

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
December 1st, 2025

The Beaver Meadows Borough Council held a general meeting on Monday, December 1st, 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, P.J. Sateach arrived at 6:34 p.m. Solicitor Robert Yurchak was also present. Bill Curilla and Dydyna Tranguch were absent.

Councilor Cryder made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the November 3rd general meeting and the November 19th budget meeting. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NA.

COMMUNICATIONS

NA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING:

Dear Members of Council:

The following services have been provided by our firm:

WWTP NPDES Permit – WQBELs Compliance

We were recently notified that the Borough has agreed to have Benesch move forward with the WQBELs sampling plan as noted in the previous CER's. Benesch will begin this work and coordinate with the Borough.

PADEP Service Line Inventory (No Updates)

It is our understanding that the Borough is continuing home and system service inspections for the PADEP service line inventory.

Sewer Ordinance/Amendment (No Updates)

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

Memorial Park Pavilion Project (No Updates)

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 – It is our understanding that John Davis from PennDOT municipal services has accepted the Contractor’s material slips and Application for Payment that were previously approved by Benesch. Mr. Davis is also preparing hard copies of the MS-999 Project Completion Report and will provide to the Borough for signature.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cera, P.E.

Senior Project Manager

STREETS: Councilor Cryder reported that Engineer report covered streets as well.

POLICE: Lieutenant Kotwasinski’s report:

* There were 335 miles accumulated on the Ford.

* There was 1 Quality of Life Citation Issued.

* There were 13 Traffic Citations issued.

* There were 8 Parking Tickets issued.

* There was 1 vehicle towed due to a suspended registration along with the driver having a suspended license.

The calls for service were as follows:

- ✓ 1 EMS Call
- ✓ 1 Stolen Property
- ✓ 2 Harassments
- ✓ 1 Erratic Driver
- ✓ 1 Threat Call
- ✓ 1 Neighborhood Complaint
- ✓ 1 Assist to Fire Department
- ✓ 1 Investigation

In addition, an update on the LSA Grant for portable radios. I submitted the grant last month and I hope to hear something in the early months of 2026.

I am also looking to do a traffic shift before the new year is over to send a message out that speeding will not be tolerated in our Borough. Citations have been written for speeding, but I would like to show a heavy presence during this traffic shift.

There was a complaint made early last month about the Church’s music at 19 Berwick Street. I spoke with Pastor Nomar and advised him of the complaint. I was advised that they only play three songs on Sunday, lasting approximately 30 minutes total if that. The Pastor explained that

he was already aware of the complaint and has spoken with both neighbors. He even stated that he had gone inside the one residence and listened to the music as it was going on and there were no issues apparently with it.

There was also a complaint made about vehicles parking between signs on the right side of New Street when you turn off from Broad Street. While on duty, Police have not observed one vehicle parked illegally the entire month in this area. We will continue to give out parking tickets as vehicles are parked illegally throughout the Borough.

SANITATION: Councilor Brandon reported that no one contacted her regarding their garbage not being picked up. She also reported that at 65 Broad Street, their garbage and recycling were all over the yard and that she made Laura aware of the problem.

BUILDINGS: Councilor Sateach reported that the quote from Rhino Construction was \$4,000 dollars and was a fair amount for the safety enclosure for the office.

WATER & SEWER: President Baran reported that past due accounts are at \$1,958.68 over 90 days. Mary will start sending out shut-off notices.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilor Brandon reported that Harmony Hall had a concert and the turnout was good. The next event is Christmas in the Park on December 7th. Councilor Cryder wanted to thank the Gregory family for donating the Christmas tree for the park and Tom Cherneski, Dave Budda and Mike Letishock for helping decorate the park this year.

ZONING: Councilor Gerhard read his report.

2 UCC permits

1 Zoning permit

5 Quality of Life violations

1 case closed

Solicitor Yurchak suggested updating the zoning ordinance since it has been since 1996 since the last update.

CCCOG: Councilor Cryder had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Checking

\$194,571.32

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| Garbage Checking | \$123,433.15 |
| Sewer Checking | \$250,478.57 |
| Water Checking | \$91,549.46 |
| Liquid Fuels Checking | \$37,484.59 |
| Police Dept. Checking | \$2,444.68 |
| Recreation Checking | \$55.64 |
| General MMA Checking | \$27,669.19 |
| Harmony Hall | \$1,391.65 |

Councilor Cryder made a motion to approve Rhyno Construction's quote for the office enclosure of \$4,000. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

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 Sateach. Roll Call: All Yes.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- ✓ Bob asked if the plow driver could plow the snow differently, so he is able to get his car down the alley.
- ✓ Heidi Holinowsky brought up past issues that she has complained about before about the way the plow driver is plowing the snow and where the snow is being deposited.
- ✓ Meg Baran brought up the Air B&B on New Street and complained about the garbage being left out all week.

Council President Baran made a motion to adjourn until the next Meeting to be held on January 5th, 2026, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coppersmith
Borough Secretary