

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2024**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on October 14, 2024 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, 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 September 9, 2024 regular Council meeting, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

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

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

**Visitors:**

Julie Yost and Doug Curry attended the meeting to hear about the proposed burning ordinance. D. Badger and Solicitor Long explained that these regulations are mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Andy Rausch of R.A.R. Engineering will be speaking during the road committee portion of meeting.

Nick Vercilli, Barbara Majors, Cheryl Koncewicz and Maryagnes Stuck attended without comment.

**Solicitor Report:** None

**Mayor Report:** None

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**

Andy Rausch of R.A.R. Engineering attended to explain and answer any questions regarding his 2025 road project proposal. Discussions took place about Wampum-New Galilee Road/Darlington Road intersection, Patterson Road West culvert, and Old Route 18 North. A. Rausch will draw up a map showing what could be done at the Wampum-New Galilee/Darlington intersection.

**D. Badger motioned to investigate what needs to be done in order to move the stop sign at the Edwards Road and Wampum-New Galilee Road intersection as it may help line of sight at the corner, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Britton School Road, south of Edwards Road, could be considered for grant funds by the County Conservation Department for road repair.

**D. Badger motioned to send the John Deere boom mower to Sensenig to replace the actuator for \$1,642.45, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Ordinance:**

D. Badger will be meeting with Solicitor Long to go over the current solar ordinance. Adult entertainment, microbreweries, and rowdy house ordinances are also being considered.

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**T. Hairhoger motioned to temporarily hold off on the grass cutting ordinance, D. Badger seconded.**

Motion carried, 7-0.

### **Building:**

P. Morrison shared some information on block and fabric cover buildings for Council to consider for next year. The estimates are coming in at \$40,000.00 - \$60,000.00 for a 40' x 36' – 40' x 40' building.

### **Recreation:**

P. McConnell shared that he would be meeting with T. LeFebvre and discussing the Halloween party plan. As of today, there are 50 sign-ups.

### **Budget:**

Budget meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Police/Fire:**

**T. Hairhoger motioned to have the 2015 police vehicle marked by SignsXpress for \$950.00, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER and T. HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

### **Insurance:**

**D. Badger motioned to renew the UPMC medical and vision insurance coverage at a 10.7% increase for the current full-time public works employee and their spouse, T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to provide full time employees with a yearly total compensation package statement, T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

**D. Badger motioned to enact Open Burning Ordinance 2-2024, M. Kingman seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to donate \$137.20 to Visit Lawrence County to help promote Lawrence County in 2025, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGGER, T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

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

**Correspondence:** None

**Meetings/Webinars/Conferences:** Council was invited to the Lawrence County Boroughs Association meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the MoCo House in Bessemer.

### **Permits:**

Council was advised that 1 building/zoning permit was issued since the last meeting.

**M. Kingman motioned to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to come out of executive session at 8:15 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

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**T. Hairhoger motioned to not re-hire V. Prova, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**T. Hairhoger motioned to hire R. Dennison as a full-time public works employee at \$19.00 per hour with a \$.50 per hour increase after successfully completing a 90-day probationary period.**

**P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: MORRISON, D. HAIRHOGER, T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER and MCCONNELL - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to offer the full-time public works position to J. Cipolla if R. Dennison does not accept the position, D. Badger seconded.** ROLL CALL: D. HAIRHOGER, T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to increase R. Lansberry's wage by \$1.00 per hour effective immediately,**

**T. Hairhoger seconded.** ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to provide health coverage for the newly hired full time public works employee and their family, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.**

Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer