

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2025**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on October 13, 2025 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. D. Badger led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: Pres. T. Hairhoger, V.P. M. Kingman, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, B. Majors, D. Badger, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long attended via telephone.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2025 regular Council meeting, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list and the additions to the bill list, J. Gubish seconded.**  
ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, except his furnace repair bill, MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the Treasurer's Reports, M. Kingman seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**Visitors:**

Maryagnes Stuck, Jonathon Landell, Nicholas Vercilla, Ryan Wehman, John Norge, and Katie Gallagher attended the meeting.

Ryan Wehman and John Norge of Glenkirk Road asked if there was an exception to the 2-acre zoning/sub-division rule. It will be looked into.

John Norge stated that the speeding on Glenkirk Road has gotten worse. Mayor Crawford advised that the police were notified about the issue.

Jonathon Landell of Newport Road asked if a street light could go at the corner of State Route 18 and Newport Road as it is difficult to see the turn in the dark. He also asked what Council knew about Pitt Race selling property for a data center. Council advised that Pitt Race is in Big Beaver Borough in Beaver County and that New Beaver Borough has no information currently.

**Solicitor Report:** None

**Mayor Report:** None

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**

Pres. Hairhoger advised that Youngblood Paving, Inc. will be providing an estimate for excavation at Patterson Road for the placement of the culvert.

The 2025 road projects have been completed by Youngblood Paving, Inc. They will be back to fix the damage on Cosgrove Road created by a logging company.

A meeting with Freddy Smith of Conservation and the road committee will be scheduled to walk Britton School Road to determine what repairs are needed and to get an estimated cost. We were advised that the typical grant amount ranges from \$40,000-\$50,000 but could be more.

Council has not been able to determine who is responsible for painting railroad crossing markings. Solicitor Long stated that there is no liability to the Borough due to sovereign immunity.

Pres. Hairhoger advised that the 1995 JD 6300 tractor is down. A quote to rebuild the motor was shared. Council asked that Rich Lansberry attain additional quotes to rebuild the motor and also quotes for a replacement motor.

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John Norge asked if the berms on Glenkirk Road could be fixed due to a 6 inch drop off in places. Public works will check on it and fill in where needed. Council advised that there would be no tar and chipping on Glenkirk Road this year.

### **Ordinance:**

D. Badger is working on amendments to the zoning ordinance referencing massage parlors and adult entertainment.

### **Building:**

The municipal building roof needs to be replaced. It was last done in 1995 and shingles are falling off.

### **Budget:**

Budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Insurance:**

UPMC health insurance is increasing 10.8%. The insurance committee will meet Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the insurance.

### **Recreation:**

P. McConnell advised that the Halloween party will be from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28 at the fire department.

### **Personnel:**

**M. Kingman motioned to advertise for a full time non-CDL public works employee, D. Badger seconded.**

Motion carried, 7-0. M. Kingman and Secretary will work on wording for ad.

M. Kingman is working on revision to the employee handbook regarding the new non-paid vacation time policy.

Discussion about newly hired employees contributing toward benefit premiums was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Council was advised that R.A.R. Engineering is working on the Local Share Account grant applications for a hoop building and police vehicle.

P. McConnell mentioned that he spoke to the Police Chief at Punxsutawney Borough at the PSAB conference and the Chief said to contact him regarding police vehicles as they sometimes have used ones for sale.

Pres. Hairhoger advised that a DCNR Bureau of Forestry representative visited the 42 acres and recommended that we contact a forestry consultant to write a plan on how to manage the property in addition to timbering the property. Letters have been sent to five forestry consultants. The fee to the consultant is between \$500.00-\$2,000.00 plus a percentage of the timber sale.

### **New Business:**

Upon recommendation at the public hearing that preceded the regular meeting, **M. Kingman motioned to enact Ordinance 2-2025, Uses Not Defined, amending Zoning Ordinance 2-2011, P. Morrison seconded.**

Motion carried, 7-0.

Council was advised that the air compressor was inspected for a cost of \$90.17 and the certificate is valid until September 2028.

**D. Badger motioned to terminate Michael Groves' sewage enforcement services and to appoint Jeffrey Winkle as primary sewage enforcement officer and Dylan Winkle as the alternate, P. Morrison seconded.**

Motion carried, 7-0.

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**D. Badger motioned to donate \$137.20 to Visit Lawrence County for 2026, M. Kingman seconded.**

ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Katie Gallagher, New Beaver Borough Volunteer Fire Department Treasurer, attended the meeting to request that the fire tax be increased from .33 mills to .50 mills, an increase of .17 mills. The need for the increase is due to the increase in costs across the board including propane, heating and tool costs. Questions regarding financials were asked and Katie stated that she did not have the information on hand.

The department has lost \$2,000.00 in rental fees this year due to the necessary renovations at the fire hall. They anticipate restarting rentals in February 2026. Katie stated that their insurance company is covering most of the cost of the renovations but that they are reluctant to cover the cost of the new air conditioning unit. A question regarding specifically what the insurance company was covering was asked and Katie stated that she hoped to have that information on Tuesday.

**M. Kingman motioned to table discussions on a fire tax increase until the November 2025 meeting, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Jonathon Landell left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**D. Badger motioned to advertise Ordinance 3-2025, keeping Council member and Mayor compensation at \$600.00 per year, to be considered for enactment at the November 2025 meeting, P. Morrison seconded.**

Motion carried, 7-0.

John Norge and Ryan Wehman left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**D. Badger motioned to pay the Solicitor \$125.00 per meeting and \$95.00 per hour for work done on the Borough's behalf effective January 1, 2026, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to donate \$350.00 to the 2025 Wampum Area Christmas Parade, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**County Commissioners' Resolutions:** None

**Meetings/Conferences:** **D. Badger motioned to have the Lawrence County Boroughs Association meeting at the municipal building on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., M. Kingman seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**Miscellaneous:** None

**Permits:**

One zoning/building permit was issued since last meeting.

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer