

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
August 26, 2025
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, August 26, 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, Margaret McKean, Sean Snowden, 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, Debbie Hindman, and Rebecca Phillips.
- Absent: None.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Amy Shay and Rebecca Beem.

Public Participation – None

Commissions/Authorities

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

- June 25, 2025 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Civil Service Commission – No report

Zoning Hearing Board –

- Two applications have been received and will be before the Zoning Hearing Board on September 18, 2025:
 - Owners of 250 College Avenue are requesting a variance to use the 2nd floor as a professional office use for an insurance company
 - Business at 455 Third Street is request a variance for signage between the 2nd and 3rd floor for a business located on the 2nd floor.

Planning Commission –

- July 21, 2025 draft meeting minutes included in the Council packet.

Shade Tree Commission –

- August 6, 2025 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
 - Mr. Madgar reviewed the watering of newly planted trees in the summer and tree maintenance.

- Mr. Hindman highlighted the two denials for tree removal. Addressed liability concerns regarding tree removal denials and that homeowners may not know if they have the ability to appeal a Tree Commission decision through Council.
- Ms. McKean suggested including funding in the 5-year plan to remove compromised trees and replanting along the riverbank.
 - Mr. Madgar reviewed routine maintenance done by the Road Department along the riverbank. Suggested using crown vetch and setting a long-term plan.

Code Enforcement Officer –

- August 2025 Code Enforcement Officer report included in the Council packet.
 - Ms. Stettler received complaints about skunks. Suggested adding skunk eradication back into the budget.
 - Ms. McKean stated there are things that homeowners can do to keep skunks out of their yards, skunks play a role in insect removal.

Historical Architectural Review Board – No report

Municipal Authority – Reported by Mr. Deelo

- July 16, 2025 and August 5, 2025 meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Municipal Authority Engineer report included in the Council packet.
- Continuing to try to resolve a disagreement with Bridgewater over wastewater processing rates.
 - Discussions and mediation have been unsuccessful, leading to a non-jury trial.
 - The trial is scheduled to begin on September 2, 2025.

Pool Committee – Reported by Mr. Andres

- August 4, 2025 Meeting minutes included in the Council packet.
- Committee is hosting a Pampered Chef fundraiser. The link can be found on the Shaw Park Project Facebook page. The fundraiser ends on September 5, 2025.

Council Committee Reports

Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman

- The first 2026 budget proposal is almost complete.
 - Waiting on insurance cost numbers.
 - Draft budget includes \$20,000 for Borough building maintenance and repair.
 - New playground equipment is planned for Linn Park
 - Property tax revenue is fluid to ongoing reassessment appeals.
 - The bottom line is projected to be positive, barring unforeseen issues.
 - A draft copy is expected to be available at the next work session
 - Mr. Andres suggested assigning funds to the brick sidewalk repairs in the Business District.
 - Mr. Hindman stated that this is identified in the 5-year plan.
 - Ms. Learn-Conjeski asked if a fire truck purchase is included.
 - Ms. Stettler stated that this has been removed from the 5-year plan after discussions with the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief believes it can continue using the current truck. Shared equipment resources among fire departments could be a consideration in the future.

General Government –

- Ms. Good asked for an update regarding the concerns raised of E-bikes in town.
 - Mr. Madgar said that some young people were identified using them and their parents were notified about the issue. SRO's continue working with students in school. The Borough Solicitor continues to look into ordinance related to E-bikes.
- Mr. Madgar continues to look for a vendor to control the clock tower digitally/remotely.
- Mr. Andres reviewed desire to have electronic signs installed near the clock tower and the park for more efficient notifications, information, and events.
 - Mayor Hamilton addressed concerns with electronic signs fitting in with the historic town.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Paving project is projected to start before the end of September or early October. The paving job is estimated to take about seven days to complete.
- The plan is to go back out to bid in February or March for 2026 paving, with consideration of Columbia Gas projects.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Reviewed Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Halloween Event scheduled for October 25th.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- A motion will be presented at the September Council meeting to approve new playground equipment at Linn Park. The cost is approximately \$80,000. The goal is to approve to lock in closeout/sale pricing.
- The Beaver Area School District approved the proposed SRO contract renewal for 5 years at a 4% increase. A motion will be presented at the September Council meeting to finalize this agreement.
 - The SRO contract renewal with Western Beaver School District is in process and expected to be completed in the next few months.
- Road Department personnel update.
- The Beaver County Veterans Day Parade will be held in Beaver this year on November 11th.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

Police Department – No report

Engineer – No report

President – No report

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips