he has received, M. Kingman seconded.
ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger left the meeting at 7:15 p.m., returned at 7:18 p.m.
Solicitor Long called in to the meeting via telephone at 7:17 p.m.

Building:
D. Badger motioned to purchase the OWL system and expansion mic for approximately $1,300.00, R. Yost seconded. ROLL CALL: GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Road:
M. Kingman motioned for public works to buy brackets for the Freightliner exhaust and repair it in the garage, D. Badger seconded. ROLL CALL: YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH – YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

The 1984 International is at Busser's and the John Deere 6300 is at Pat Douglas' shop.

Pres. Hairhoger reminded Council that Larry Youngblood would be starting on the Patterson Road culvert project soon.

Police/Fire:
Pres. Hairhoger stated that he noticed the police sitting on Clyde Street and Pope Drive. Mayor Crawford shared that they were also asked to monitor Glenkirk Road.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long stated that he is available to attend a work session with Council to discuss the data center ordinance. **D. Badger motioned to advertise a work session for Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the municipal building, J. Gubish seconded**.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Pres. Hairhoger asked if there was a way to put a non-monetary lien on a property that has been cited for property maintenance issues and is being sold by the heirs of the deceased owner. Solicitor Long responded no. Solicitor Long said we could consider passing a Fire Insurance Escrow ordinance which allows municipalities to hold back a portion of an insurance payout to cover property remediation.

Solicitor Long asked if Council had any additional conditions they may have placed on the Reed conditional use application from the April 2026 hearing besides the conditions addressed in the Animals in Residential District Ordinance 1-2023. Council had no additional conditions.

Solicitor Long advised that the Stonecrest sub-division bond needs to be released via a letter prepared for Pres. Hairhoger's signature. He shared that the maintenance bond is now in place.

Old Business: P. McConnell stated that he sent PSAB a picture of the borough grounds and an aerial picture of Stonecrest for use at the Spring Conference. We also updated the website with the borough picture.

New Business: One bid was received for the 2026 Britton School Road Ext. project as follows:

	YOUNGBLOOD PAVING, INC.
BASE BID	
ROADWAY SHOULDER REPAIR ~2K LF @ $25.50	$ 51,000.00
INSTALL SHOULDER UNDERDRAIN ~1K LF @ $10.00	$ 10,000.00
TOTAL BASE BID	$ 61,000.00
OPTIONAL BID #1	
FRENCH MATTRESS 12+00 1 UNIT	$ 8,400.00
OPTIONAL BID #2	
FRENCH MATTRESS 15+00 1 UNIT	$ 8,400.00
TOTAL OF BASE BID PLUS OPT 1 & OPT 2	**$ 77,800.00**
YOUNGBLOOD PAVING, INC. WAS THE ONLY BIDDER.	
COUNCIL AWARDED THE BASE BID, OPTIONAL BID #1 AND OPTIONAL BID #2 TO YOUNGBLOOD PAVING.	

M. Kingman motioned to award the base bid, optional bid #1 and optional bid #2 to Youngblood Paving, Inc. P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH and YOST – YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Conservation Department granted New Beaver Borough $48,931.30 toward the project through the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume (DGLV) program. A grant for County Liquid Fuels funds was recently applied for to apply to this project as well. The County should be announcing the awards at the end of May.

Pres. Hairhoger advised Council that a Teams meeting was held with Columbia Gas and Team Fischel regarding the issues stemming from pipeline replacement in the Borough. The meeting was not productive as there was no acceptable resolutions offered. Team Fischel's insistence for permission to close the roads while they worked was not a viable option.

Pres. Hairhoger shared with Council that complaints have been made about junk on the property at 330 Huber Lane. **M. Kingman motioned to send the owner a letter asking for a plan of action and timeline for cleaning up the items, J. Gubish seconded**. Motion carried, 6-1. D. Badger opposed.

Correspondence: None

County Commissioners' Resolutions: None

Meetings/Conferences: None

Miscellaneous:
Council was advised that the 2026 Community Development Block Grant application was received from the County Planning Department. After discussion, Council agreed that at this time, there are no eligible projects.

Copies of the 2019-2023 Liquid Fuels account audit conducted by the Auditor General were shared with Council. There were no findings.

Permits: Three building permits were issued since last meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer