

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
June 10, 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, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, 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: Whitney Learn-Conjeski.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Cheryl Hansen, Allison Hartley, Robert Snider, Rebecca Beem, and Ellen Kretchmar.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Good, to accept the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and May 27, 2025 Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- The May 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. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation – None

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman

- Finances are trending the right way.
- Committee continues to work on a five-year budget plan.
 - Mr. Madgar encouraged Council to reach out to the Finance Committee with any items they feel are important as the five-year budget plan is drafted.
 - Ms. Stettler explained that the five-year budget plan will give a very early look at the 2026 budget.

General Government – Reported by Ms. Good

- Awaiting update from HARB
- Ms. McKean asked if the request for flags recognizing Veteran's has ever been brought up. Speaking with other communities, the families pay for the flag for those they want to sponsor.
 - Mr. Snowden and Ms. McKean to reach out to organizations for more information. Mr. Madgar will reach out to communities for information as well.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Reviewed letter from the Borough Engineer recommending the paving schedule for 2025.
- Paving is expected sometime in September of this year.
 - Mr. Madgar reviewed planning to pave in the spring for future years.
- Ms. Stettler stated that she was contacted by a resident in regards to U-turns/crossing the yellow line on Third Street and if there is a study that can be done to see if it's safe.
 - Sergeant McCoy stated that vehicles will be stopped when proper and safe to do so to address crossing the double yellow line. Warnings are typically given because the majority of the time, the vehicle is trying to park to go into one of the businesses.
 - Mr. Fedeles explained that additional signage along Third Street would need to be placed in order to enforce.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 7:00 p.m. to review the signage ordinance updates.
- The Borough was notified by the railroad that they will be shutting down the railroad crossings to the yard waste and recycling area for maintenance. There will be no access to this area while work is being completed.
- Mr. Fedeles reviewed a political rally that is scheduled to be held at the courthouse on Saturday. The Police Department, County Sheriff's Department, and other county assets have met to prepare for the event.
- Apple TV was in town to scout locations to utilize for filming an upcoming series.
- Reviewed meeting with the Pool Committee. They continue to explore grant opportunities.
 - Council approval will be needed to move forward with any grants.
 - Any match funds will need to be held in a Borough account until grant award is announced to ensure funds are available for the grant.
- Pool House rentals are steady and picking up for the summer. Social media accounts for the facility are in the process of being created.
- Reviewed Rental Registration program.
- Reviewed requested meeting from Ms. McKean regarding a grant application for the Waterlot.
 - There was not enough time to finalize grant application requirements such as the resolution needed to be approved by Council and the matching funds.

- Ms. McKean stated that she has a separate account with funds for the Waterlot and she does not believe that donors will put the money in an account that the Borough controls.
- Mr. Fedeles explained that if the Borough is applying for a grant with a required match and the funds are raised by a third party, the funds should be in the Borough's possession. This ensures that if the grant is awarded, the match funds are available. If the grant is not awarded, the funds would be returned to the third party. Also, the Borough would need to be involved in the application submission process instead of an application being submitted on behalf of the Borough through a personal account.
- Ms. McKean will contact DCED to see if two grant applications would be accepted from the same Borough in the same grant round in the fall.
- Right to Know requests continue to be processed by the Borough office.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Reviewed the Garrison Day event organized by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation.

President – No report

- Commended Ms. Stettler and Mr. Hindman for their continued work on the budget and keeping Council informed. He acknowledged their time commitment and the tough decisions that needed to be made that have had a positive impact.

Police Department – No report

Borough Engineer –

- May 2025 Engineer report included in the Council packet.

Solicitor Report – No report

Motions

2025 Beaver County Boom Sponsorship

Motion by Mr. Andres, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Silver Sponsorship at the rate of \$1,250 in support of the 2025 Beaver County Boom annual fireworks display. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Update of Employee Handbook

Motion by Ms. Good, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve and enact the updated Employee Handbook as presented, effective June 10, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Wine Festival

Motion by Mr. Andres, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the request from the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce for the organization to host the annual Wine Festival in the Borough's Business District on September 27, 2025. The event is to be coordinated with the Borough Manager who will involve the Police Department as needed. Seconded by Ms. Good. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Advertisement of 2025 Road Paving Project

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the advertisement for bids for the 2025 Road Paving Project, in accordance with the Borough Engineer's letter dated June 5, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned 7:39 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips