

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
July 22, 2025
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 7:00PM by Council Vice President, Amy Stettler.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:06PM), Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Margaret McKean, and Amy Stettler.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Tom Hamilton, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: Whitney Learn-Conjeski and Sean Snowden.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Amy Shay, Ellen Kretchmar, Robert Snider, and Rebecca Beem.

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Ms. Good to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation – None

Commissions/Authorities

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

- Beaver County Local Government Conference will be held on August 21, 2025.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board –

- The Zoning Hearing Board will meet again on July 30, 3035 at 7PM to review a variance request to allow residential developments at the vacant lot at Corporation Street and Sassafras Lane.

Planning Commission –

- Ms. McKean reviewed the most recent Planning Commission meeting which reviewed their recommendations to update the current signage ordinance.
 - The Borough Solicitor will review the proposed recommendations before the final draft is presented to Council.

Shade Tree Commission –

- July 2, 2025 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Code Enforcement Officer –

- July 2025 Code Enforcement Officer report included in the Council packet.

Historical Architectural Review Board –

- May 15, 2025 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- Reviewed upcoming lead regulations for water and sewer authorities.
 - New laws will require the removal of all lead in water system which will require much planning and time to complete.
 - The Municipal Authority's ownership ends at the service line to the resident's home. Many of these service lines are lead. Lead lines must be replaced with non-lead lines within the next 10 years.
 - More regulation information from the EPA and DEP is expected.
 - Additional communication from the Municipal Authority to residents is expected by the end of the year.

Pool Committee – Reported by Mr. Andres

- Members of the Pool Committee and the JROTC will be distributing door hangers this weekend to provide information about the fundraising efforts and events.

Council Committee Reports

Finance –

- Mr. Hindman - Q2 Review
 - The General Fund is performing well compared to June 2024.
 - Property taxes are about \$100,000 under budget for the first six months due to appeals
 - Police expenses are trending better due to part-time costs being down as a result of hiring a full-time officer.
- Ms. Stettler reviewed that a copy of the 5-year projected budget has been provided to Council and should not be cited as a firm budget or recommendation.
 - The potential need for a new ladder fire truck was reviewed.
- The 2026 preliminary budget is expected to be presented at the August Work Session meeting.

General Government – Reported by Ms. Good

- Attended the last Planning Commission meeting regarding their recommendations to update the current signage ordinance.
 - HARB has been involved with the Planning Commission's review.
- Ms. McKean discussed a hometown heroes program.
 - General concerns about the labor that would need to complete the project, utility pole agreements, obtaining permits, and maintenance concerns were reviewed.
 - Alternative, more unique ideas were reviewed to pay tribute to veterans.
 - Additional discussion of ideas to continue at the next Council Meeting.
- America 250 events reviewed.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Paving bid is currently being advertised.
 - Bid opening will be held on August 7, 2025.
 - Motion to award the paving bid is expected at the August Council Meeting.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – No report

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- The Car Cruise will be held on Saturday, August 2nd.
 - There will be traffic disruptions and road closures.
- Transportation Alternative Grant
 - Borough staff attended the webinar for additional information.
 - Working with School Districts and other organizations on a joint application.
- Linn Park playground equipment
 - Starting to obtain pricing.
 - Goal is to approve the order in September.
 - A grant was applied for this project but was not awarded.
- SRO Contracts
 - Met with Beaver Area School District to review proposed contract of a 4% increase each year for 5 years.
 - The proposed contract will be discussed at the next School Board meeting in August.
- Clock Tower
 - Working to find a vendor to look at the clock tower so it can be controlled from the Borough building.
 - Reviewed considering adding wireless outdoor speakers in the Business District.
- Reviewed a letter from a new resident who spoke very highly of Beaver Borough.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Department – No report

Engineer – No report

President – No report

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

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips