

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
May 27, 2025
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski (7:02PM), Margaret McKean, and Sean Snowden.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, Debbie Hindman and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Amy Stettler.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Eric & Suzy Wuchina, Phil O'Shaughnessy, Rebecca Beem, Allison Hartley, Valerie Hartley, and Robert Snider.

Public Participation – None

Commissions/Authorities

Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG) – Reported by Mr. Andres

- March Meeting Minutes and Sunshine Act handout included in the Council packet.
- Going to push for more Local Government Academy (LGA) education for Council members. Will advocate that funds be budgeted for 2026.

Civil Service Commission – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Five officers have completed the Corporal testing, three have passed per the Civil Service Commission.
 - The three that have met all of the requirements to be considered for promotion include Shawn Reese, Robert Applegarth, and Robert Turyan.
 - This list is active until May 22, 2026.
 - No action will be requested to be taken until July. At the July meeting, it will be requested that two officers are promoted to corporal. This is in line with a succession plan. Also at the July meeting, it will be requested to charge Civil Service to create an eligibility list for full-time hires.
 - The lack of part-time officers has led to overtime issues. Hiring one full-time officer and implementing a new scheduled has helped reduce overtime costs.

Planning Commission –

- May 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes included in the Council packet.

- Ms. McKean attended the last Planning Commission meeting and encouraged others to attend as they review their recommended updates to the signage ordinance. Ms. McKean commended the Planning Commission for their work.
- Mr. Madgar reminded Council that some funding has been allocated to help assist the Planning Commission with this update to the signage ordinance but the volunteers themselves have put a lot of time into this recommendation. Mr. Madgar thanked the Planning Commission members.
- Ms. Good also encouraged Council members to attend because the Planning Commission plans to present their final recommendations to Council and it will be helpful to have more background information before that presentation.
- Mr. Madgar stated that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, June 16, 2025 at 7:00PM.

Shade Tree Commission – No report

Code Enforcement Officer –

- May 2025 Code Enforcement Officer report included in the Council packet.
- Mr. Snowden thanked Mr. Sprecker for his work with a concerning property recently.

Historical Architectural Review Board –

- Ms. Good stated that Steve McGrew is part of the HARB and Planning Commission and is monitoring the signage ordinance recommendations and giving feedback from HARB's perspective at the same time.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Gave update on sewer line replacement project at Beaver Street and River Road. This project will take place in two phases. The first phase includes cooperation with Norfolk Southern for access under the railroad tracks. This is a major project and is planned to be completed by the end of the year. There may be traffic/pedestrian impacts while work is being completed.
 - Ms. Good thanked the Municipal Authority for all the time and detail put into this major project.
 - Mr. Deelo recognized Dan Martone for his engineering with this project.
- Gave update regarding draft agreement between Beaver and Bridgewater.
- Many lead service lines have been identified that run from the main lines to individual homes.
 - The Municipal Authority owns the main lines, which do not contain lead.
 - A list of known and identified addresses with lead lines is posted to the Municipal Authority website. There are more addresses that have not yet been identified.
 - The EPA mandates the replacement of lead lines, but details and timelines are unclear at this time.
 - Grants are being pursued to assist residents with costs.
 - Currently, lead line replacement is the responsibility of the homeowner.
 - Some lines may be galvanized, which contain lead in the zinc coating.

Pool Committee –

- Alumni flyer and May 5, 2025 meeting minutes included in the Council Packet.
- Members of the Pool Committee attended the recent Shell workshop.
- Shell has been contacted regarding the Pool Committee's fundraising efforts.

Council Committee Reports

Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman

- Discussions are ongoing regarding the five-year plan. The Finance Committee continues to ask Council for items to be included in the five-year plan budget.
- 2025 Budget continues to trend the way it was expected.
 - Police overtime is trending down.
 - Accounts continue to trend upward.
 - The budget overall is positive.
 - Treasurer’s report from Finance Manager will be provided at the next meeting.

General Government – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- The Municipal Authority is expected to make a motion to partner with the Borough on the access road and railroad track area for paving.
- The Columbia Gas agreement for paving is pending.
- Several roads have been identified for paving for 2025 and 2026.
- Planning to get paving out to bid by July and completed by September or October.
- Ms. Learn-Conjeski asked about an object standing near the telephone pole at Dravo and Third Street.
 - This could possibly be PennDot traffic counters. Mr. Sprecker will follow up on this.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation –

- Ms. Learn-Conjeski asked for an update from Ms. McKean on the Water Lot project.
 - Ms. McKean stated she is applying for the Greenways Trail grant due on Saturday. This may conflict with the Pool Committee’s grant application. Ms. McKean to get more information on this as it may be a different grant.
 - Ms. McKean asked to meet with Mr. Madgar and Ms. Phillips to review and sign off on her grant paperwork.
 - Mr. Madgar asked that Ms. McKean reach out with some times to set up a meeting to review.
 - Mayor Hamilton asked what update there has been from the Rooney Group for this project.
 - Ms. McKean stated that the Rooney Group is still involved but on hiatus due to a DAR project.
 - Mr. Madgar stated that the Solicitor will need to be involved if a grant wants to be submitted on behalf of the Borough. Council approval may be needed for an outside group using the Borough’s tax ID, routing numbers, etc., as well as ensuring their grant match money.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Reviewed Council members invitation to attend Downtown Property Strategies sessions.
- A motion will be presented at the June Council Meeting for Beaver Borough’s 2025 Beaver County BOOM sponsorship. Last year, Beaver Borough held a Silver Sponsorship totaling \$1,250.

- Employee Handbook has been cleaned up and will be ready for Council soon. This is to address any items not addressed in a CBA.
- The grant that was applied for to fund upgraded pedestrian crosswalk signage is still pending. An award announcement is expected in the fall.
- The office continues to process Right to Know requests as required by law.
- Reviewed an unexpected bill of \$2,600 - \$2,800 is coming for the radiator on the street sweeper. The radiator is original and the street sweeper is almost 20 years old. The repair was done quickly to avoid the street sweeper being out of service.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Recognized all individuals involved in the Memorial Day Parade, including Ms. Good, Ms. Elaine Savoldi, Mr. John Grosskopf, Sergeant McCoy, Chief Madgar, Sergeant Major Weaver of the JROTC, The Fort McIntosh Club, Beaver Area Senior Class President Quinn O’Leary, and Regis Collins.
- Mr. Madgar addressed a complaint received about noise on the Main Street during early morning hours.
 - This was the Borough Road Department cleaning the street before the Memorial Day Parade. This work can’t be done during daylight hours due to traffic.

Police Department –

- Ms. Learn-Conjeski reminded those in attendance of the upcoming Fire Department 5K/10K race this Saturday.
- Sergeant McCoy gave an update on the police reporting system.

Engineer – No report

President – Reported by Mr. Snowden

- Reviewed criticism of some officials not giving a report at every meeting. This is not an attempt to not be transparent, there is just simply no report at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips