

BEAVER MEADOWS BOROUGH
COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
May 5th, 2025

The Beaver Meadows Borough Council held a general meeting on Monday, May 5th, 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 Bill Curilla. Solicitor Robert Yurchak and Mayor Thad Williams were also present. Dydyna Tranguch and P.J. Sateach were absent.

Councilor Gerhard made the motion to dispense the reading of the minutes from the April 7th general meeting. Second by Councilor Cryder. Roll Call: All Yes.

Councilor Cryder made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Councilor Brandon. 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:

Grant Funding Available

We prepared a grant application for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant. It was submitted electronically on 4/30/25. We selected four project improvement locations throughout the Borough to include as a project consisting of 1) Hazle Street water line blowoff, 2) Broad Street sewer line replacement, 3) Depot Street sewer line replacement, and 4) New Street sewer line replacement.

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

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 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 are gathering information to determine the necessary scope of work for an engineering study proposal that will be prepared and provided to the Borough for consideration. CDBG Pre-Application – We will be applying for curb ramp and street repairs on New Street. The application is due by May 16th. Other Borough funds will also be used for New Street repairs this year.

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

STREETS: Councilor Cryder reported that the Schedule is out with the water bills for street sweeping. We will be starting New Street paving this summer using \$47,000 between the covid relief money and Liquid Fuels money. Discussed with the engineers about applying for the CDBG Grant and go for the ADA ramps at the intersections Broad, Berwick and New Streets and additional paving towards Swamp Street. Also, I would like to thank Jim Thorpe Auto Rentals for fixing the bucket truck for us.

POLICE: Officer Melvin read the following report:

The Police report for April is as follows: there was two (2) reports of a disturbance, one (1) report of terroristic threats, one (1) report of missing juvenile, one (1) report of illegal dumping, one (1) theft report, two (2) wellness check's conducted and assisted Pa State Police on one (1) occasion. There were eleven (11) parking tickets issued, thirteen (13) traffic citations issued, and nine (9) traffic warnings issued. There were also one (1) non-traffic citations issued, and four (4) zoning violations issued.

The Court Report for April is as follows: During the month of April I attended court on one occasion for six (6) separate hearings.

- 1) Illegally parked vehicle with three (3) separate pictures of vehicle parked in same location for eight (8) days: DISMISSED.
- 2) Illegally parked vehicle (1) picture: DISMISSED.
- 3) Traffic stops with three (3) citations issued:

A) Suspended registration: not guilty

B) Required financial responsibility: not guilty

C) Unlicensed driver: pled guilty

4) Traffic stops with three (3) citations issued:

A) Suspended registration: guilty

B) Required financial responsibility: not guilty

C) Unlicensed driver: guilty

5) Traffic stops for three (3) citations: Continued

6) Traffic stops for trailer ban, one (1) citation: Continued

SANITATION: Councilor Brandon reported that all issues with complaints have been satisfied. Any residents that asked for garbage cans to be replaced have been managed.

BUILDINGS: Councilor Cryder reported that Councilor Sateach is waiting on another quote for the office enclosure. Also waiting on a company to give us a quote on the building repairs.

WATER & SEWER: President Baran reported that past due accounts are at \$2,900 over 90 days. Mary will start sending out shut-off notices. Councilor Cryder advised that we applied for PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant. We selected four project improvement locations throughout the Borough to include as a project consisting of Hazle Street water line blowoff, Broad Street sewer line replacement, Depot Street sewer line replacement, and New Street sewer line replacement. Also, the Second Street inlet repair we will be using covid relief money. It's all brick and the top section is failing and the manhole has been cocked in the roadway for a while and we can bid that out when we do the New Street paving and save a little money.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Councilor Brandon reported that the fridge and freezer were delivered to the pavilion. Patches of Service members are displayed on the wall. Also, Jenn Barnesevitch requested a permanent flag for the pavilion. The Hazleton High School band will play at the ceremony. Refreshments will be served outside the building after the ceremony. The name chosen for the pavilion will be Harmony Hall.

ZONING: Councilor Gerhard read his report.

- ❖ 24 Berwick Street new patio without permits, Greg spoke with the resident on 4/28 and let him know if he fills out permit before the court date we will withdraw citation.

- ❖ 65-67 Broad Street Candice and Greg spoke with the owner, and he will plead not guilty to citation and will try and have everything fixed before court.
- ❖ 101-103 Broad Street, the owner of the building came in and spoke with Laura about the sidewalk, and she let him know to write a letter with a plan of action on what he will do to fix the situation. On 4/29 Candice scanned the letter from the owner and let him know the letter was unacceptable and we need a time frame on when the sidewalk would be fixed.
- ❖ 44 Penrose Street – on 4/29 Ian checked and the certified Notice of Violation was delivered on 4/9. There was no contact from the owner. Citation will be filed on 5/9.
- ❖ 80 Broad Street, the property owner came in and handed his plan of action in and Laura let him know he has 30 days to fix the issue.
- ❖ 2 Berwick Street, on 4/15 Laura mailed out the notice of violation for numerous unregistered inoperable motor vehicles in various states of disrepair. Mailed both certified and regular mail. On 4/29 the owner of the property came in and spoke with Candice, and he agreed to email a plan of action.
- ❖ 68 Broad Street, repeat fires due to furnace. On 4/15 the owner of property sent a letter and receipt of services from HVAC company. On 4/22 Ian reviewed the HVAC reports and closed the notice of violation, he notified homeowner of closed status.
- ❖ 13 quality of life violations were issued for the month of April.

Councilor Gerhard advised he would like to adopt Hazleton’s example of the parking ordinance except to change the weight limits. Bob will draw up a draft and they will look at it at the next meeting.

Councilor Gerhard made a motion to amend the 2024 IPMC ordinance 2 corrections needed to be made. Second by Councilor Brandon. Roll Call: All Yes.

Advanced code answered all questions council had in amending the Landlord residential ordinance. The council was given examples to look at for the next meeting.

Residents, Mr. and Mrs. Katchur, complained about different properties in the borough that need to be looked at by zoning.

CCCOG: Councilor Cryder reported that he missed the last meeting, but he was able to find out that the by-laws were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NA

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Checking	\$91,219.59
Garbage Checking	\$91,199.03
Sewer Checking	\$233,653.91
Water Checking	\$96,899.53
Liquid Fuels Checking	\$38,132.92
Police Dept. Checking	\$2,902.11
Recreation Checking	\$55.55
General MMA Checking	\$24,184.74
Harmony Hall	\$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 Curilla. Roll Call: All Yes.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Tom Katchur asked about the speed humps and wouldn't the money be better spent on fixing the roads instead.

Council President Baran made a motion to adjourn until the next General Meeting to be held on June 2nd, at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Coppersmith
Borough Secretary