

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
October 14, 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, October 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Sean Snowden.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Alexander Andres, Bob Bickerton, Roberta Good, 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: Michael Deelo and Todd Hindman.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Mary Anne Peluso, Christine Cilli, Robert Snider, Cheryl Hansen, Ellen Kretchmar, Dawna Bott, Dennis Bott, and Rebecca Beem.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Good, to accept the September 9, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and September 23, 2025 Work Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- The September 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. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- Beaver Area Memorial Library – Mr. Pat Sims and Ms. Mary Anne Peluso
 - Reviewed the Library's successful programs and increased library card registrations.
 - Thanked the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation, the Borough Road Department, and Nancy Lonnett for their recent help and support of the new outdoor space at the library.
 - Annual Fall Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Public Participation –

- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Requested the Council President to apologize for comments made at a previous meeting and reviewed concerns of budget expenses increasing over the years and asked Council to cut costs.
- Dawna and Dennis Bott, 5th Street
 - Reviewed concerns of parked cars on College Avenue and stated they have been there for over a year and have flat tires. They believe that this is an eyesore to the community.

- Mr. Madgar stated that the situation would be looked into tomorrow.

Council Committees

Finance – Reported by Ms. Stettler

- Reviewed budget timeline, stating that the budget for 2026 started with a projected five-year budget presented in May. Council members have been involved in the budget conversations since then.
- Any unexpected expenses or impacts to the budget are discussed monthly.
- The budget is expected to be authorized for advertisement at the November 25, 2025 Work Session meeting and then a motion to approve will be made at the December Council Meeting.
- A general 2025 budget overview and a 2026 draft budget overview was reviewed.
- An Executive Session will be held to discuss personnel matters. No action will be taken at this time.

General Government – Reported by Ms. Good

- Reviewed the street repairs that are ongoing and stated although this can be an inconvenience, it is temporary for long term improvements.

Highways – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Paving project is ongoing and should be finished by the end of next week.

Public Safety / Code Enforcement – No report

Recreation – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Reviewed upcoming Halloween event being organized by the Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

Reports

Mayor Hamilton

- Coffee with a Cop event at the Beaver County Courthouse review.
- Beaver Area Chamber of Commerce Wine Festival review.
- New Businesses highlighted:
 - Reclaimed Threads
 - Taqueria el Vaquero
 - Simply Polished
- Reviewed upcoming events:
 - Scam awareness workshop at the Pool House Civic Center on October 24th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Liberty Tree Planting at the Fort McIntosh site on October 25th at 11 a.m.
 - The Veterans Day Parade will be held in Beaver on Tuesday, November 11th
- Reviewed Skunk Removal Program

- Mr. Madgar stated that Borough employees will handle skunk removal. The Borough is exempt from licensing requirements being a government agency. The program has started and traps are already set around town. Working with the Solicitor, a release of liability form will be signed by the homeowner before action is taken on residential property. There will be no additional cost to residents for this service. This is a cost-effective solution. The skunks will be removed and disposed of in accordance with state guidelines.

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- A production company will be filming on 7th Street, some road closures will take place.
- Pool House Civic Center bookings continue in 2026.
- The Fall Newsletter has been issued.
- Reviewed a situation with a resident who is unable to fix their curbs and sidewalks. Conversations to find a potential solution may be needed in the future.
- The Borough is currently owed approximately \$235,000 as a result of various liens and unpaid taxes. There are 125 parcels in town with unpaid taxes. Unpaid water and sewer bills total approximately \$21,000.
- Right to Know requests continue:
 - 4 additional right to know requests have been submitted since the last meeting, totaling 47 different types of records.
 - One request asks for 11 years worth of transactions for 29 separate budget line items.
 - 163 different categories or types of documents have been requested from one individual.
 - The Borough has provided this individual with 1700 pages of records so far.
 - The Borough continues to comply with the Right to Know Law and follow the guidance from the Borough Solicitor.

President – No report

Police Department – No report

Borough Engineer –

- September 2025 report included in the Council packet.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Mr. Fedeles

- Individuals involved with filming in the Borough and County have praised the community and are looking for more endeavors to come back.

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

Adjourned at 7:57 PM and entered into Executive Session.

Executive Session ended at 8:15 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips