**New Beaver Borough**
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**
**September 14, 2026**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2026, in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. P. McConnell led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was read with the following present: Pres. T. Hairhoger, V.P. M. Kingman, Councilpersons: J. Gubish, R. Yost, D. Badger, P. McConnell and P. Morrison, Mayor R. Crawford and Secretary/Treasurer D. Crawford. Solicitor R. Long was absent.

**P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2026 regular Council meeting, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list, R. Yost seconded**. ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

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

**Visitors:**
Barb Majors, Maryagnes Stuck, Cheryl Koncewicz, Ken & Robin Hardy, W.R. Jackson, Phyllis Milliken, Jeff Solley, Travis Blake, Brian Peters, Josh Pifer, Ron Frelin Sr., Alex Stiles and Jarett Svihra attended the meeting.

Jeff Solley of Benedict Lane advised Council that he has hired a contractor to work with PennDOT to shave back the bank on State Route 168 that creates a blind spot. Council agreed that no borough permits are needed since it is a State-owned road.

Jarett Svihra attended the meeting as he heard that there were complaints regarding Mines & Meadows. He said that he understood that trailers were blocking driveways and it is due in part to patrons not purchasing tickets on-line ahead of time and showing up at the same time as those who were given a designated sign in time. He said he could provide signs to mitigate blocking driveways, and keep posting on social media accounts about respecting neighbors. Traffic control efforts were lacking due to employee call outs. Jarett added that he would be donating a new speed limit sign as the old one cannot be repaired.

**Mayor Report**: None

Solicitor Long called in via telephone at 7:25 p.m.

**Solicitor Report**: None

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**
Kenworth agreed to extend the 2026 dump truck warranty by one month as requested by Council. The warranty start date is now August 7, 2026.

J. Solley left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Council agreed to put discussions on hold on extending the warranty on the 2026 Kenworth until closer to the sign-up deadline.

The 1984 International dump truck is at Busser's being repaired. The wrong steering box was sent to the shop and they are waiting for the correct one.

P. Morrison advised Council that he has contacted AgPro, West Central and other independent shops for repair quotes on the 2013 JD 6105. The tractor is currently at LandPro.

P. Morrison shared information on his meeting with Pat Douglas regarding the 1995 John Deere 6300 tractor. **P. Morrison motioned to pay the additional $8,161.68; $4,700.00 for the head replacement and $3,461.68 for the additional work done, D. Badger seconded**. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

P. Morrison stated he is getting other quotes for the 1995 John Deere 6300 oil cooler in addition to Douglas Garage's $2,117.08 estimate. He believes the work can be done by our public works department.

T. Hairhoger advised Council that the 2001 International 4900 truck is in need of repair.
**D. Badger motioned to order 4 U-bolts and an air valve for the service brake from Valley Spring for no more than $1,000.00 and have our public works department do the work on-site, P. Morrison seconded**. ROLL CALL: GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER and KINGMAN - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

T. Hairhoger advised that the 2020 Freightliner's power steering cooler is leaking. M. Kingman stated that it also needs tires. **M. Kingman motioned to purchase 4 rear tires at a cost of approximately $500.00 each through a Co-Stars vendor and the power steering cooler from FYDA for $685.50, D. Badger seconded**. The power steering cooler will be put on by the public works department. ROLL CALL: YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Building:**
P. Morrison asked that the public works department be reminded that Council approved, at the April 2026 meeting, replacing the swinging door at a cost not to exceed $500.00.

**Police/Fire:**
P. Morrison shared that the committee met several times to discuss the Volunteer Fire Department's request for financial help.

**P. Morrison motioned for Council to pay the 2027 $19,126.30 payment on the Community 1st National Bank loan on the 2023 Pumper/Tanker from General Funds subject to the VFD providing the following; monthly minutes, monthly treasurer's reports showing income and expenditures, that contracts/agreements be reviewed by Borough Solicitor Ryan Long and that for any expenditure over $5,000.00, the VFD should get 3 written bids, J. Gubish seconded.** ROLL CALL: BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH and YOST - YES.
Motion carried, 7-0.

The request for financial help will be revisited yearly. The invoice from Community 1st National Bank will be forwarded to the borough office for payment by May 2027.

**D. Badger motioned to purchase new tires through a Co-Stars vendor for the 2016 Ford Explorer police vehicle, J. Gubish seconded.** ROLL CALL: MCCONNELL, MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST and BADGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Budget:**
A budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2926 at 7:00 p.m.

**Recreation:**
P. McConnell advised that the Halloween party is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2026 from 6-8 p.m. He also mentioned that Tanya LeFebvre and he discussed the possibility of an Easter party.

**Old Business:**
**P. Morrison motioned to enact Ordinance 3-2026, adding 4 stop signs to Glenkirk Road, J. Gubish seconded**. Motion carried, 7-0.

**New Business:**
**D. Badger motioned to accept the 2027 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation of $5,820.00, P. Morrison seconded.** ROLL CALL: MORRISON, HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER and MCCONNELL - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Council agreed to place a free ad in the Visit Lawrence County 2027 Visitors Guide.

Council agreed to table discussions on trees at the stop sign on Wampum New Galilee Road and on the Borough driveway, keeping an eye on them through the winter months.

Council was advised that the Lawrence County Conservation Department will be opening their grant application period soon. There was discussion previously on working on the surface of Britton School Road Ext.

The 2027 Local Share Account (LSA) grant application is available. R.A.R. Engineering advised that they would have to know what Council would like to apply for soon so they can meet the deadline. Council will come to the October 2026 meeting with ideas to share.

We are still waiting to hear if we were awarded a Local Share Account (LSA) grant from the applications submitted in 2025 for a fabric tension building and police truck.

T. Hairhoger stated that there have been complaints about flooding on properties on Glenkirk Road and the road itself. He stated that he walked 376 to see if the issue was coming from the turnpike but couldn't determine if it was. He suggested cleaning out the creek at Shatlock's with a mini excavator to do the least amount of damage to property. Solicitor Long is finalizing a license agreement to enter and excavate on the land owner's property for storm water purposes.

Council reviewed quotes from rental companies. **R. Yost motioned to rent a 7,500-pound mini excavator with ditching bucket and trailer for up to two days, if needed, at a cost of $482.11 per day from Sunbelt Rentals, P. McConnell seconded**. ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, BADGER, MCCONNELL and MORRISON - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Council discussed several complaints with regard to high grass and people living in campers on Route Old 18. D. Badger stated that we have no ordinance against high grass.

**M. Kingman motioned to send a letter to 2568 Old Route 18 advising that recreational vehicles are intended for temporary living quarters and not as a permanent dwelling, J. Gubish seconded**. Motion carried, 7-0.

Barb Majors left at 8:09 p.m.

**Correspondence**:

Council received a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation stating that they will conduct an engineering and traffic study to determine if multiway stop signs on State Route 168 at the Britton School/Beaver Dam Roads intersection are needed. They will advise us in 8-12 weeks.

A letter from the Surface Transportation Board was shared with Council regarding the consolidation of rail operations of Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern.

Council received notification from Disability Options Network (DON) that they will be applying for a $50,000.00 USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant.

**County Commissioners' Resolutions:** None

**Meetings/Conferences:** **D. Badger motioned for the Secretary to attend the Lawrence County League of Municipalities meeting on October 1, 2026 at 8:30 A.M. at the Hutchinson Center in Neshannock Township, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**Miscellaneous:** The PSAB 2026 Wage & Salary Report was shared with Council.

**Permits:** One zoning/building permit was issued since last meeting.

**M. Kingman motioned to go into executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

Visitors left the meeting.

**M. Kingman motioned to come out of executive session at 8:26 p.m., P. Morrison seconded**.
Motion carried, 7-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to increase T. Blake hourly wage by $1.00 since he attained his CDL B license and V. Proya's hourly wage by $.50 for his role in training T. Blake, effective September 15, 2026, P. Morrison seconded**. ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, YOST, MCCONNELL, BADGER, MORRISON and HAIRHOGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

**P. Morrison motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:38 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.**
Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford
Secretary/Treasurer