

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
April 8, 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, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Sean Snowden, and Amy Stettler.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Thomas Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Alexander Andres and Margaret McKean.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Kevin Murphy, Ellen Kretchmar, Rick Patterson, Rebecca Beem, Robert Snider, Todd Komlenic, Ann Komlenic, Jim Woolley, Ron Stidmon, and Rosemary Stidmon.

Commendation Letter from Resident

Sergeant McCoy read a letter addressed to Chief Madgar from a resident commending two of the Beaver Borough Police Officers, Sergeant Kelly Hogan and Officer Robert Turyan for assisting the resident and his dog in a recent incident.

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

- The March Treasurer's report was provided in the Council packet for review.

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Kevin Murphy, Ward 2
 - Asked for additional parking enforcement near the courthouse.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that residents are encouraged to call the non-emergency line to report any observed violations. Officers make a pass through this area during they day as they can, but ask that residents notify police if they see any vehicles they notice being parked for too long.
- Rosemary Stidmon, Ward 1
 - Congratulated the police department for the quick identification and arrest of the vandal who defaced a residential building in Beaver.

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman

- Reviewed the treasurer's report included in the Council Packet and stated that the general fund continues to trend up from this point last year. Next month's report is expected to continue this positive trend.
- A first quarter review and draft of the 5-year plan is expected to be presented at the April Work Session.
 - Mr. Madgar has asked the Fire Department to provide any relevant information that may impact the Borough's 5-year plan. Mr. Madgar will ask if a Fire Department representative can attend the Work Session.

General Government – Reported by Ms. Good

- Following up from HARB meeting minutes asking that HARB meet with the General Government committee. Working with Mr. Andres to set a date to meet with representatives from HARB.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- A blanket policy has been purchased by the Beaver Borough Municipal Authority to cover water lines. This policy does not cover sewer lines. Enrolling to any other water line policy would be double coverage.
- Mr. Madgar reported that the Borough Engineer, Mayor, and Code Enforcement Officer have identified roads in all 3 wards to be considered for paving and will be reviewed at the April Work Session. Roads can be prioritized and then paving can be determined once there is a better idea of where the budget is at.
- Mr. Madgar reported that pending Columbia Gas work and reimbursement, the road out coming out of the recycling area along the river could be widened. This would be a joint project with the Municipal Authority.
- Mr. Madgar reported that discussions are ongoing with Mr. Dave O'Leary in regards to finishing the project at Quay Park by completing the sidewalks. Mr. O'Leary has privately fundraised to support the majority of this project. The Borough committed to covering concrete costs.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Asked if pet waste bags were still available at parks.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that the pet bag dispensers are still available at all parks, will confirm with Road Department that all are stocked with bags.
- Mr. Madgar reported that the Old Pool House rentals continue to increase. There are 49 events scheduled for 2025 and 6 events scheduled for 2026.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Arbor Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 AM at the Gazebo.
- Annual Town Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3rd.
- Spring Clean Up Dates – River-side of town will be Saturday, May 10th, Hill-side of town will be Saturday, May 17th

- Reminder that the Planning Commission has invited members of Council to attend their next three meetings to review their proposed changes to the signage ordinance.
- Continuing to work with the Emergency Management Coordinator to update the Borough's Emergency Management Plan. Once the plan is finalized, a general overview will be provided to Council.
- As brought up at the March Work Session, the tires that were illegally dumped along the hill side on River Road have been removed. Approximately 27 tires were removed. Some tires remain along the train tracks because they are difficult to reach safely.
 - Rick Patterson (Resident, Ward 1) stated his concern of a tire on a rope swing near the train tracks.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that the Police Department will investigate and remove to prevent kids from being enticed to the train tracks. Mr. Madgar encouraged all to notify the police department of any kids or anyone near the train tracks.
- Reviewed Right to Know requests submitted by same requestor.
 - In 2025, 14 requests have been submitted requesting 66 types of records.
 - In 2025, 4 appeals have been submitted to Harrisburg by this requestor.
 - The Borough continues to work with Harrisburg and the Borough Solicitor on these matters.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

President – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Commended the Police Department and Officers who worked to solve the graffiti vandalism incident and for their work this past Saturday outside of the Courthouse during a rally/protest event. The Police Department was not notified of the event until the morning it was to occur.
 - Mr. Madgar noted that many of those in attendance at this event were from out of town and there was a lot of tension and hate.

Police Department – No report

Borough Engineer –

- March 2025 Engineer report included in the Council packet.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Mr. Fedeles

- Reminded Council members to complete and submit their annual Statement of Financial Interests forms due by May 1st.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hindman. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adjourned 7:26 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips