**BEECH CREEK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 6, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**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, Greg Small, and Craig Lindsey. Also, in attendance Luke Peters, Kathy Gundlach, Shirley Bittner, and Larry Gearty.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE January 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:**

Kathy Gundlach want**s** something done about the rental property on Maple Ave. being loud and disturbing the neighborhood at all hours of the night. She stated that the last episode was them putting off fireworks 4:00 and 4:30 am. Kathy stated that this has been an issue for a while, in the summer time you can’t have your windows open because of the noise. Blaine Kunes stated he called the owner after the fireworks incident and informed him that it was his own personal complaint. Blaine stated the owner insinuated that he was unaware of any issues and that he expected Randy Dorey to let him know what was happening at the house. Blaine suggested the borough write a letter to the owner informing him of the neighbor’s complaints then if it continues we will contact the solicitor. Blaine Kunes made a motion to send a letter to Chris Lapp about the property, send it certified, Craig Lindsey second the motion, all in favor.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Coakley stated he was putting the order in for the new Christmas lights for the borough. He also checked on the property on Harrison St. and stated the garbage has been moved into the garage and off the side of the street. He has been stopping hoping to catch someone home but hasn’t had any luck. Mayor Coakley state he wants to do something for the 150th birthday celebration. He will chair a committee made up of council members and community who volunteer.

**STREETS:**

Nothing

**VEHICLE**:

Melvin Coakley state the air bags were installed on the F-250 but they discovered other issues with the truck. He had to order spring shackles for it. Melvin stated we should have someone look over the truck good and keep it fixed. He will be taking the Z-Turn to Dotterer’s for repair, it has an electrical issue.

**RECREATION:**

Craig Lindsey stated that he will purchase a new gate for the fence before spring. He had a call from CM JV Baseball asking for permission to use the field, which he gave. Melvin stated he believes the Legion will be having 2 Jr. Legion teams this year.

**BUILDING:**

Nothing

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:**

Lynn Gray stated that council should offer the Disability Insurance to all employees. She stated that the secretary is an employee and should not be excluded from this. Mike English asked for an Executive Session to discuss employee matter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Bill Kessinger stated he has switched up the committees and are as follow:

 Streets: Blaine Kunes, Tim Bittner, Craig Lindsey

 Vehicles: Greg Small

Recreation: Craig Lindsey

Building: Lynn Gray

Employee Relations: Mike English and Lynn Gray

Correspondence: Mike English

Bill Kessinger asked if council had thought about having elected auditors for the borough, after discussion, Lynn Gray will talk with Keiffer and Assoc., Mike English will talk to Yvonne Hughes for quotes, will table the decision for another meeting.

**WATER/SEWER UPDATE:**

Blaine Kunes stated the meters in Blanchard are completed, we have been seeing dramatic changes. Craig Lindsey stated that we will most likely start Beech Creek soon since we are seeing these changes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill Kessinger asked for a motion to pay Donna Bittner and Jason Clymer each Fifty dollars ($50) for the use of their electricity for the Christmas lights. Blaine Kunes made a motion to pay them, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Bill Kessinger asked council to review the new sewer connection ordinance, Mike English made a motion to accept the ordinance as written, Tim Bittner second the motion, all in favor. Bill Kessinger asked council to review the new Motor Vehicle ordinance, Blaine Kunes made a motion to accept the new ordinance, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Secretary stated that she was told the borough has $1400 in County Aid from 2015 and 2016 and should be used. Blaine Kunes asked if it could be used for salt? Secretary will look into that and let him know. Craig Lindsey asked what could be done about people parking so close to the access of the alley at both ends? There is a Camaro on one end and a vehicle at the other end. Melvin Coakley stated if people are visiting it wouldn’t be an issue but to stay there for days is an issue. Blaine Kunes stated we could paint the curb which then would be a no parking area. Melvin Coakley stated that something needs to be done about parking on the streets while employees are trying to plow. Tim Bittner agreed it is an issue. Melvin Coakley stated there is an ordinance that there is no parking on Fairview St. from the top of the hill to railroad street. Blaine Kunes questioned who will enforce the ordinance. Melvin stated he would if that is what council wanted. This is also an issue for Vesper St. Secretary stated she will post on FB and ask residents to not park on the street and see if that helps some.

**CORRESPONDENCE & INSURANCE:**

**BILLS DUE:**

Craig Lindsey made a motion to pay the bills due, Lynn Gray second the motion, all in favor

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 on a motion by Greg Small, second by Mike English

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Roan, Secretary