

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
July 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, July 8, 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): Midge Sefton, Rebecca Beem, Ellen Kretchmar, and Robert Snider.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Good, to accept the June 10, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and June 24, 2025 Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

- Due to staffing, the invoices and bills will be presented for authorization at the July Work Session.

Police Promotions

- The Civil Service Commission was recognized for their efforts to conduct the promotional process.
- Officer Shawn Reese and Officer Bob Applegarth were both promoted to the position of Corporal.

Public Participation – None

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Ms. Stettler

- Finances are continuing to trend as expected.
- Q2 recap will be presented at the July Work Session.

General Government –

- Mr. Andres received complaints about fireworks in the community, with some people setting them off at late hours.
 - State laws regarding fireworks were reviewed.
 - Suggested posting the Borough's ordinance for fireworks on the website to inform residents of regulations.

Highways –

- 2025 Road Paving Project bid opening is expected in August.
- Paving project is estimated to start sometime in September.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement –

- Ms. McKean suggested applying for an upcoming PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program grant.
- Mr. Hindman suggested that, in light of the recent tragic events in Texas, it may be worthwhile for the Borough to review its emergency alert systems.
 - Mr. Fedeles explained that emergency action plans exist at both the county and Borough levels and Beaver County Emergency Services conducts annual disaster drills with school districts and local officials. The County also has the ability to send notifications for various warnings to phones.
 - Mr. Snowden stated that the county practices emergency drills once a year and there is a positive relationship with the Beaver County Emergency Services on collaborating on safety plans.

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Working with Borough staff to gather pricing for new playground equipment at Linn Park. The information will be used to support planning for the 2026 Budget and the 5-Year Plan. Further updates will be provided once available.
- Pool House
 - General review of costs and expenditures. There have been some one-time expenses that will not reoccur.
 - Rentals are increasing.
 - Social media and online application/reservation platforms are in progress.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Car Cruise will be held on Saturday, August 2nd. Traffic disruptions are expected to start at 11:00 AM.
- Wine Fest will be held on Saturday, September 27th. Tickets are now available for purchase.
- Planning Commission meeting to review their proposed signage updates will be held on July 21st at 7 PM.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on July 30th at 7 PM to review a variance request for a residential development at the vacant lot located at the intersection of Corporation St and Sassafras Ln.

Mayor Hamilton –

- Recognized the successful concert at the Pool House stage. Mayor Hamilton thanked Ms. Stettler for her help with this event.
- Recognized Ms. Good and the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation for their partnership with the Borough to provide the Beaver County Wind Symphony as a free concert in the park. This event was also a success.
 - The Borough office is working with the Beaver County Wind Symphony to provide more free concerts in the park this year.
- Recognized the work done at the Beaver Area Memorial Library patio and the many volunteers that helped make the project possible. Mayor Hamilton recognized Pat Sims, Dan Martone, Chuck Copeland, Nancy Lonnett, Jonathan Baker, the Beaver Borough Road Department, and many others who played part in the project.

President – No report**Police Department – No report****Borough Engineer –**

- June 2025 Engineer report included in the Council packet.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Mr. Fedeles

- An Executive Session will be held for a litigation matter. No action will be needed following the Executive Session.

Motions**Promotion of Officer Shawn Reese**

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council promote Shawn Reese of the Beaver Borough Police Department to the rank of Corporal, effective July 16, 2025. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Promotion of Officer Robert Applegarth

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council promote Robert Applegarth of the Beaver Borough Police Department to the rank of Corporal, effective July 16, 2025. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned and entered into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:34 PM.
Executive Session ended at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips