

**New Beaver Borough  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2025**

The New Beaver Borough Council held its regular meeting on September 8, 2025 in the Municipal Building on Wampum-New Galilee Road. President T. Hairhoger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. R. Crawford 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 was absent.

**P. Morrison motioned to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2025 regular Council meeting, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

**D. Badger motioned to accept the bill list and the additions to the bill list, P. Morrison seconded.**  
ROLL CALL: HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH, MAJORS, 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:**

Rich Lansberry, Mary Stuck and Cheryl Koncewicz attended the meeting without comment.

Crystal Edinger of Wampum Borough, attended the meeting to express her dissatisfaction of how a motor vehicle accident she was injured in was handled by the police department. Mayor Crawford has spoken to the police and will speak with Ms. Edinger after the meeting.

**Solicitor Report:** Absent

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Crawford shared that there were complaints about speeding on Glenkirk Road, the stop sign at Possum Hollow Road and Old Route 18 was being ignored and that overweight trucks were traveling on Old Route 18 between North Beaver Township and Wampum Borough. The police department has been advised about the issues. R. Lansberry stated that there are weight limit signs on Old Route 18 between North Beaver and Wampum. M. Kingman stated that he will try to identify truck markings so that the companies can be notified. B. Majors stated that the police can sit in her driveway on Old Route 18 South.

**Committee Reports**

**Road:**

**J. Gubish motioned to pay an additional \$2,700.00 that will extend use of the road sealing machine for another 4 days and provide more material needed to do additional work on borough roads, P. Morrison seconded.**  
ROLL CALL: KINGMAN, GUBISH, MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL, MORRISON and HAIRHOGGER - YES. Motion carried, 7-0.

Pres. Hairhoger will follow up with Youngblood Paving on excavation for the placement of the Patterson Road culvert in addition to the road committee riding the roads to prioritize road work for next year.

Youngblood Paving is scheduled to begin road work at the end of September 2025.

Discussion on who is responsible for painting the railroad crossing markings on Newport, Larchwood and Haggerty Roads took place. Rental of a sprayer is \$85.00 per day and \$160.00 for a 5 gallon can of reflective paint. Rich Lansberry, Public Works Director, will ask Youngblood Paving if they have a railroad crossing stencil.

Solicitor Long joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and shared that he is finalizing the "uses not specifically defined" zoning amendment. **D. Badger motioned for Solicitor Long to send the zoning amendment to Allen Miller at County Planning for his review, and to advertise that a public hearing will be held prior to the next regular Council meeting on October 13, 2025, P. Morrison seconded.** Motion carried, 7-0.

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Crystal Edinger left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Crawford left the meeting at 7:30 p.m., returned 7:33 p.m.

### **Ordinance:**

D. Badger explained to Council that he believes amendments to the zoning ordinance referencing massage parlors and adult entertainment should be separate amendments. Council agreed. D. Badger asked that Solicitor Long provide any ordinances he may have regarding massage parlors and/or adult entertainment and he will continue working on these.

Solicitor Long suggested reviewing and potentially increasing the costs for conditional use and variance applications.

M. Kingman asked if there was any Council interest in taking down the stop signs that were added on Wampum New Galilee Road at the Glenkirk Road intersection.

P. Morrison left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Council received a quote from Stephenson Equipment Inc. for a 2026 Kenworth 10-ton dump truck with plow and spreader. Discussions ensued. **P. McConnell motioned to purchase the 2026 10-ton dump truck with plow and spreader at a cost of \$234,715.00, M. Kingman seconded.** ROLL CALL: GUBISH, BADGER, MCCONNELL, and KINGMAN - YES. MAJORS and HAIRHOGGER – NO. Motion carried, 4-2.

Secretary will check on if the purchase can be made with liquid fuels funds.

### **Building:**

Bids for the hoop building through Sourcewell are being received.

### **Budget:**

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

### **Recreation:**

P. McConnell advised that the fire truck building would be too small for a Halloween party and only had one bathroom available. He shared quotes for tents and porta johns. Discussions ensued. It was decided that treat bags would be distributed at the fire department, Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pyrotecnico will be contacted to ask about a fireworks display.

**D. Badger motioned to budget \$2,000.00, plus the \$1,000.00 donated by the Volunteer Fire Department in 2024, to this year's Halloween event, M. Kingman seconded.** ROLL CALL: MAJORS, BADGER, MCCONNELL, HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN and GUBISH - YES. Motion carried, 6-0.

### **Personnel:**

M. Kingman advised that the personnel committee would have to meet to discuss the benefit packet for future employees.

### **Old Business:**

Council agreed to suspend action against Green Meadows Mobile Home Park based on the recommendation of the code enforcer who stated that improvements continue to be made at the park.

### **New Business:**

**D. Badger motioned for R.A.R. Engineering to submit Local Share Account grant applications for a police vehicle and hoop building at a \$100.00 per application fee plus engineering fee, J. Gubish seconded.**

ROLL CALL: BADGER, MCCONNELL, HAIRHOGGER, KINGMAN, GUBISH and MAJORS - YES.

Motion carried, 6-0.

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**County Commissioners' Resolutions:**

**D. Badger motioned to accept Resolution #37848 exonerating \$22,800.00 for the year 2025 for house razed, Steven Huffman, Old Route 18, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

**Meetings/Conferences:** Secretary and D. Badger will discuss the October Lawrence County Boroughs Association meeting.

**Miscellaneous:** Council members received the Title 8 Supplement to the Borough Code and the 2025 PSAB Salary Survey.

**Permits:**

Two zoning/building permits were issued since last meeting.

**M. Kingman motioned to go into executive session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

Visitors and Mayor Crawford left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor Crawford returned at 9:05 p.m.

**M. Kingman motioned to come out of executive session at 9:30 p.m., D. Badger seconded.**

Motion carried, 6-0.

**M. Kingman motioned to allow full time employees up to 5 unpaid days per year, if approved by the Personnel Committee Chairperson, even if the employee has accrued vacation and personal time not yet taken, D. Badger seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

The Employee Handbook will be revised to reflect this new policy.

**M. Kingman motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:33 p.m., J. Gubish seconded.** Motion carried, 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Drita L. Crawford  
Secretary/Treasurer