

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
February 10, 2026
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, February 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Roberta Good.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Bob Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Tom Hamilton, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Phil O'Shaughnessy, and Jarrod Thomas.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Lincoln Kretchmar, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Assistant Borough Manager Rebecca Phillips, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Debbie Hindman.
- Absent: None.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Pamala Learn, Midge Sefton, Harry Caminite, Randy Learn, Kellie Geehan, Steve McGrew, Ellen Kretchmar, Carolyn Renninger, Larry Renninger, and Loretta Fairley.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, to accept the December 9, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and January 5, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed. Ms. McKean opposed.

Treasurer's Report

- The January Treasurer's report was provided in the Council packet for review.
- A "snapshot" page was created for concise information. Council can provide feedback on what items they want added to the document.

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Mr. Hindman to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Expressed concerns regarding communication about snow removal efforts compared to other municipalities.
 - Questioned the prior appointment process of council members.
 - Requested that the grant for crosswalks be put on the agenda for public input.
 - Concerned about employee recording council meetings and whether it aligns with borough policies.
 - Mr. Fedeles responded that public meetings may be recorded by anyone, provided the recording does not disrupt the meeting.

- Kellie Geehan, 1037 5th Street
 - Asked the Borough Manager about a plan for snow removal during heavy snows.
 - Raised concerns about plowed snow blocking resident parking spaces.
 - Questioned whether Beaver could implement approaches used by other municipalities, such as hiring outside contractors or implementing parking restrictions similar to summer street maintenance.
 - Suggested hiring additional or part-time staff to assist during major snow events.
 - Mr. Madgar responded that the four Road Department employees worked a total of 319 hours overtime during the recent storm, resulting in nearly \$20,000 in overtime and approximately \$20,000 in road salt costs. Contractors were considered but were found to be very expensive. The priority during the storm was to keep the main streets and business district clear. Mr. Madgar noted that increasing staffing levels for infrequent events could lead to unnecessary tax increases. Residents were encouraged to contact the Borough for assistance when needed, and staff will do their best to accommodate requests. The Borough is learning from each event and is discussing improvements with Road Foreman.
 - Ms. McKean suggested exploring opportunities to share equipment with neighboring municipalities and creating a register of residents with snow removal equipment who may be able to assist during snow events.

General Council Comments

- Ms. Learn-Conjeski – The Shaw Park Committee would like to request that Council consider putting aside a monetary pledge to go towards a matching grant, along with funds they have already raised. More information regarding the requested funds and grant to be provided soon.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- 2025 Statement of Financial Interests forms provided to Council to be completed and returned.
- Reviewed meeting with Car Cruise committee.
- LSA Grant for six crosswalk units and stations awarded. This is 100% reimbursement grant. Additional information coming.
- Reviewed meeting with Columbia Gas. Work is planned for Taylor Avenue, Wilson, and East 2nd Street. This work includes curbs and sidewalks and is scheduled to start at the end of 2026 and continue into 2027.
- Reviewed 2026 Paving Project.
- The Fire Department Generator is on order. Due to high demand, generators are backordered. Will continue to look for another diesel generator.
- Approximately \$19,000 has been spent on road salt this year.
- Right to Know requests update:
 - 182 types of records requested.

- 2,455 pages of documents have been provided.
- Reviewed need for new police body cameras and Motorola quote for approximately \$12,000.
- One of the police vehicles for 2026 has arrived, still waiting on the second. This notification came after the agenda was posted.

Amendment to Agenda

Motion by Mr. O'Shaughnessy, I move that Beaver Borough Council amend the agenda to add a motion regarding the purchase of a police vehicle. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

- Beaver County is hoping to host a county-wide America250PA parade. Additional details will be provided once finalized.

Mayor – Reported by Mr. Kretchmar

- Requested that it be placed on the record that he has submitted a media policy to Council via email for consideration.
- Completed CJIS training and noted that CJIS signage is posted on the second floor. Indicated that Borough employees must complete the CJIS training to have unescorted access when CJIS information may be present.
- Reviewed meeting with officers and staff.
- Reviewed potential department accreditation and cost.
- Stated there are officers participating in the DROP program, including the Chief of Police, and commented that this would be the Chief's final year serving as Chief.
 - Mr. Madgar requested that it be placed on the record that Mr. Kretchmar's statement was not accurate and indicated that the matter would be discussed at another time. Mr. Madgar also stated that he has informed Mr. Kretchmar that he is keeping his options open.
- Mr. Kretchmar stated this is good time to explore a police merger with Brighton Township and will be entering into conversations with different police departments and council members to explore options.
 - Council approval is required for any contract or merger.
 - There was a general discussion regarding forming a committee or representatives to explore the possibility of a merger.
 - Initial communication could be a letter to gauge interest before forming a committee.
- Reviewed police report of call volumes.

President – Reported by Ms. Good

- Reviewed proclamation recognizing Bill Callahan of the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Office for his 40 years of service.
- Review of Council Committees.
- Continuing to review additional changes and will discuss further at the next Work Session meeting.

Police Department – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Total amount of 911 calls for January is 615. The average is around 7,000 calls per year.

Borough Engineer –

- The Engineer’s report for late November 2025 through end of January 2026 provided in the Council packet.

Solicitor Report – Reported by Mr. Fedeles

- Continuing to work with Columbia Gas to run a gas line to Borough building that currently uses propane. Columbia Gas has submitted request to PUC to go under a CSX crossing. The PUC has stated that Columbia Gas will need an agreement with CSX to go under the CSX crossing, which is expected to be a major obstacle. More updates will be provided to Council as information becomes available.
 - The benefit of a gas line is a reduction in propane costs.

Motions

Alternate Delegate to Beaver County Regional Council of Governments

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council appoint Alexander Andres as Beaver Borough’s alternate delegate to the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Emergency Generator Purchase for Fire Department

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve a resolution ratifying the authorization previously given to the Borough Manager to forego the bidding process and purchase from Generator Specialist, Inc. a 50 kW Generac, or comparable brand, diesel generator at a cost not to exceed \$31,893.77. Seconded by Mr. O’Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-03 in Support of America250PA

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve Resolution #2026-03 in support of the Pennsylvania Commission for America250PA. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Purchase of Police Vehicle

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the purchase of a 2026 Ford police vehicle, VIN ending in 81659, in the amount of \$44,280.00, in accordance with the Laurel Ford Invoice #2026-015, as budgeted in the 2026 budget and consistent with the established police vehicle rotation. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips