

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
February 3rd, 2025

The Beaver Meadows Borough Council held a general meeting on Monday, February 3rd, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Beaver Meadows Borough Building. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, the following Council members answered roll call, taken by Secretary Laura Coppersmith: Council President Michael Baran, Vice President B.J. Cryder, Michael Gerhard, Barb Brandon, Dydyna Tranguch, and P.J. Sateach Solicitor Robert Yurchak and Mayor Thad Williams were also present. Bill Curilla was absent.

Councilor Cryder made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the January 6th general meeting. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes. Except for Councilor Tranguch who abstained due to being absent.

Councilor Cryder made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NA

COMMUNICATIONS

President Baran read communications

Councilor Cryder made a motion to accept the communications. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING:

Dear Members of Council:

The following services have been provided by our firm:

Sewer/I&I

We are available to discuss the findings and recommendations for the Beaver and Depot Streets sewer video information with Borough representatives along with other recommended improvements for the overall sewer system. We can then identify grant opportunities and apply for grant monies, with Council's approval.

PADEP Chapter 94 Report

We have started preparing the Chapter 94 (Annual Waste Load Management) Report on behalf of the Borough and will submit it for approval to PADEP before the end of March deadline. Our anticipated effort to complete this work will not exceed \$1,500.00 like last year. This effort will

be billed to the current project number 0325-609008.00 (2025 Consulting), Task 4 (Chapter 94 Report).

Memorial Park Pavilion Project

Advanced Code Consultants LLC performed a plan review and site evaluation of the building on behalf of the Borough to obtain a building occupancy permit and noted some items that need to be addressed. We have reviewed the comments and provided a response letter to Advanced Code Consultants, LLC on behalf of the Borough on January 30, 2025. A copy of the letter was provided to the Borough.

The Borough is refining the scope of work for the recent LSA grant award improvements (C000089450) for Memorial Park with the PADCED grant coordinator.

Street Improvements

The liquid fuels portion of the 2024 Road program paving project has been closed out by John Davis, PennDOT Municipal Services Engineer.

It is our understanding that the Borough would like to install speed humps on Church Street as a traffic calming measure. Benesch is available to perform a traffic study, if necessary, to justify the installation of speed humps.

PADEP Service Line Inventory

The Borough will need to continue home and system service inspections for the PADEP service line inventory. The Borough must also hire a certified water operator to meet PADEP requirements.

Sewer Ordinance/Amendment

We are on hold until the Borough can provide the requested existing sewer information.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Cera, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

STREETS: Councilor Cryder reported that we will reach out to Hazleton this year for street sweeping if not we will reach back out to M & J Excavation. Councilor Cryder asked Officer Melvin what needed to change in the snow ban ordinance. Officer Melvin advised the main thing would be enforcing the reverse snow ban.

POLICE: Officer Melvin read the following report:

There was 1 report of harassment, 1 report of child neglect, 1 road rage incident, 3 snow related complaints, and EMS assisted on 1 occasion. There were 20 parking tickets issued, 13 traffic citations issued, 14 Zoning violations issued and 14 vehicles were towed.

SANITATION: Councilor Brandon had nothing to report.

BUILDINGS: Councilor Sateach reported that he would give a follow up call for the office enclosure quote.

WATER & SEWER: President Baran reported that past due accounts are at \$3527.79 over 90 days. Mary will start sending out shut-off notices.

PARKS & RECREATION: Councilor Brandon reported the recreation group had a meeting about the pavilion. Would like to have the grand opening after the Memorial Day Ceremony. Also, they are trying to get Beaver Meadows memorabilia to hang on the walls of the pavilion. Discussed tentative dates for the concerts in the park. Councilor Cryder advised we are looking at renting a bucket truck to get decorations and banners down.

ZONING: Councilor Gerhard reported that there were 22 QOL tickets issued and Advanced Code is handling the 44 Church Street house.

CCCOG: Councilor Cryder reported that the check for the fire dept was given to the department. Also, regarding any community events please get emailed to him or Secretary Laura so we can get them to the CCCOG to be displayed on their page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Solicitor Yurchak advised that the move in permit ordinance has not been changed in over 20 years and recommends it to be updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Brandon made a motion to ratify approving Builders Direct at \$11,030 to install the kitchen in the pavilion. All quotes had to include prevailing wage to comply with LSA grants. Second by Councilor Tranguch. Roll Call-All-Yes

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| General Checking | \$152,985.60 |
| Garbage Checking | \$78,929.74 |
| Sewer Checking | \$232,748.98 |
| Water Checking | \$92,911.21 |
| Liquid Fuels Checking | \$18,463.08 |
| Police Dept. Checking | \$2,899.25 |
| Recreation Checking | \$55.49 |
| General MMA Checking | \$22,563.10 |
| Memorial Park Pavilion | \$0.30 |

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call – All Yes.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to accept the receipts. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call –All Yes.

Councilor Cryder made a motion to pay the bills and salaries with the correction that Green Mountain Excavating gets paid out of Liquid Fuels. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call- All Yes. Except President Baran who abstained due to his invoice.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Tom Katchur asked about businesses and if they are paying extra for the garbage. We advised that businesses have their own accounts with a trash hauler. Councilor Cryder advised he will check the garbage ordinance and see if the commercial businesses must pay for their own trash hauler. He asked about Marty putting salt down when the weather was calling for above freezing temperatures. President Baran advised he would rather be safe than sorry.

Council President Baran made a motion to adjourn until the next General Meeting to be held on February 3rd, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coppersmith
Borough Secretary