

Borough of Beaver, PA
Council Meeting
July 14, 2026
Minutes

- A regular scheduled meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held at the Pool House Civic Center and was called to order on Tuesday, July 14, 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 (7:02 PM).
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Lincoln Kretchmar, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Solicitor Garen Fedeles, Corporal Bob Applegarth, Assistant Borough Manager Rebecca Phillips, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Debbie Hindman.
- Absent: None.
- Visitors in attendance (signed in): Ellen Kretchmar, Midge Sefton, Jeff Hamilton, Pam Learn, Randy Learn, Jim Woolley, Allison Hartley, and Jason Foster.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hindman, to accept the June 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- The June 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. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Public Participation –

- Midge Sefton, 1360 River Road
 - Complimented the office staff, contractors, and others who assisted in responding to the ceiling collapse at the Borough Building.
- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Expressed concerns regarding the proposed Western Beaver SRO agreement, questioned crosswalk improvement projects, requested information about police overtime, and requested further details regarding the ceiling collapse at the Borough building.

- Ed DeMailo, River Road
 - Introduced himself as Vice President of the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation and expressed appreciation to Borough staff, the Police Department, and others for their assistance in planning and supporting this year's Garrison Day. He thanked those involved for their coordination and efforts in helping ensure a successful and safe event.

General Council Comments

- Ms. McKean – Shared information from the Beaver County COG, including the upcoming display of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at Franciscan Manor in Patterson Township from July 16-23 and the annual COG meeting will be held on August 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Reports

Manager/Secretary – Reported by Mr. Madgar

- Presented a resident's request regarding tree removal. Liability considerations, the role of the Shade Tree Commission, and potential improvements to the tree review process and response times were discussed.
- Gave update on Columbia Gas work and 2026 Road Paving Project. Paving is expected to begin early August.
- Provided an update on the Borough building second floor ceiling collapse, including the cause of the damage, repair efforts, ongoing coordination with the insurance carrier, and estimated project costs. Borough operations have continued from the Community Room and Pool House Civic Center without interruption. The budget is expected to accommodate the repairs while insurance remains under review. The potential impact on the polling location for the upcoming election was also discussed.
- Provided an update on activating Civil Service and discussed the challenges associated with hiring process.
- Reviewed Right to Know requests submitted to the Borough: 189 requests from individual resulting in 3,700 pages provided.
- Executive Session will be regarding personnel matters.

Mayor – Reported by Mr. Kretchmar

- Reviewed provided June police report.
 - Council discussed the potential value of standardizing monthly Police Department reports. Discussion included whether a standardized format would assist Council in identifying trends, as well as differing viewpoints regarding Council's role in reviewing operational police data.
- Raised questions regarding the Borough's ordinances related to police Sergeant and Corporal ranks and whether the positions and their duties should be outlined in an ordinance.
 - Mr. Fedeles advised that Council has the authority to establish such positions and indicated that further review could be conducted if Council wished to pursue the matter.
- Highlighted several upcoming community events.

- Asked for an update on the Borough's skunk program
 - Mr. Madgar reported that trapping efforts are continuing on an as-needed basis, with the Borough responded to resident requests and relocating traps as necessary.
- Gave update on heroes program.
 - Ms. Good stated that this program is not a Borough Council program and requested that future presentations be conducted outside of the Council meeting.

President – Reported by Ms. Good

- Announced that, until further notice, all Council meetings will be held at the Pool House Civic Center.
- Beginning in August, Council will resume holding both the regular Council Meetings and the Work Session meetings.
- Announced an Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Police Department – Reported by Chief Madgar

- Reviewed the June Police Department report, discussed the Department's reporting process.
- Provided an explanation of the overtime expenditures, noting that costs were impacted by reimbursable assignments, special events, training, and staffing needs for community events.
 - Discussed reimbursement for police staffing at community events, explaining that certain events receive reimbursement or other financial support to help offset related costs.
- Provided an update on the Borough's crosswalk improvement project, noting that the Borough Engineer is awaiting PennDOT permit approvals before materials can be ordered.
- Reported that he was notified that a member of Beaver Borough Council had contacted the Regional Police Board and their board would respond to any formal requests submitted by Council President or the Borough Solicitor.

Borough Engineer –

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

Solicitor Report –

- It was discussed that the Planning Commission is currently reviewing the zoning ordinance in relation to vape shops.

Motions

Road Paving Project Bid Award

Motion by Mr. Deelo, in accordance with the Borough Engineer's recommendation letter dated June 19, 2026, I move that Beaver Borough Council ratify the prior authorization provided by email on June 22, 2026, and approve the award of the 2026 Road Paving Project to Youngblood Paving, Inc. as the low bidder in the total bid amount of \$233,504.25. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

SRO Agreement with Western Beaver County School District

Motion by Mr. Hamilton, I move that Beaver Borough Council approve a five-year agreement with Western Beaver County School District to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) beginning July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2031. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Active Civil Service Commission

Motion by Mr. Bickerton, I move that Beaver Borough Council activate the Civil Service Commission to start the testing process to create an eligibility list for the Police Department. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Authorization to Remove Tree at 1316 Second Street

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, I move that Beaver Borough Council allow the property owner at 1316 Second Street to remove the tree located in the front yard and require the property owner to work with the Shade Tree Commission to replace the tree with a tree approved by the Shade Tree Commission. Seconded by Mr. Hindman. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Police Pension Ordinance Review

Motion by Mr. Hindman, I move that Beaver Borough Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to review the Police Pension Ordinance and prepare recommended revisions for Council consideration. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed. Ms. McKean opposed.

Council discussed attendance for the Executive Session. Following guidance from Solicitor Fedeles that the personnel matter did not involve the Police Department and would not require Council action, Mayor Kretchmar did not participate in the Executive Session.

Motion by Ms. Good to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 8:42 PM

Motion by Ms. Learn-Conjeski, to end the Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Bickerton. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Executive Session ended at 8:57 PM

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Learn-Conjeski. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips