**BEECH CREEK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 2, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**\*6:45pm District Magistrate John Maggs swore in the following members: Melvin Coakley (Mayor), Lynn Gray (appointed), Tim Bittner, Blaine Kunes, Bill Kessinger**

**CALL TO ORDER** by President, William Kessinger

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Council members present included William Kessinger, Blaine Kunes, Melvin Coakley, Tim Bittner, Mike English, Lynn Gray, and Greg Small. Craig Lindsey was absent. Also in attendance Luke Peters and Scott Lehman

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE December MEETING:** minutes will stand approved, voted unanimously

**REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The financial statement was unanimously approved on a motion made by Blaine Kunes and second by Mike English, all in favor

**CITIZENS:**

Nothing

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Coakley requested nominations for President, Blaine Kunes nominated Bill Kessinger, Mike English second the motion, all in favor. Bill Kessinger accepted the position.

Mayor Coakley requested nominations for Vice President, Mike English nominated Craig Lindsey, Blaine Kunes second the motion, all in favor, Craig Lindsey was not in attendance.

Mayor Coakley stated that Ordinances are still being worked on and should be completed by the February meeting.

**STREETS:**

Nothing

**VEHICLE**:

Air bags were purchased for the F250.

**RECREATION:**

Luke Peters reported the fence at Legion field was fixed as best they could for now, still need new gate.

**BUILDING:**

Secretary stated that we received the new chairs and the tables will be in about 2 weeks.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:**

Mike English requested an Executive Session to discuss employee insurance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WATER/SEWER UPDATE:**

Blaine Kunes stated they have not met yet and will report at next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Blaine Kunes made a motion to keep the council meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor.

Mike English made a motion to retain **Larry Coploff as borough solicitor**, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Council will table the Auditor till next meeting while Blaine Kunes looks into what elected auditors entails. Blaine Kunes made a motion to donate $400 per quarter to BC Fire Company, Tim Bittner second the motion, all in favor. Mike English made a motion to donate $1000 to Friendship Community Center, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Blaine Kunes made a motion to donate $75 a month for one year, to the Friendship Library for rent expense, Mike English second the motion, all in favor. Bill Kessinger stated he will table selecting committee members till next meeting. All chair persons will remain the same till next meeting.

It was noted that February 1 will be the BC Borough’s 150th anniversary. Council will think of things we could do to celebrate, will discuss further at February meeting. There is not enough time to do anything for February. Blaine Kunes requested from Council to increase the funds to the Street Fund from $1290 a month to $1500 a month and to increase the Truck Fund from $153 to $500. Mike English made a motion to make the increase in the monthly payments, Blaine Kunes second the motion, all in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE & INSURANCE:**

Mike English made a motion to revise the disability insurance for Luke Peters to include Randy Peters, keep the disability insurance on employees instead of them banking their sick time, they will retain their 40 hours of sick time yearly, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Mike English will look into the insurance further and report at February meeting.

**BILLS DUE:**

Blaine Kunes made a motion to pay the bills due, Tim Bittner second the motion, all in favor

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:28 pm

Exited ES at 7:37 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 on a motion by Greg Small, second by Mike English

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Roan, Secretary