

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
June 9, 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, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM by Council President, Roberta Good.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Bob Bickerton, Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Tom Hamilton, 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: Todd Hindman.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Midge Sefton, Pam Learn, Randy Learn, Jason Foster, Ellen Kretchmar, Loretta Fairley, Nancy Wertz, Michael Wjas, Gabby Paputz, Mark Peluso, Kathie Landsberger, Jim Woolley, Allison Hartley, Leo McGee, Alex Andres, and Kelly Geehan.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, to accept the May 12, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

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

Motion by Mr. Hamilton to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Review invoices and authorization to pay bills

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski to authorize and pay submitted invoices for the Borough. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Jim Woolley, Resident
 - Ms. Good read a written statement from Mr. Woolley expressing that they were glad to see everyone.
- Jason Foster, Ward 2
 - Encouraged Council to give serious consideration to the possibility of at-large Council elections. Expressed the opinion that an at-large system could provide benefits by allowing voters to election the best-qualified candidates borough-wide rather than by ward.

- Kathie Landsberger, Beaver Falls Resident
 - Presented information regarding the possibility of installing a “Wind Phone” in Beaver Borough and explained the concept and its intended use as a grief support resource.
- Loretta Fairley, Ward 2
 - Encouraged Council to carefully consider the proposed review of the Borough’s ward structure and stated that any change would be significant. Expressed the opinion that the public should be educated on the proposal and asked that Council take adequate time to review and consider the matter before making a decision.
- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Commented on several matters, including the proposed ward structure review and informing the public of any potential changes, requested more detailed summaries of public comments in the meeting minutes, expressed concerns regarding responses to information requests, and offered comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan process, including opportunities for public input.
- Allison Hartley, Ward 3
 - Commented on the proposed ward structure review and suggested that Council consider the upcoming Comprehensive Plan survey as an opportunity to solicit public feedback on the matter.
- Kelly Geehan, 5th Street
 - Inquired about the Borough’s responsibility for maintaining potholes in alleys.
 - Mr. Madgar responded that the Borough addresses alley maintenance when made aware of issues and stated that the reported location would be inspected. Suggested discussions continue regarding long-term improvements to Borough alleys.

Discussion Items

- **Comprehensive Plan Survey** – Carey McDougall and Dan Martone
 - The Planning Commission provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan process and the proposed public survey.
 - The survey is intended to gather input from residents, business owners, etc., and will be followed by a public town hall meeting to obtain additional community feedback.
 - The Planning Commission is working with Pashek+MTR to assist with this process.
- **Signage Ordinance Update** – Mark Peluso
 - The Planning Commission provided an update on their review of the Borough’s current signage ordinance. Mr. Peluso summarized several proposed revisions, including updates to sign regulations, exemptions, application requirements, illumination standards, nonconforming signage, and prohibited signage.

- **Ward Structure Review – Mr. Thomas**

- Discussion continued regarding the Borough's ward structure. Council discussed obtaining additional public feedback, including the possibility of incorporating the topic into the Comprehensive Plan survey, Borough newsletter, as well as the potential use of a voter referendum. It was agreed that the discussion would continue at a Work Session.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- The Beaver School District has proposed naming the tennis courts at Shaw Park after Paul Jones, a former athletic director known for giving free tennis lessons. More information is expected soon.
- Columbia Gas Project is expected to start work soon in the areas of Bank Street, Beaver Street, Taylor Avenue, Wilson Avenue, South Lincoln, and River Road. Work will primarily be done under sidewalks. Water boxes to be replaced in this area to take advantage of the work being completed.
- Paperwork has been submitted to PennDot in regards to the crosswalk project. We are awaiting approval from PennDot to proceed.
- The 2026 Road Paving Project is currently being advertised for bids. Bids are expected to be presented at the July Council Meeting. The goal is to complete paving before school starts.
- An insurance claim is pending for ceiling damage in an upstairs office due to collapsing plaster.
- Health Inspector is competing ongoing grease trap inspections.
- Reviewed Right to Know requests submitted to the Borough: 189 requests from one individual resulting in 2,455 pages provided and 8 requests still pending.

Mayor – Reported by Mr. Kretchmar

- Provided updates on recent and upcoming community events.
- Reviewed concerns regarding e-bikes and e-scooters, and suggested review of applicable ordinances.
 - Sergeant McCoy advised that the police department is addressing the issue through education and enforcement of existing regulations, with an emphasis on warning riders and contact parents.
- Reviewed concerns about buskers in the business district.
 - General discussion occurred regarding the current approach to addressing complaints and the possibility of reviewing regulations related to busking, including permits, locations, amplification, and noise.
- Gave update on heroes program and distributed May police activity report.
 - Discussion followed regarding the format of the report and what type of information to be included.

President – Reported by Ms. Good

- Reviewed upcoming events in town.

Police Department – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Two new police cars are in service, and the two old cars were sold for \$50,000 to help offset the cost of the new vehicles.
- Currently, there is not an active Civil Service list for police officers. A motion will be presented at the July Council meeting to activate Civil Service to start the process of creating a new list.

Borough Engineer –

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

Solicitor Report – No report

Motions

Shawn Young Employment

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, I move that Beaver Borough Council hire Shawn Young as a part-time Police Officer and to also assist with Code Enforcement Operations for the Borough. Compensation shall be established at a rate of \$26.50 per hour for police duties and \$23.00 per hour for code enforcement duties. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously. Mr. Bickerton abstained.

Resolution 2026-05 PennDOT Traffic Signal Application (LSA Grant Crosswalk Project)

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve Resolution 2026-05 authorizing the submission of an application to PennDOT for Traffic Signal approval and authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit and sign the application on behalf of Beaver Borough. Seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-06 PennDOT Traffic Signal Application (TASA Grant Crosswalk Project)

Motion by Mr. Deelo, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve Resolution 2026-06 authorizing the submission of an application to PennDOT for Traffic Signal approval and authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit and sign the application on behalf of Beaver Borough. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Team Force Invoice

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the Team Force invoice #356-9344 dated May 18, 2026 for one 2026 Ford police vehicle to be upfitted with emergency equipment in the amount of \$17,308.42. Seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Beaver County Drug Task Force and Emergency Services Unit Agreement

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the attached Beaver County Drug Task Force Agreement and Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Agreement. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Flooring Replacement Quote

Motion by Mr. O'Shaughnessy, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve the quote submitted by Abbey Carpet & Floor dated May 21, 2026 for the subflooring and carpet improvements at the Borough Building in the amount of \$15,561.00. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Spring Clean-Up Invoice Approval

Motion by Mr. O'Shaughnessy, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve payment to Joseph Brunner, Inc., for invoice no. 267150 dated May 18, 2026, for the 2026 town Spring Clean-Up program in the amount of \$16,906.80. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Pool House Civic Center 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 private events (Monday-Thursday) to \$450.00 and private events (Friday-Sunday) to \$550.00, with the revised rates to apply to all applicable events scheduled on or after January 1, 2027. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hamilton. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips