

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, May 13, 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 phone.

D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2024 regular Council meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2024 special meeting, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGGER, (excepting his lawn cutting wages), T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors:

Jim and Jim Olayer stated that the corner of Wampum-New Galilee Road and Darlington Road has a bad dip in the road and is dangerous due to the blind spot and asked if anything could be done. They also asked that the culvert near their turnaround be looked at. They feel it may need to be replaced. President Hairhoger stated that removing the dip will be a big undertaking and very costly. The public works department will check out the culvert pipes.

Barbara Majors, representing Wampum Woman's Club, advised that the Veteran Flag project is going very well and they have extended the deadline until the end of May. Council had no problem with applications being available at the municipal building.

Cheryl Koncewicz and Maryagnes Stuck attended without comment.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long and D. Badger will be meeting on May 21st to review various ordinances.

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road:

Patterson Road West remains closed at the failed culvert.

M. Kingman stated that the driveways at 407, 437, 483 and 489 Glenkirk Road had a 6-8 inch drop off after repairs to the road. P. Morrison asked if the new and old pavement lines would be sealed. D. Hairhoger asked to confirm whether or not berming was included in the project specs. **D. Badger motioned to contact R.A.R. Engineering regarding these questions, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison asked that Norfolk Southern be contacted and asked to repaint the railroad crossing markings at Haggerty and Larchwood that were destroyed during repairs.

Wampum Borough will be making repairs to Park Drive in 2024. New Beaver is responsible for approximately 390 feet of that road and may want to repair our portion at that time.

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PennDOT is holding a meeting on Tuesday June 4, 2024 at 11:30 p.m. at the Neshannock Township Municipal building to talk about their drafted 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program plans for Lawrence County.

Ordinance:

T. Hairhoger motioned to omit food trucks from any zoning amendment due to the fact that they must be licensed and inspected by state agencies, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger will meet with Solicitor Long to discuss amending the zoning ordinance to include microbreweries and massage parlors, to review the burning ordinance and borough building compliance ordinance, potentially incorporating the stand-alone solar energy system ordinance into the zoning ordinance and regulating grass on the roads.

Personnel:

M. Kingman asked Council to consider allowing the public works department to work 4 ten-hour days during the months of May through September. Discussions to take place after the public works position is filled.

Interviews for the public works position will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024 in the evening.

Police/Fire:

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

T. Hairhoger motioned to purchase 4 tires for the 2016 Ford Explorer from Horst for a cost of \$712.25, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Building:

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

Recreation:

P. McConnell and M. Kingman shared that they are researching the options for a potential collaboration between Wampum Borough and New Beaver Borough with regard to the Wampum Park and surrounding area.

Planning/Ag Security:

P. McConnell shared that he and John LaCarte will be walking the 110 acres that was offered to the Borough.

P. Morrison shared that he is in the process of adding a 160-acre lot to the AG Security program.

Old Business:

Council was advised we received a grant of \$22,000.00 from County Liquid Fuels toward the Glenkirk Road project.

Clean Up Day took place on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

New Business:

M. Kingman motioned to appoint Michael Ketterer as a Zoning Hearing Board member and to ask Joann McCready to be an alternate, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

T. Hairhoger motioned to opt out of interim real estate tax billing, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Information about the Lawrence County Redevelopment Authority Blight Demolition grant was shared with Council. Council will advise if there are any eligible structures in the Borough.

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Correspondence:

Council received a copy of the Pennsylvania Turnpike’s response letter to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding their Fiber Optic I-376 project.

An email from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding “nuisance” signs along state routes was shared with Council.

Meetings/Webinars/Conferences:

Lawrence County Coalition for Workforce and Family Housing will have a meeting to discuss housing needs in Lawrence County on May 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room.

Miscellaneous:

D. Badger advised that the Public Utility Commission voted to suspend and investigate proposed rate increases by First Energy which would have taken place on June 1, 2024.

D. Badger mentioned that the Pittsburgh Food Bank is pushing to have the food distribution volunteers utilize technology they are not familiar with.

P. Morrison and D. Badger spoke about the revival of the Lawrence County Boroughs Association. The April meeting was successful and they invited all to attend the next meeting on October 17, 2024.

Borough Code changes were shared with Council.

A letter from the County Planning Department regarding the submittal of land developments and subdivisions was shared with Council.

Information regarding a variance request submitted by Gary Langer to the zoning hearing board was shared with Council. The hearing will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

Permits:

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

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer