

**New Beaver Borough
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting, September 11, 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, Solicitor R. Long and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford.

D. Badger motioned to accept the minutes of the August 14, 2023 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: Larry Campbell, Cheryl Koncewicz, Mary Stuck, Bruce Hairhoger, Bryan Lutz, Tyler Bobin, Jon Bobin and Cindy Bobin attended without comment. Don Bara asked when the Borough was going to fix the speed sign on Old Route 18. He was advised that the sign was bought by J. Svihra of Mines & Meadows and that he was waiting on parts.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Long advised that discussions on microbreweries, massage parlors and food trucks are on hold until more information on how other municipalities are handling these issues is collected.

Solicitor Long stated that a public hearing was held earlier this evening at 6:45 p.m. followed by executive session regarding the Tyler Bobin conditional use application requesting approval to allow for animals in a residential district.

T. Hairhoger motioned to accept the conditional use application, subject to conditions to be set forth by Council, allowing 45 days to provide Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, D. Badger seconded.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Long recommended that Mr. Bobin contact Penn State Cooperative Extension at the Lawrence County Government Center to ascertain what Federal, State and County requirements need to be met.

Mayor Report: None

Committee Reports

Road:

Council was advised that the John Deere single hydraulic pump was put back on Municibid when the reserve was not met and the auction was extended until September 22, 2023. Council agreed that the reserve must be met before a bid amount will be accepted.

P. Morrison stated that we are awaiting a response from Lawrence County Conservation on the application for a Dirt and Gravel grant for McAnlis' Patterson Road.

D. Badger motioned to amend the agenda to include discussion on the Local Share Account Grant Program, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

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T. Hairhoger motioned to pass a resolution to apply for a Local Share Account Grant for machinery acquisition, D. Badger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0. Council was advised that \$100.00 non-refundable fee would apply.

Building:

T. Hairhoger motioned to hire Seth Hostetler Construction to build a lean to between the two salt sheds for \$8,800.00, M. Kingman seconded. ROLL CALL: T. HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, BADGER, MAJORS, MORRISON and D. HAIRHOGGER -YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Budget:

The budget workshop meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

D. Badger motioned to accept the revised permit applications for overweight vehicles and loggers to require bonding amounts to be \$12,500.00 per linear mile for paved roads and \$6,000.00 per linear mile for unpaved roads, refundable provided the roads are not damaged, and to charge a \$200 per month per road non-refundable permit fee, T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Solicitor Long left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

New Business:

Council was advised that the 2023/2024 Winter Maintenance amount of \$15,934.00 will be received.

Correspondence:

Council received a notice that PA American Water will be applying to the Public Utility Commission for rate base increase that may affect the fire hydrant rates. **T. Hairhoger motioned to send the PUC a letter opposing the rate increase, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

PennDOT sent information on the requirements of outdoor advertising devices/signs on State roads.

A letter from Lawrence County Conservation District was shared with Council advising that they have approved an amendment to Stonecrest Business Park's PAG-02 NPDES permit No. PAC370064A-1.

Miscellaneous: Council was advised that the County is still working on broadband expansion and will be concentrating on areas with the least broadband availability first.

Permits: One building permit was issued since the last meeting.

P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m., T. Hairhoger seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer