

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
March 3rd, 2025

The Beaver Meadows Borough Council held a general meeting on Monday, March 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, Bill Curilla, and P.J. Sateach Solicitor Robert Yurchak and Mayor Thad Williams were also present.

Councilor Cryder made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the February 3rd general meeting. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:18 p.m. - 7:34 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Baran read communications

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING:

Dear Members of Council:

The following services have been provided by our firm:

Grant Funding Available

The PA Small Water and Sewer Program, which offers grants to municipalities and municipal authorities for essential projects related to public water supply, sanitary sewer systems, storm water management, and flood control is now open to applications until April 30th, 2025. Please see the attached pamphlet for the program highlights. If the Borough would like to pursue this grant, we highly recommend having a meeting with Benesch in March to discuss the Borough's future infrastructure needs. We estimate Benesch's fee for preparing and submitting this grant application on behalf of the Borough to be \$2,500.

PADEP Chapter 94 Report

The Borough's Chapter 94 (Annual Waste Load Management) Report was submitted to PADEP for review and approval on February 28, 2025.

WWTP NPDES Permit -WQBELs Compliance

Under Part C, Section II of the Borough's NPDES Permit No. PA0021199, the Borough is required to comply with new Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs) as part of a statewide effort to meet water quality standards in receiving streams. According to PADEP, the Borough has not demonstrated the ability to achieve new limits for Total Copper. The WQBELs limitations for Total Copper listed below will become effective on July 1, 2026, unless DEP issues an amendment to the NPDES permit prior to that date.

To comply with these WQBELs, the Borough must complete a Toxics Reduction Evaluation (TRE) and submit a Final WQBELs compliance report based on the findings of the TRE. The Borough is required to investigate and address the following as part of the TRE:

1. The source(s) of toxic pollutants in the effluent through a comprehensive review of influent and effluent quality and contributors to the WWTP.
2. An evaluation of approaches and strategies that exist to reduce or eliminate sources to achieve final WQBELs.
3. An evaluation of approaches and strategies to reduce or eliminate sources to achieve the final WQBELs.
4. An analysis of the feasibility of the approaches and strategies identified in Items 2 and 3 above.

PADEP requires the Borough complete the required studies and prepare a Final WQBEL Compliance Report in accordance with the following schedule:

Action	Due Date
Complete TRE Work Plan and Submit Work Plan if Requested by DEP	1/1/2023 (6 Months After Permit Effective Date)
Complete TRE and Site-Specific Data Collection	1/1/2025 (30 Months After Permit Effective Date)
Submit Final WQBEL Compliance Report	7/1/2025 (36 Months After Permit Effective Date)
Complete Actions Identified in TRE and Comply with Final Permit Limit	7/1/2026 (48 Months After Permit Effective Date)

Benesch can assist in these efforts and will prepare a proposal for the Borough's consideration. The first step will be to provide a sampling plan to PADEP.

PADEP Service Line Inventory

The Borough will need to continue home and system service inspections for the P ADEP service line inventory.

Sewer Ordinance/ Amendment

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

Memorial Park Pavilion Project

We are awaiting Advanced Code Consultants, LLC, review of the outstanding inspection items and the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy.

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

Church Street speed humps -We discussed the installation of speed humps with Councilman Cryder and noted the following. Benesch will discuss the installation and requirements of speed

humps with John Davis, PennDOT Liquid Fuels engineer since Church Street receives liquid fuels monies. An engineering study proposal will then be prepared and provided to the Borough for consideration.

CDBG Pre-Application -We discussed submitting a CDBG pre-application for street improvements with Councilman Cryder. Options are to resubmit the previous application for New Street or look to design/install ADA ramps on SR 93 to accommodate future PennDOT repaving. The application is due on May 16th. Our estimated fee to coordinate with Carbon County and complete the pre-application is not to exceed \$1,000 like in past years.

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

STREETS: Councilor Cryder reported that Hazleton will do our street sweeping and we are looking at either the week of the 12th or 19th of May.

POLICE: Officer Melvin read the following report:

There was 1 report of Fraud, 1 report of an auto accident, 2 reports of theft, 1 medical alarm. There were 12 parking tickets issued, 15 traffic citations issued, 11 Zoning violations issued and 9 non-traffic citations issued.

SANITATION: Councilor Brandon reported that we have a new contact person at Casella. We were able to resolve issues.

BUILDINGS: Councilor Sateach reported that he reached out to 2 companies to give a quote for the office enclosure.

WATER & SEWER: President Baran reported that past due accounts are at \$3,809.31 over 90 days. Mary will start sending out shut-off notices.

PARKS & RECREATION: Councilor Brandon reported the concert in the park dates will be June 29th Kartune, July 13th Cross Tide Walker, July 27th Polka?, August 10th North of 40, August 24th The Legends. She also gave details of the Memorial Day parade and building dedication.

ZONING: Councilor Gerhard reported that he has been working with Laura, Zoning and the police department to make sure everything has been running smoothly.

CCCOG: Councilor Cryder reported that they are in the process of updating the by-laws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Snow ban ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Cryder made a motion to ratify the hiring of Noah Billig for the streets department. The hire date was 2/17/2025 at \$13.00 an hour for part-time help as needed. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call-All-Yes

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Checking	\$141,897.23
Garbage Checking	\$82,357.79
Sewer Checking	\$229,321.52
Water Checking	\$91,408.87
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$15,789.29
Police Dept. Checking	\$2,900.23
Recreation Checking	\$55.51
General MMA Checking	\$22,602.88
Memorial Park Pavilion	\$0.30

The council did not approve the treasurers report, bills and salaries and receipts

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Ann Marie Katchur asked if anyone who received a zoning ticket for sidewalk not being shoveled, but they do not have a sidewalk what happens then. Secretary Laura Coppersmith stated that if you are given a ticket, because they are not always sure when there is so much snow, just call her and she will rip it up.
- Tom Katchur asked about a property that received a ticket for not shoveling his driveway. Secretary Laura Coppersmith stated that the ticket had been voided.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coppersmith
Borough Secretary