

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
May 12, 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, May 12, 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): Randy Learn, Midge Sefton, Pam Learn, Jason Foster, Eric & Suzy Wuchina, Ellen Kretchmar, Craig Holdren, Sam Piccinini, Beth Foster, Christine Cilli, Leo McGee, Loretta Fairley Allison Hartley, and Matthew Tapparo.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, to accept the April 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- The April Treasurer's report was provided in the Council packet and reviewed.

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

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

Public Participation –

- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Commented on Council participation during meetings, police service contract funding, upcoming installation of crosswalk indicators, requested financial information of the Pool House Civic Center and its future use, and asked about the status of the Comprehensive Plan update.
- Pam Learn, Beaver resident
 - Shared information regarding upcoming America250 events and activities in Beaver Borough, including the Beaver County America250 parade scheduled in September and a youth writing contest. Provided an update on the Summer Block Party planned for the Business District and music in the parks on June 28th.

- Leo McGee, Ward 1
 - Inquired about the cancellation of certain Planning Commission, Council Work Sessions, and Municipal Authority meetings appearing on the Borough Calendar.
 - Ms. Good stated that Council Work sessions were reduced in certain months when business could be addressed during regular Council meetings.
 - Mr. Fedeles stated that Planning Commission meetings are often scheduled in advance and canceled when no business is pending.
 - Mr. Deelo, who serves on the Municipal Authority Board, explained that the Municipal Authority is a separate governing body and that work sessions are no longer regularly needed due to the completion or advancement of major projects.
- Eric Wuchina, Ward 1
 - Inquired whether compensation for the Borough Manager/Police Chief position is funded from a single source or allocated between separate budgeted positions.
 - Ms. Good responded that the compensation is paid from the Borough's General Fund.
- Sam Piccinini, Rochester
 - Expressed support for Mr. Madgar and the Beaver Borough Police Department. Commented on the department's reputation and expressed support for Mr. Madgar's continued employment following participation in the DROP. Encouraged continued communication and collaboration between the Mayor and the Chief of Police.

General Council Comments

- Ward Structure Review
 - Mr. Thomas discussed the Borough's current Ward system and expressed interest in exploring a transition to an at-large Council election system. Mr. Thomas stated that he believes residents should have the opportunity to vote for all Council seats rather than only those within their Ward.
 - Mr. Fedeles explained that any change in the Borough's Ward structure would require Council action through the adoption of an ordinance and reviewed the general process for transitioning to an at-large election system.
 - Ms. McKean suggested that the topic be included in the Comprehensive Plan survey to gather public input.
 - Council agreed to continue discussion of the matter at the May Work Session.
- Ms. Learn-Conjeski thanked Sergeant McCoy, Corporal Turyan, Corporal Reese, and Officer Klutka for the opportunity to attend a recent police department training and expressed appreciation for the time, effort, and preparation involved.
- Mr. Bickerton read correspondence received from a resident expressing support for Mr. Madgar and the Beaver Borough Police Department. The correspondence recognized the department's service to the community and expressed appreciation for its service, professionalism, and dedication to the community.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Spring Newsletter will be distributed in the coming weeks.
- The Pool House Civic Center website has received significant traffic since its launch and has generated interest for future event and wedding bookings.
- The 2026 Paving Project is expected to be advertised soon, with bids anticipated to be received in July. Alternate bid items remain included due to uncertainty in fuel and material costs.
- The Borough Engineer continues to work on the pedestrian safety and crosswalk improvement projects, including coordination and approvals required through PennDOT.
- The Borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$227,500 for pedestrian safety improvements near local schools. Mr. Madgar recognized Borough staff for their work on the grant application.
 - Clarified that the approved pedestrian safety projects will enhance existing crosswalks and will not create additional crosswalk locations.
- Town Yard Sale and recent Chamber events were well attended and generated activity throughout the business district.
- Reminded residents of upcoming community events, including north side Spring Clean-Up, Memorial Day Parade, and Beaver Volunteer Fire Department 5K.
 - Sergeant McCoy provided an update regarding National Police Week activities, including the annual candlelight vigil, memorial service, and associated road closures. Sergeant McCoy also provided information regarding upcoming Memorial Day parade traffic restrictions and future America250 and Veterans Day parade planning.
 - Sergeant McCoy reported on upcoming law enforcement training opportunities, including an Axon equipment demonstration event and a child advocacy and investigative training program.
- Gave updated on the 29th Annual Arbor Day activities and thanked those involved in the event.

Mayor – Reported by Mr. Kretchmar

- Provided updates regarding National Police Week, Arbor Day, the Town Yard Sale, Chamber event, the Beaver County Farmers Market, the Fire Department 5K race, and the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.
- Announced the Mayor's community recognition program for residents.
- Requested clarification from the Borough Solicitor regarding oversight of the Police Department.
 - Discussion followed regarding reporting request made by the Mayor and the Chief of Police/Borough Manager's dual-role responsibilities. The requested reporting purpose was questioned by Council.

Amendment to Agenda

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council amend the agenda to add a motion for Dan Madgar to not submit a daily Chief of Police monthly time and activity report or any type of report breaking down his daily use of time, as he is a salary employee and it is an inefficient use of time, and Council has no concerns he is not doing the tasks necessary to fulfill his duties as Police Chief or Borough Manager. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed. Ms. McKean and Mr. Deelo opposed.

President – Reported by Ms. Good

- The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation is in support of the strategic plan to enhance the Fort McIntosh site. There will be more information provided once available.
- The ward structure, quarterly review, comprehensive plan survey, and signage ordinance update will be reviewed at the next Work Session.

Police Department – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Delivery of the new police vehicles has been delayed due to outfitting and equipment installation schedules. The vehicles are expected to be placed into service in the coming weeks.
- Advised Council that a motion will be presented at a future meeting to hire a part-time police officer. Mr. Madgar explained the position would provide staffing flexibility, assist with School Resource Officer coverage, reduce overtime costs, and provide support for the Borough's Code Enforcement and Rental Registration functions as needed.

Borough Engineer –

- The Engineer's report for April 2026 was included in the Council packet.

Solicitor Report – No report

Motions

Resolution 2026-04 PLGIT Membership

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve Resolution 2026-04, authorizing Beaver Borough's membership in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), and further authorize a one-time initial transfer of \$500,000 from the Borough's General Fund to the Borough's PLGIT account.

Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

Pool House Civic Center 2027 Rental Rate

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve an amendment to the Beaver Borough fee schedule, increasing the rental rate for the Pool House Civic Center for public, outdoor, and wedding events to \$1,900, with a revised rate to apply to all applicable events scheduled on or after January 1, 2027. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

Settlement Authorization

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the insurance carrier to settle the lawsuit filed by Kathleen Dunn for \$88,000. The settlement was approved by the Borough's Insurance Carrier and will be paid by the carrier.

Seconded by Ms. McKean.

Voice vote passed unanimously.

Chief of Police Reporting Requirements

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council motion for Dan Madgar to not submit a daily Chief of Police monthly time and activity report or any type of report breaking down his daily use of time, as he is a salary employee and it is an inefficient use of time, and Council has no concerns he is not doing the tasks necessary to fulfill his duties as Police Chief or Borough Manager. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

Voice vote passed.

Ms. McKean, Mr. Deelo, and Mr. Thomas opposed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips