

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
March 11, 2025
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room of the Beaver Borough Municipal building and was called to order on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, and Sean Snowden.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Finance Manager Andy Kennedy, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Amy Stettler.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Rick Patterson, Kathy Troy, Rebecca Beem, Todd Komlenic, Ann Komlenic, Robert Snider, Ellen Kretchmar, Lincoln Kretchmar, Amy Shay, Ron Stidmon, and Rosemary Stidmon.

Recognition of Midge Sefton

Sergeant McCoy and Mayor Hamilton presented Ms. Midge Sefton with a plaque and proclamation to recognize her many years of service on the Civil Service Commission.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Learn-Cojeski, to accept the February 11, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and February 25, 2025 Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- The February Treasurer's report was provided in the Council packet.
- Mr. Kennedy reviewed note made on the report of a typo in the 2025 budget. The Police Uniform line item (410.238) shows \$3,000 budgeted but should have been \$30,000.
- Mr. Kennedy explained that the March numbers are looking positive and recognized that the tax increase, although a tough decision, has already made a positive impact on the finances.
- Ms. McKean stated that water, sewage, or trash removal are not reflected in the Pool House (concession) line item.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that there are no water, sewage or trash removal expenses at this time. Trash removal is handled by the Road Department (large events are required to handle trash removal by dumpster) and in partnership, the Municipal Authority does not charge the water or sewage for the facility at this time. This is consistent with the Municipal Authority's decision years ago to not charge the Borough for water or sewage when the pool was in operation.

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Ms. Good to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Cojeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation – None

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman

- Finance Committee continues to work on 5-year budget planning. Council discussions to begin at the March Work Session.

General Government – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Columbia Gas should be finishing College Ave, Wayne St, and Corporation St soon. A paving bid is expected to go out this Spring. Other streets will be considered pending the Borough's financial position.
- Mr. Andres thanked Mr. Sprecker for his work with Duquesne Light to repair the light pole that was damaged near the intersection of Third St. and Dravo Ave.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- The Beaver Volunteer Fire Department's annual 5k race will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- The annual Town Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025.
- The annual Spring Clean Up Days:
 - River/south side of town – Saturday, May 10, 2025
 - Hill/north side of town – Saturday, May 17, 2025
- Night time parking enforcement will begin soon. Officers will continue to post reminders on vehicles.
- Yard Waste area is now open. Permits can be renewed online or at the Borough Office.
- Road Department has been repairing the ADA ramps through town. With the cold temperatures, some of the ramps lifted and became a tripping hazard. The Road Department is working to get these repaired as quickly as possible. Some have been marked with cones so pedestrians are aware.
- Right to Know requests from same requestor continues:
 - 36 submitted requests, totaling 122 types of requested records.
 - 567 pages of documents sitting in the Borough Office for approximately a month with fee of \$141.75 that has been unpaid.
 - Solicitor Fedeles reported that 3 appeals have been made from this requestor to the Office of Open Records in Harrisburg. 2 of these appeals have ruled in the favor of Beaver Borough, the third appeal decision is still pending.
 - Ms. McKean asked if Solicitor Fedeles needed to review the Right-to-Know requests.
 - Mr. Fedeles stated that the requests that are sent to him need a legal review. He estimates that about 25% of the total requests are sent to him for legal review.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

President – No report

Police Department – No report

Borough Engineer – No report

Solicitor Report – No report

Motions

Purchase of Police Camera Servers

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve estimate #13192 from Secure Technical Solutions, Inc. dated March 3, 2025, for the purchase of police camera servers in the amount of \$19,400.00. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Mulchay Plan of Lots Subdivision

Motion by Ms. Good, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Mulchay Plan of Lots Subdivision conditioned upon meeting all of the requirements in the Borough Engineer's letter dated March 6, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned 7:29 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips