

Borough of Beaver, PA
Work Session Meeting
September 22, 2026
Minutes

- A regular scheduled work session meeting of Beaver Borough Council was held at the Pool House Civic Center and called to order on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 7:00PM by Council President, Roberta Good.
- Council Representatives in attendance: Michael Deelo, Roberta Good, Tom Hamilton, Todd Hindman, Whitney Learn-Conjeski, Margaret McKean, Phil O'Shaughnessy, and Jarrod Thomas (until 8:16PM).
- Borough officials in attendance: Mayor Lincoln Kretchmar, Chief of Police and Borough Manager Dan Madgar, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Assistant Borough Manager Rebecca Phillips, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Sprecker, and Debbie Hindman.
- Absent: Bob Bickerton.
- Public in attendance (signed in): Suzanne Vogel-Scibilia, Amy Shay, Ellen Kretchmar, Christine Cilli, and Allison Hartley.

Public Participation –

- Suzanne Vogel-Scibilia, Ward 2
 - Expressed her concerns with the development process of the draft budget and with Council committee's compliance with the Sunshine Act. She also questioned the police department expenditures, the financial performance of the pool house, and the budget decision making process.
- Ellen Kretchmar, Ward 2
 - Questioned anticipated on-time expenditures from various committees, grant funding priorities, and grant applications for 2027. Expressed concerns regarding stormwater drainage and if funding would be considered during the 2027 budget discussions.
- Alli Hartley, Ward 3
 - Questioned Mayor Kretchmar regarding his proposed expenditure of up to \$4,000 for outside legal counsel, the intended purpose of retaining counsel, and his communication and meetings with the Police Chief and Police Department.
 - Mayor Kretchmar responded that his request for outside legal counsel is to address differing interpretations of his and Council's legal authority over the Police Chief and Police Department.

Discussion Items

- **Draft 2027 Budget –**
 - Ms. Good clarified that the proposed 2027 Borough budget remains a working draft subject to change and has not been approved by Council. She stated that the budget will be made available for public review and input at the appropriate stage of the budget process.

- Mr. Hindman provided an overview of the preliminary 2027 budget, noting that several expenditures and revenue projections remain subject to review and adjustment. He discussed anticipated expenses, potential capital projects, and items requiring further consideration as the budget process continues.
- Council discussed the budget preparation and review process, including the role of Council committees and supporting documentation during future budget discussions.
- Council reviewed various proposed expenditures and potential projects, including Highway and Police Department staffing, playground improvements, equipment purchases, grant opportunities, and financial support for the Beaver Area Memorial Library and Beaver Volunteer Fire Department.
- Sergeant McCoy provided an overview of Police Department overtime expenditures, staffing adjustments, and reimbursements received for outside details and special events.
 - Council discussed the financial impact of hosting community events and opportunities to offset associated costs.
- Council continued its review of the preliminary budget, including potential capital improvements and future funding needs.
- Additional discussion will take place as updated financial information becomes available. The next draft is expected at the October Work Session.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Good. Seconded by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Rebecca Phillips