

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, October 10, 2022 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President D. 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:

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 attended via telephone.

T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular Council meeting, P. Morrison 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, MAJORS and MORRISON-YES.
Motion carried, 7-0.

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

Visitors: None

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long presented the proposed ordinance for Act 57, amending the Local Tax Collection law. **T. Hairhoger motioned for Solicitor Long to advertise the intent to adopt the ordinance, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Long advised Council that Muddy Creek Township was required to take responsibility of the traffic signal at the new truck stop on State Route 422. However, a Developers' Agreement between the Township and the developer put the financial responsibility of paying for the associated costs such as insurance, maintenance and electricity, on the developer.

Mayor Report: Mayor Crawford reported that Wampum Borough was very appreciative of the plaque presented to them for their 225 Anniversary.

Committee Reports

Road:

P. Morrison asked when the damage done to Beaver Dam Road by First Energy's contractor would be repaired. Council agreed that additional damages that occur due to non-action should be the responsibility of First Energy.

D. Badger motioned to have Solicitor Long send a letter to First Energy requesting that the repairs be made immediately, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

D. Hairhoger advised that the owner of Youngblood Paving is not happy with the work on Possum Hollow Road and will be repairing the issues next year. The Borough will not be billed for the work this year. The PennDOT liquid fuels project will have to remain open until next year.

B. Majors asked if the repairs to Old Route 18 were completed. D. Hairhoger said he would take a look at the road and call Youngblood Paving to see what work may be outstanding.

PennDot will be contacted to set up a meeting with the road committee to discuss the agility renewal options.

D. Hairhoger told Council that the Case backhoe's door was damaged and will need to be repaired. The insurance deductible is \$500.00. Estimate for repair not available yet.

D. Badger motioned to repair the door using liquid fuels unless the repair cost is above \$2,500.00 in which case we will submit an insurance claim, M. Kingman seconded. ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Ordinance: Solicitor Long will meet with D. Badger, and other committee members if they are available, on an afternoon to be determined, to discuss animals in residential districts and solar farm ordinances.

Recreation: B. Majors gave an update on the Halloween party plans and will work on planning the Christmas party. The balance in the flower fund is \$78.00.

Insurance: Health and vision coverage renews December 1, 2022. The insurance committee will meet on November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to go over the renewal rates.

Budget: The budget committee meeting will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Personnel: **M. Kingman motioned to accept Bryan Lutz as a permanent full time employee effective November 1, 2022, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Council agreed to follow CDC guidelines with regard to COVID. Employees will have to use their earned time off if they want to be paid for days missed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Council received copies of the Misingwa assessment appeal hearing notices.

T. Hairhoger motioned to donate \$350.00 to the 2022 Wampum Area Christmas Parade, P. Morrison seconded. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER and T. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

T. Hairhoger motioned to hire Banks Tree Service to fell two trees as indicated on the quote for \$2,225.00 D. Badger seconded. ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.
Property owners that may be affected will be notified.

Council received comments from Taylor Engineering regarding the Stormwater Management Plan submitted by R.A.R Engineering on behalf of Three Rivers Aggregates. There are deficiencies that need to be addressed and Taylor recommended not approving at this time.

T. Hairhoger motioned to conditionally accept the Storm Water Management plan subject to Taylor Engineering's approval of the plan and recommendation to provide a consistency letter, P. Morrison seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Correspondence: Council received a copy of the Bidders List from the County Tax Claim Department for the September 30, 2022 upset sale.

County Commissioners' Resolutions: **D. Badger motioned to accept Resolution #36934 and refund Donald Fazenbaker for overpayment of taxes for 2020 and 2021 on a house razed by fire, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meetings:

A Lawrence County Agricultural Preservation Board public meeting is scheduled for noon at Elder's Farm, 4105 Old Mercer Road in New Castle on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Miscellaneous: D. Badger shared a copy of the 2022 PSAB Salary Survey.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer