

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
May 13, 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, May 13, 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, 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, Debbie Hindman and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: None.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Shirley Sayers, Ellen Kretchmar, Mide Sefton, Bill Egley, Rick Patterson, Ron Stidmon, Rosemary Stidmon, Ron Nardick, Mike Dingfelder, Emily Dingfelder, Rebecca Beem, Allison Hartley, Robert Snider, Lincoln Kretchmar, Cheryl Hansen, Chrstine Cilli, Michele Lindemann, Jane Conklin, Ethel Icenhour, Toni Anderson, Haley Thorpe.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hindman, to accept the April 8, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and April 22, 2025 Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Acknowledged the efforts of the Borough after a recent storm.
- Ron Nardick, Vanport Twp
 - Commissioner's President of Vanport Township.
 - Voiced support for the Police Department and the contract between Vanport and Beaver to provide police services. Mr. Nardick mentioned the positive working relationship with Mr. Madgar, the Road Department and Fire Department.
- Roberta Good, Councilmember
 - Thanked all for the spring clean-up pickup

- Cheryl Hansen, River Road
 - Complimented the Police Department for the recent scam workshop.
- Ethel Icenhour, Ward 2
 - Believes there is a lack of amenities for children in the Borough, suggested a splash pad.

Council Committees

Finance –

- Mr. Madgar stated that the Finance Manager stated that everything is trending well after reviewing the Q1 numbers. Q2 review on finances is forthcoming, and the five-year plan is in progress.
- Ms. Stettler acknowledged resident comments about the park conditions after the storm clean-up, explaining that the higher grass was due to prioritizing tree clean-up.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that Road Department worked long days to get the town back in order after the storm so conditions were safe for the Town Yard Sale.

General Government – Reported by Ms. Good

- Ms. Good and Mr. Andres met with representatives from HARB. An update will be provided at the next Work Session.
- Ms. McKean asked that the Borough alert HARB of Zoning Hearing Board meetings.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- List of potential roads to be paved will be reviewed at a Work Session.
 - Partnering with the Municipal Authority to widen the access road to be safer for pedestrians and extending radius before the railroad tracks to prevent cars from getting stuck.
 - Will prioritize list of roads and may postpone some until 2026 to fit within budget.
 - Reminder that the Liquid Fuels Fund amount will be less due to a portion being designated to partner with PennDot for ADA ramps along Market Street.
- Reviewed Municipal Authority paving project on Galey Blvd. due to a water line break.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement –

- Ms. Stettler complimented Emergency Management Coordinator John Kowalski for his communication after the recent storm.

Recreation –

- Mr. Deelo asked for an update on the pet waste in the parks. There are still people who are not picking up very well.
 - Ms. Learn-Conjeski noted that Lynn Park seems to be the worst. This issue was addressed with pet waste bags being provided at all of the parks.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that a reminder was put in the newsletter for residents to clean up after their pets and signs are posted. This is the responsibility of the public to clean up after their pets.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Hill side/north-side Spring Clean-up Day will be Saturday, May 17th.

- Beaver JROTC Touch a Truck event will be on Sunday, May 18th at the high school.
- The Police Memorial will be this Friday and a dedication will be held the evening before.
 - This year, Officer Bob Applegarth and Detective Jim Degori will be recognized for their work and dedication for a specific case.
- A letter was received from the Beaver Area Memorial Library thanking the Road Department for all of their help with a recent project. Brent Dawson, Justin Quigley, and Brian Kosloski were recognized for their work.
- A letter was also received from Elaine Savoldi thanking the Road Department for their quick response after the storm.
- The 2024 Audit has been completed with no issues to report. All audit information has been reported to DCED as required.
- Right to Know requests
 - Continue to work on with staff and solicitor to fulfill.
 - Right to Know requests totaled \$700 of last month's solicitor costs.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Recognized the many groups of people for their efforts for the recent storm clean up around town. Mayor Hamilton stated that the community came together with neighbors helping each other until power was restored.
- Mr. Andres suggested something be put together to support the businesses who may have lost revenue during the power outage.
- Mr. Madgar stated that the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce board is energetic and doing a great job promoting the town.
- Mr. Andres recognized Mr. Chuck Copeland for his efforts to assist with a recent Columbia Gas installation. Mr. Copeland fashioned something together to make sure the installation fit more with the town's streetscape.

President – No report

Police Department – Reported by Sergeant McCoy

- Reviewed road closures and impacts for Thursday night and Friday for the Police Memorial events.
- Notified Council of recent thefts from cars (not break-ins) and reminded everyone to lock their car doors, garages, and sheds. The area most affected is the first ward of town. A reminder will be posted to social media.

Borough Engineer –

- April 2025 Engineer report included in the Council packet.

Solicitor Report – No report

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

Adjourned 7:36 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips