

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH  
COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Beaver Meadows Borough Council held a general meeting on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 was also present. Bill Curilla was absent.

Councilor Brandon made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the August 4<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Second by Councilor Cryder. Roll Call: All Yes, except Councilor Tranguch and Councilor Sateach who abstained due to be absent.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel Issue-6:50 p.m. – 7:34 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

President Baran read Officer Michael Melvin's resignation letter as follows:

Dear Thad,

I am writing to formally resign from my position as Officer in Charge with Beaver Meadows, effective October 10th, 2025. This decision was not made lightly, as serving the community alongside my colleagues has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of my life. However, after careful consideration, I have decided to pursue a new direction in my personal and professional life. I want to express my sincere gratitude for the support, leadership, and opportunities for growth that I have received during my time with the department. It has been an honor to uphold the law and serve our community with integrity and commitment. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will do all I can to assist during my remaining time here. Please let me know how I can help in that regard. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I will always carry a deep respect for this department and for the residents of the borough.

Respectfully,

Michael Melvin

Councilor Cyder made a motion to accept Officer Melvin’s resignation letter. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to make officer Kotwasinski the officer in charge to replace Officer Melvin effective Monday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. He will resume all responsibilities Officer Melvin currently has.

Councilor Cryder read the garbage bids as follows:

	Anthracite Waste Services		Casella Waste Systems		J.P. Mascaro & Sons		Meadow Container Inc	
	\$ 5,565,880.0		\$ 6,462,440.0		\$ 5,833,800.0		\$ 1,448,640.0	
Items	Unit Price	Total Cost	Unit Price	Total Cost	Unit Price	Total Cost	Unit Price	Total Cost
<b>1 Year (4)</b>								
one (1) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, with recycling* with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per pick-up.	\$ 180,000.0	\$ 180,000.0	\$ 269,568.0	\$ 269,568.0	\$ 188,220.0	\$ 188,220.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
one (1) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, with recycling* with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per month.	\$ 180,000.0	\$ 180,000.0	\$ 250,904.0	\$ 250,904.0	\$ 188,220.0	\$ 188,220.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
one (1) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, without recycling and with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per pick-up	\$ 140,000.0	\$ 140,000.0	\$ 167,544.0	\$ 167,544.0	\$ 122,340.0	\$ 122,340.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
one (1) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, without recycling and with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per month.	\$ 140,000.0	\$ 140,000.0	\$ 167,544.0	\$ 167,544.0	\$ 122,340.0	\$ 122,340.0	\$ 158,400.0	\$ 158,400.0
<b>3 Years (4)</b>								
three (3) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, with recycling* with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per pick-up.	\$ 525,060.0	\$ 525,060.0	\$ 679,874.0	\$ 679,874.0	\$ 564,660.0	\$ 564,660.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
three (3) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, with recycling* with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per month.	\$ 525,060.0	\$ 525,060.0	\$ 613,796.0	\$ 613,796.0	\$ 564,660.0	\$ 564,660.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
three (3) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, without recycling and with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per pick-up	\$ 390,060.0	\$ 390,060.0	\$ 428,176.0	\$ 428,176.0	\$ 367,020.0	\$ 367,020.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
three (3) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, without recycling and with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per month.	\$ 390,060.0	\$ 390,060.0	\$ 428,176.0	\$ 428,176.0	\$ 367,020.0	\$ 367,020.0	\$ 483,840.0	\$ 483,840.0
<b>5 Years (4)</b>								
five (5) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, with recycling* with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per pick-up.	\$ 896,020.0	\$ 896,020.0	\$ 1,096,239.0	\$ 1,096,239.0	\$ 1,014,960.0	\$ 1,014,960.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
five (5) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, with recycling* with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per month.	\$ 896,020.0	\$ 896,020.0	\$ 979,409.0	\$ 979,409.0	\$ 1,014,960.0	\$ 1,014,960.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
five (5) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, without recycling and with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per pick-up	\$ 661,800.0	\$ 661,800.0	\$ 690,740.0	\$ 690,740.0	\$ 659,700.0	\$ 659,700.0	\$ 0	\$ 0
five (5) year contract commencing January 1, 2026, without recycling and with a limitation of one (1) bulk item per residence per month.	\$ 661,800.0	\$ 661,800.0	\$ 690,470.0	\$ 690,470.0	\$ 659,700.0	\$ 659,700.0	\$ 806,400.0	\$ 806,400.0

Garbage bids are tabled until the October 15<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ENGINEERING:**

Dear Members of Council:

The following services have been provided by our firm:

**WWTP NPDES Permit – WQBELs Compliance**

As noted in previous meeting CER’s, 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. It was noted in last month’s CER that the estimated cost for providing a sampling plan to PADEP is \$5,000.00. This upfront sampling is needed to prepare the Toxic Reduction Evaluation Phase I and II Reports. Future periodic sampling by the plant operator will also be needed. We can discuss this process in more detail with Councilman Cryder.

**PADEP Service Line Inventory**

It is our understanding that the Borough is continuing 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**

The Borough discussed expanding the scope of work for the recent LSA grant award improvements (C000089450) for Memorial Park with the PADCED grant coordinator. It was determined that only the proposed improvements approved by the grant application can be implemented at this time. Benesch will provide a proposal to prepare a bid package for constructing a retaining wall and parking lot improvements to be completed in the spring of 2026. The proposed concrete sidewalk and maintenance shed will have to be added later.

## **Street Improvements**

2025 Road Program – Benesch reviewed the Contractor’s bonding and insurance and prepared the contract folio. A Notice to Proceed was given to Wanick Construction, Inc. and a pre-construction meeting was held with Benesch, Wanick and Councilman Cryder. Benesch performed part-time construction inspections. The contract work has been completed, and a final walk-through was held. Benesch will review the Contractor’s material slips and process the Application for Payment. Benesch will also coordinate with John Davis from PennDOT municipal services to help the Borough close out the project.

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

**STREETS:** Councilor Cryder reported that Road project 2025 has been nailed down and we were able to get another 90 feet of paving done on Second Street and another 20 feet headed towards Route 93 on New Street.

**POLICE:** Officer Kotwasinski read the following report:

The Police report for September is as follows: there were two (2) domestics, one (1) auto accident and assisted other police on one (1) occasion. There were seven (7) traffic citations issued, and six {6} traffic warnings issued. There were also five (5) parking tickets and one (1) zoning violation issued. There were 45 miles accumulated on the Dodge Charger and 307 miles on the Ford Explorer.

**SANITATION:** Councilor Brandon reported that garbage and recycling issues have been arising because residents are putting rocks, dirt and other heavy debris that should not be in the cans.

Councilor Cryder also reported we started billing contractors that are registered in town an extra garbage. Anyone who was charged should be reimbursement. These contractors are protected under the ordinance and pay privately to other haulers to dispose of their businesses trash.

Councilor Brandon made a motion to reimburse all contractors who were charged the extra trash on their water bill. Second by Councilor Tranguch. Roll Call: All Yes.

**BUILDINGS:** Councilor Sateach reported Marty found someone to give us a quote for the stucco on the building. He also mentioned that Bellitts HVAC was coming to service our burners. Secretary Coppersmith advised he already did.

**WATER & SEWER:** President Baran reported that past due accounts are at \$2,700 over 90 days. Mary will start sending out shut-off notices.

## **PARKS & RECREATION:**

Councilor Brandon reported that Halloween 10/31/2025 trick or treating will be from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. She also gave us information on Christmas banners and decorations.

**ZONING:** Councilor Gerhard read his report.

0 Quality of Life tickets were issued (Candice focused this month on citations and NOV's) There were 2 UCC permits issued and 4 Zoning permits issued.

**CCCOG:** Councilor Cryder had nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NA

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

General Checking	\$203,286.46
Garbage Checking	\$112,174.41
Sewer Checking	\$242,555.97
Water Checking	\$100,799.36
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$37,468.44
Police Dept. Checking	\$2,799.88
Recreation Checking	\$55.62
General MMA Checking	\$26,742.17
Harmony Hall	\$281.49

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

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

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- Stephen Motsney complained about Swamp and New Street with the traffic because people are parking on both sides of the street where there is no parking. He also complained about the church next to him is also causing parking issues and their music is way too loud that his windows will vibrate from how loud the music is.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coppersmith  
Borough Secretary