

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
April 7th, 2025

The Beaver Meadows Borough Council held a general meeting on Monday, April 7th, 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, and P.J. Sateach. Solicitor Robert Yurchak and Mayor Thad Williams were also present. Dydyna Tranguch and Bill Curilla were absent.

Councilor Cryder made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the March 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 Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Anna Shigo came in and advised of the open space grant program. They mainly wanted a point of contact to help us look into properties that might be able to be preserved. Secretary Laura Coppersmith was made point of contact.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NA

COMMUNICATIONS

President Baran read communications

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING:

Dear Members of Council:
The following services have been provided by our firm:

Grant Funding Available

We discussed the Borough's future water and sewer infrastructure needs with Councilman Cryder to apply for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant. We selected a few locations throughout the Borough to include as a project. Benesch started preparing the application which is due by April 30, 2025. A resolution needs to be passed at Monday's Council meeting for the grant application. A copy was provided to Ms. Coppersmith.

WWTP NPDES Permit – WQBELs Compliance

As noted in the March meeting CER, 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. Benesch can assist in these efforts and prepare a proposal for the Borough's consideration once the Borough decides to move forward. The first step would 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 PADEP service line inventory.

Sewer Ordinance/Amendment

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

Memorial Park Pavilion Project

It is our understanding that a final certificate of occupancy was issued for the building by Advanced Code Consultants, LLC. 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 John Davis, PennDOT Liquid Fuels engineer since Church Street receives liquid fuels monies. No PennDOT involvement is needed. We are determining the necessary scope of work and then an engineering study proposal will 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. We recommend submitting the previous application for New Street since it was not approved last year. The application is due by 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 the street sweeping will be on the weekend this year and we will be doing it on May 17th & 18th. Also, we will reapply for the New Street project with CDBG Grant.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to accept the PA small water and sewer grant resolution. Second by councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to apply for the CDBG grant not to exceed \$1000.00. Second by Councilor Cryder. Roll Call: All Yes.

POLICE: Officer Melvin read the following report:

There was 1 report of an auto accident, 1 report of PFA violation, 1 report of child abuse, 1 report of erratic driver, 2 reports of harassment, 1 report of a suspicious person, assisted EMS on 1 occasion, assisted other police department on 1 occasion. There were 12 parking tickets issued,

9 traffic citations issued, 7 non-traffic citations issued, 1 traffic warning, 1 Zoning violation, and 1 vehicle towed.

Officer Melvin also advised the explorer is having issues and will be going to the dealership to be fixed.

There is also an updated police complaint form for anyone who has a complaint about the police department. These forms must be filled out and emails will no longer be entertained.

SANITATION: Councilor Brandon reported that she looked into the trash laying around on Tamaqua Street and whose responsibility it is to clean up. Unless the drivers of Casella drop the trash while picking up the trash it is not their responsibility but the responsibility of the Borough.

BUILDINGS: Councilor Sateach reported that the rough estimate for the office enclosure would be between \$6000-\$6500. Also, that the police department would like to paint their office white with a blue stripe and Marty and Noah will paint it. Also, the toilet was repaired in the community room bathroom. Marty installed shelving in the Pavilion.

WATER & SEWER: President Baran reported that past due accounts are at \$1,802.22 over 90 days. Mary will start sending out shut-off notices.

PARKS & RECREATION: The girl scouts proposed that they would like to paint the playground equipment, and they supplied us with paint samples.

Councilor Cryder made a motion to supply the paint supplies for the girl scouts. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Brandon reported that they were moving forward with invites to the dedication to the pavilion. She also mentioned the kiddie playground and when we were going forward with the equipment. Councilor Cryder advised that the equipment is earmarked and will be ordered.

ZONING: Councilor Gerhard read his report. Also, he brought to the council examples for parking ordinances he would like to implement.

CCCOG: Councilor Cryder reported that they had a guest speaker from the America 250. Also, what was brought up and we need to keep in mind is the police radios and that everyone needs to start preparing for that cost.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NA

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to accept amending the snow ban ordinance and adding enforcing the reverse snow ban and allowing officers to ticket and tow any vehicle in violation. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to adopt the policy that video and audio recordings are prohibited in the office without Councils permission. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Landlord Residential Rental ordinance to include mandatory inspections every 2 years is tabled until the May 5th meeting.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to move the stop sign to the right of the road on the even side of Church St. Second by Councilor Sateach. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to approve the Resolution to change the borough signs to read Parking for Borough Business only 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. Second by Councilor Cryder. Roll Call: All Yes.



Councilor Cryder made a motion to take the cost of the fridge and freezer for the pavilion out of General account. The cost is not to exceed \$1,790 to be paid to Grand Central. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Cryder made a motion to approve the resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semi quincennial (AMERICA250PA). Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Checking	\$107,281.70
Garbage Checking	\$86,949.75
Sewer Checking	\$233,040.01
Water Checking	\$94,327.08
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$38,120.30
Police Dept. Checking	\$2,901.12

Recreation Checking	\$55.53
General MMA Checking	\$23,191.37
Memorial Park Pavilion	\$0.30

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Brandon made a motion to approve the bills and salaries. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Brandon made a motion to approve the receipts. Second by Councilor Cryder. Roll Call: All Yes.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Dave Budda asked if the reverse snow ban goes into effect at the time the snow ban was issued even if the snow didn't come until a later time. We advised that once the snow ends the reverse snow ban will begin.

Council President Baran made a motion to adjourn until the next General Meeting to be held on May 7th, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coppersmith
Borough Secretary