

Borough of Beaver, PA
Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2026
Minutes

- A reorganization meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room on January 5, 2026 and called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Lincoln Kretchmar.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Pam Learn, Randy Learn, Midge Sefton, Richard Williams, Amy Shay, Mike Conjeski, Thomas Hamilton, James Perini, Dan Valentine, Rebecca Beem, Ellen Kretchmar, Jenifer Hill, Robert Snider, and Jim Bontempo.
- Mayor Lincoln Kretchmar was sworn in by Judge Deborah Lancos DeCostro on December 15, 2025 at the Beaver County Courthouse.
- Mayor Kretchmar administered the Oath of Office to reelected and newly elected Council members; Robert Bickerton, Roberta Good, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, and Jarrod Thomas.
 - Certificate of Election and Affidavit of Residence were signed and submitted by each
- Council Representatives in attendance: Robert Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, and Jarrod Thomas.
- Borough Officials present: Mayor Lincoln Kretchmar, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Borough Engineer Dan Martone, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, Assistant Borough Manager Rebecca Phillips, and Debbie Hindman.

Nominations

Mayor Kretchmar opened the floor for nominations of Council President.

Motion by Mr. Hindman to close nominations for Council President. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- **Ms. Learn-Conjeski nominated Ms. Good.**
Voice vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Good opened the floor for nominations of Council Vice-President

Motion by Ms. Good to close nominations for Council Vice-President. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- **Mr. Hindman nominated Ms. Learn-Conjeski.**
Voice vote passed unanimously

Public Comment –

- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Congratulated her brother, Lincoln Kretchmar, in becoming Mayor.
 - Disappointed in Council’s choice for Council Vice-President.
 - Expressed interest in one of the seats for Ward 2
- Rick Granati, Ward 1
 - Congratulated new Mayor and is praying for unity.

Motions

Borough Solicitor

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint the law firm of Santicola, Steele & Fedeles, P.C. as Borough Solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Bickerton abstained.

Borough Manager

Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Daniel Madgar as the Borough Manager. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Borough Secretary

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Rebecca Phillips at the Borough Secretary. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Hindman abstained.

Borough Treasurer

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Daniel Madgar as the Borough Treasurer. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Borough Engineer

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Martone Engineering as the Borough Engineer. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Borough Financial Auditor

Motion by Mr. Thomas, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Butler Agnew & Associates, LLC (previously J. Martin & Associates, LLC) as the Independent Financial Auditor for Beaver Borough. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Right to Know Officer

Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Rebecca Phillips as Beaver Borough’s Right to Know Officer. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Hindman abstained.

Zoning Officer

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Dan Martone (Martone Engineering) as the Zoning Officer for Beaver Borough. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Building Code Inspector

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA) and their representative as Building Code Inspector. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Official Publication

Motion by Mr. Thomas, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint the Beaver County Times as the official publication of Beaver Borough. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Designation of Official Media Contact and Spokesperson

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council designate Dan Madgar, or his designee, as the official media contact and spokesperson for Beaver Borough and Beaver Borough Police Department. The media contact shall be authorized to speak on behalf of the Borough to all forms of media and oversee messaging of Borough-controlled social media platforms. Seconded by Mr. Hindman.

Motion to table by Ms. McKean. Seconded by Mr. Deelo. The motion to table failed by voice vote.

The original motion passed by voice vote. Ms. McKean and Mr. Thomas opposed.

Alternate Delegate to Beaver County Regional Council of Governments

Motion by Mr. Thomas, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Margaret McKean as Beaver Borough's alternate delegate to the Beaver County Council of Governments. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton.

Motion to amend by Ms. Learn-Conjeski to revise the motion to designate Margaret McKean as Beaver Borough's delegate to the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments. Seconded by Mr. Hindman.

The amended motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Earned Income Tax (EIT) Voting Delegate

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Todd Hindman as the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments Earned Income Tax (EIT) voting delegate. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Earned Income Tax and Per Capita Tax Collector

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Berkheimer as the Earned Income and Per Capita Tax Collector. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Real Estate Tax Audit

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Butler Agnew & Associates, LLC (previously J. Martin & Associates, LLC) for an audit of the Real Estate Tax. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Official Depository

Motion by Ms. McKean, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (PNC) as the official depository for Beaver Borough. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Authorized Signatures for PNC Bank

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Dan Madgar, and Rebecca Phillips as authorized signers of Borough checks. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Hindman abstained.

Reappointment of the Vacancy Board Chair

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Midge Sefton as the Vacancy Board Chair for a two-year term. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Appointments to the Municipal Authority Board

Motion by Mr. Thomas, based on the recommendation of the Municipal Authority Board, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Andrew Scott to the Municipal Authority Board expiring January 1, 2031 and Pete Damesimo to fill an unexpired term, expiring January 1, 2028. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Hindman abstained.

Reappointments to the Zoning Hearing Board

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, based on the recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Board, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Mike Kelley to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term expiring December 31, 2028. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Reappointments to the Planning Commission

Motion by Mr. Deelo, based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Dan Martone, Dave O'Leary, and Steve McGrew to the Planning Commission with terms expiring December 31, 2029. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Reappointments to the HARB

Motion by Mr. Hindman, based on the recommendation of the HARB, I move that Beaver Borough Council reappoint Chuck Copeland and Lisa Sattler to the HARB with terms expiring on December 31, 2030. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Adoption of Roberts Rules of Order

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council adopt Robert's Rules of Order for Council Meetings and Work Sessions. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Resignation

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council accept the resignation of Council Member Sean Snowden, effective January 5, 2026. Seconded by Ms. McKean. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Solicitor Fedeles announced that there were two vacant two-year Council seats in Ward 2, one due to a resignation and one resulting from a Councilmember elected to both a four-year and two-year term electing to serve the four-year term. Letters of interest were received and presented to the Council President.

Motion to Table

Motion by Ms. McKean to table both motions on agenda to fill vacancies. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion to table failed by voice vote.

Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Thomas Hamilton to fill the vacant two-year term for Ward 2, with the term expiring on December 31, 2027. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed. Ms. McKean opposed.

Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Phil O'Shaughnessy to fill the vacant two-year term for Ward 2, with the term expiring on December 31, 2027. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed. Ms. McKean opposed and Mr. Hindman abstained.

The January 13, 2026 Council Meeting has been canceled.

Motion to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting by Ms. McKean. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips