

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
February 24, 2026
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held in the Community Room and called to order on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00PM by Council President, Roberta Good.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Bob Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Tom Hamilton, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, and Phil O’Shaughnessy.
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Lincoln Kretchmar, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Assistant Borough Manager Rebecca Phillips, and Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker.
- Absent: Jarrod Thomas.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Pamala Learn, Christian West, Ellen Kretchmar, Amy Shay, Gail Bitar, Robert Snider, and Frank Bovalino.

Public Participation –

- Christian West, Park Street
 - Reported individual going down his driveway, in his backyard, and through the dumpster. Also mentioned individual napping on benches by the train station and in vestibules of businesses. Inquired about police awareness and presence regarding people wandering/sleeping in the streets.
 - Mr. Madgar stated the facility located in Vanport brings people from the surrounding areas and transient traffic around the train station is common. The facility in Vanport is open 24/7 but individuals may be asked to leave. Residents are encouraged to call the non-emergency number so officers can investigate.
- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Stated water rates went up in January.
 - Stated that Mr. Madgar does work for the Municipal Authority and is provided a salary.
 - The response to the Right to Know request she submitted was that no records exist in regards to a business agreement or contract between Mr. Madgar and the Municipal Authority.
 - Asked Council if they want to know the job duties of Mr. Madgar for the Municipal Authority.
 - Ms. McKean stated that this arrangement has been discussed years ago at an open meeting.
 - Mr. Madgar explained that this arrangement saves tax payers money. He was asked to step in this role instead of hiring someone else. The Municipal Authority employees are considered Borough employees.
 - Mr. Deelo explained the arrangement was done about 10 years ago to establish a management protocol. The arrangement provides convenience and efficiency.

Commissions/Authorities

Shaw Park Project Committee – Reported by Ms. Learn-Conjeski

- Considering working towards getting a splash pad and asking for Council's support in opening discussions about the cost. Conceptual drawings and feasibility studies will be needed to apply for grants. Ms. Learn-Conjeski will act as the liaison between the committee and Council. More information will be provided at the next work session meeting.
 - There was a general consensus from Council to continue exploring a splash pad project at Shaw Park.

Council Committee Reports

Finance – Reported by Mr. Hindman

- Reviewed P&L being printed or just provided in the electronic packet. Just providing in the electronic packet will save on printing copies.
- Reviewed exploring and potentially taking some of the Borough's surplus and putting it into a short-term CD.

Reports

Manager/Secretary Report – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Reminder to return 2025 financial interest statements.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on March 11, 2026 to hear a variance request for 250 College Avenue.
- The Yard Waste Recycling area will open on Saturday. Residents can renew their key card online or in the office.
- Nighttime parking enforcement begins March 1st. Street sweeping will resume as weather improves.
- A motion will be presented at the next meeting to add the fire department to the Borough's life insurance policy.
- A meeting was held with Emergency Management Coordinators from different communities about consolidating for the upcoming drill. A motion may be presented in March or April to formalize.
- The police department received its 19th AAA award, which recognizes the department and officers for investigations, accident statistics, and data collection.

Mayor – Reported by Mr. Kretchmar

- Continuing to meet with police officers.
- Met with Council president and Solicitor to discuss the potential exploration of police service consolidation or regionalization opportunities with Brighton Township.
- Provided the Chief of Police a proposed memorandum of understanding aligning operational expectations consistent with the statutory authority as chief law enforcement officer under Title 8, Section 1123. After consultation with the Solicitor, the Chief declined to sign the MOU and provided a prior letter that Council issued at the time he accepted the position as the Chief of Police.
- Provided a copy of the Chief's DROP enrollment form and relevant ordinance.

Police Department –

- Mr. Madgar stated there is different interpretations going around about the law, including claims that he is leaving. Mr. Madgar stated that he has no intentions of leaving and plans on serving in 2027.

President – Reported by Ms. Good

- Reviewed new agenda format to streamline meetings.
- Proposed having Work Session meetings in the months of May, August, September, October, November, and December in an attempt to streamline meetings. All months will have the regular Council meetings the second Tuesday of the month.
 - Mr. Kretchmar stated that meetings where both members of a committee are present would have to be public and meeting minutes would need to be taken.
 - Mr. Deelo stated that the question of a quorum has been debated through PSAB for years and if the quorum applies to subcommittees. Mr. Deelo pointed out that committees were not voted on by Council.
 - Ms. Learn-Conjeski suggested obtaining legal advice from the Solicitor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips