

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
November 3rd, 2025

The Beaver Meadows Borough Council held a general meeting on Monday, November 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. Solicitor Robert Yurchak was also present. Bill Curilla and P.J. Sateach were absent.

Councilor Gerhard made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the October 6th general meeting and the October 15th budget meeting. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Cryder made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections to the October 15th budget meeting. Second by Councilor Gerhard. Roll Call: All Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NA.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Baran read the 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:

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 Engineer report covered streets as well.

POLICE: Officer Kotwasinski read the following report:

The Police report for October is as follows: there were was (1) hit and run, (2) thefts, (3) criminal investigations 2 of which are for narcotics, assisted EMS on (1) occasion, (2) motor vehicle accidents assisted PSP on 1, (1) patrol action, (1) trespass, (1) erratic driver, (1) harassment via communication, and (1) public assist for a fall victim. There were (22) traffic citations issued, (1) non-traffic citation issued pertaining to the trailer ordinance, (8) parking tickets, (1) zoning violation issued, and (3) vehicles towed due to suspended registrations.

In addition, I contacted Representative Doyle Heffley's office pertaining to grants for our digital handheld radios. They provided me with information on LSA grant we can apply for, which I am basically finished with as we speak. This grant will cover the purchase of four handheld radios for the Police Department if received.

In addition, the grant is the Local Share Account Statewide grant. The grant opened on September 1st of this year and needs to be submitted by November 30th of this year. A \$100 application fee needs to be submitted along with that grant.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to approve the resolution to apply for the \$100 application fee for the LSA grant. Second by Councilor Tranguch. Roll Call: All Yes.

SANITATION: Councilor Brandon reported that garbage and recycling is just the ongoing cans not getting picked up but were resolved.

BUILDINGS: Councilor Sateach was absent

WATER & SEWER: President Baran reported that past due accounts are at \$1169.15 over 90 days. Mary will start sending out shut-off notices.

President Baran reported the water quality issues and Councilor Cryder had two suggestions of leaving the hydrant cracked open for 48 hours or go full force open and possibly having a water boiling advisory. He wants to check with Bob Gavio first before any decisions are made.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilor Brandon reported that the Halloween event was a success.

ZONING: Councilor Gerhard read his report.

3 Quality of Life tickets were issued (Candice focused this month on citations and NOV's) There were 2 UCC permits issued, 5 open code violations closed, 3 Zoning permits issued, and 1 sidewalk construction/repair application.

CCCOG: Councilor Cryder reported there was a discussion on having a small grant program through CCCOG that the money would be coming from a sale. The CCCOG wants to help municipalities in carbon county that are members of the CCCOG.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NA

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Checking	\$184,195.30
Garbage Checking	\$117,639.93
Sewer Checking	\$244,765.58
Water Checking	\$100,017.66
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$37,476.64
Police Dept. Checking	\$2,800.49
Recreation Checking	\$55.63
General MMA Checking	\$27,384.83
Harmony Hall	\$994.52

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to approve the resolution to change the return check fee from \$35 to \$50 for any check returned to the borough for insufficient funds. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Tranguch made a motion to approve the support letter for Common Ground Ministries. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

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

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

NA.

Council President Baran made a motion to adjourn until the next Meeting to be held on November 19th, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coppersmith
Borough Secretary