

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
September 9, 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, September 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres (7:02pm), Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, 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: Margaret McKean.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Amy Shay, Robert Snider, Ellen Kretchmar, and Cheryl Hansen.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, to accept the August 12, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and August 26, 2025 Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- The August 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 –

- Cheryl Hansen, 1260 River Road
 - Reported low-hanging wires on River Road.
 - Ms. Stettler mentioned concerning low-hanging wires at Second Street and Beaver Street.
- David Benton, Wildlife Solutions
 - Receiving feedback from his customers of the skunk population in Beaver and is suggesting that the Borough pay for a wide-scale skunk removal.
 - Mr. Snowden asked that Mr. Benton contact Mr. Madgar to discuss a proposal for the solicitor and Borough Council to review.

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman and Ms. Stettler

- 2026 Draft Budget Update
 - Considering including money for skunk removal in the 2026 budget. Will need to consider an amount.
 - Ms. Stettler suggested focusing on clearing skunks from parks and Borough property, rather than residential properties. Advise residents on skunk prevention. Will continue to discuss.
 - Mr. Hindman reported that the 2025 budget continues to trend as expected. A draft 2026 budget is expected at the September Work Session.
 - Ms. Stettler reviewed that although difficult, the 2025 tax increase is doing exactly what was needed and should alleviate the financial strain experienced between November and March. Once the 2026 draft is prepared for Council, Council will then be able to prioritize additions such as streetscape improvements and skunk eradication.

General Government – No report

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Borough Engineer will conduct road paving pre-construction meeting in the coming weeks.
- Paving is expected to begin towards the end of the month or the first part of October.
- Concrete work on Wayne Street and Corporation Street will begin next week.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Reviewed proposed playground equipment upgrade for Linn Park. If approved, the equipment would be installed in April 2026 at the locked in rate. This has been included in the draft 2026 budget.
- Reviewed Halloween event being organized by the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Road salt contract through COSTARS for the 2025-2026 season is \$89.59/ton. This is an increase from \$85.32/ton last year.
- Draft application for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant was submitted. This is a no match grant. The draft application was submitted for crosswalks near schools in Beaver. The total grant amount submitted was \$227,500.00.
 - The LSA grant application also submitted for crosswalk improvements is still pending.
- A Zoning Hearing Board has been scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the following:
 - A variance request for 250 College Avenue for the use of the second floor as a professional office (title insurance company).
 - A variance request for 455 3rd Street to install signage for a second-floor business.

- The Fire Department Open House will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wine Fest will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - The Borough will sponsor a free concert by the Beaver County Symphonic Wind Ensemble (Brass Quintet) in Quay Park following the Wine Festival from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30, 3035 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Hamilton – No report

President – No report

Police Department – No report

Borough Engineer –

- August 2025 Engineer report included in the Council packet.
- Ms. Stettler asked for an update regarding the solution to the sewage odor issue at Beaver Street and River Road.
 - Mr. Deelo explained that this area is where all of the wastewater from Beaver Borough comes together. The Municipal Authority continues to work on their project that includes a new line between Beaver Street and River Road and the Sewage Treatment Plant to address this issue. The project is planned to be done in two stages.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Mr. Fedeles

- Reviewed the e-bike concerns with Mayor Hamilton, Chief Madgar, and Sergeant McCoy. The plan is to focus on education rather than rewriting ordinances. The current laws are believed to provide the necessary tools for enforcement.
 - Plans include SRO's educating students and newsletter articles for parents.
 - Sergeant McCoy provided informational packets regarding e-bikes.

Motions

Linn Park Playground Equipment Order

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached quote from Jeffrey Associates dated August 29, 2025 totaling \$83,421.00 for playground equipment and installation at Linn Park. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

SRO Agreement with Beaver Area School District

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve a five-year agreement with the Beaver Area School District to provide two School Resource Officers (SRO) beginning July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2031. Seconded by Ms. Stettler. Voice vote passed unanimously.

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

Adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips