

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, May 8, 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. Roll call was read with the following present:

President D. Hairhoger, V.P. T. Hairhoger, Councilpersons: M. Kingman, J. Gubish, D. Badger, B. Majors and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long was absent.

D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular Council meeting,

T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGER excepting his lawn care pay, T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

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

Solicitor Long attended via telephone at 7:05 p.m.

Visitors: Bruce Hairhoger of Possum Hollow Road and Cheryl Koncewicz of Old Route 18 attended without comment. Mary Stuck of Old Route 18 asked what Council could do about the trees on Old Route 18 falling on utility lines. She was advised to contact the utility company directly. Katie Gallagher, a representative of the New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department, attended to answer any questions regarding the purchase of a new pumper/tanker. Jarett Svihra of Mines and Meadows ATV Park attended to let Council know that an amusement tax would be detrimental to his business.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long researched the process of abandoning a borough road and advised Council that every adjacent land owner must agree to the abandoning of the road.

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road: P. Morrison advised Council that the 2012 John Deere transmission has been fixed and an invoice is forthcoming. The shop provided a quote in the amount of \$11,025.00 for a hydraulic pump and oil cooler that would move the boom mower functions off the transmission. **P. Morrison motioned to pay the \$11,025.00 for the pump and cooler, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGER -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Of the 48 CDBG surveys mailed to Glenkirk Road residents in January 2023 only 12 have been returned to date. There is a possibility that County Liquid Fuels may be able to help toward repairs to Glenkirk Road as surveys are not being returned.

Youngblood Paving will make repairs to the damage that First Energy's contractors did to Beaver Dam Road not to exceed \$31,585.00.

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D. Hairhoger advised Council that a quote in the amount of \$37,780.00 was received to repair Wilson Circle however it would have to be bid out. **P. Morrison motioned to wait until 2024 to consider this project, M. Kingman seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison stated that the Possum Hollow bridge doesn't qualify for Dirt and Gravel or Low Volume grants. **M. Kingman motioned to wait until 2024 to consider this project, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

The asphalt roller is on Municibid but bidding has not met reserve yet. The auction is over on May 19, 2023.

P. Morrison advised Council that Becca Naber has resigned from the Conservation Department and a new representative will be contacting the Borough 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.

D. Hairhoger advised Council that Youngblood Paving has completed this year's road work on Clyde Street and Old Route 18 S. Council members were pleased with the results. Also, Youngblood Paving will be finishing up the road work that was carried over from last year on Old Route 18 N and some repair work on Possum Hollow Road.

Ordinance:

D. Badger advised Council that the County provided comments for the Animals in Residential District Zoning Amendment. Solicitor Long and D. Badger will speak about the recommendations. An Ordinance Committee meeting was scheduled for May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

D. Badger motioned to have Solicitor Long advertise the Solar Ordinance for consideration at the June 12, 2023 meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Building:

D. Badger motioned to have J. Gubish purchase and install a surge protector that will cover all three buildings at a price not to exceed \$400.00 for material and labor, P. Morrison seconded.

ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER and T. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 6-0, Gubish abstained.

New Business:

D. Badger motioned to sign the letter for the New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department approving the purchase of a new pumper tanker and acknowledging that the Volunteer Fire Department provides firefighting and other services for the Borough, M. Kingman seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to apply for County Liquid Fuels for repairs to Glenkirk Road, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Badger motioned to have R.A.R. Engineering provide specs and an estimate to repair Glenkirk Road, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

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T. Hairhoger motioned to reappoint Ed McCready (member), Nancy Brown (alternate) and Michael Ketterer (alternate) to the Zoning Heard Board effective July 1, 2023, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Amusement Tax was discussed. **D. Badger motioned to put the amusement tax on the June 12, 2023 agenda, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 6-1, M. Kingman was opposed.

Correspondence:

Council received an Act 14 notice from KCI on behalf of the PA Turnpike Commission regarding their application to the Department of Environmental Protection for a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit.

The ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) reported that the Borough has a 05/5X classification regarding fire suppression capabilities.

The PA Department of Transportation sent a response to our request for them to check the condition of the state-owned Beaver Dam Road bridge.

Notification from the PA Department of Transportation was received advising that traffic counts would be taking place on Wampum Mt Air Road and Liberty Street.

Miscellaneous:

D. Badger motioned to discuss the process of loaning Borough tables and chairs at the June 12, 2023 meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Permits: Permits issued by Richardson Inspection Services were shared with Council.

P. Morrison motioned to go into executive session for a personnel matter, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0. All visitors left the meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to come out of executive session, J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

M. Kingman motioned to increase Richard Lansberry's wage by \$1.00 per hour effective Tuesday, May 9, 2023 and to give him the title of Director of Public Works, J. Gubish seconded.
ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, D. HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN-YES
MAJORS, MORRISON and T. HAIRHOGGER -NO. Motion carried, 4-3.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m., J. Gubish seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer