**BEECH CREEK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 3, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Council members present included Tim Bittner, Lynn Gray, Greg Small, and Craig Lindsey, Mayor Coakley. Absent from meeting was Mike English. Citizens in attendance Luke Peters Erin Robinson, Greg Nyman, Rod Kline, Justin Kline, Bobby DeArment, and Pat McGhee.

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

**REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The financial statement was unanimously approved on a motion made by Craig Lindsey and second by Greg Small, all in favor

**CITIZENS:**

Greg Nyman was here inquiring what Take A Peek Inn has to do to get a Noise Exemption permit from the borough. PCLB told them they will be fined for the noise you can hear outside the building. Bill Kessinger stated he reviewed the information that the secretary gave him on this issue but that he would have to make a call to our solicitor for legal information to make sure it is done correctly and protects all parties involved. Bill stated he will try to have an answer at next months meeting. Bobby DeArment gave an insurance quote for the 2018/2019 year for Council, Authority, and Workmen’s Comp for Fire Hall. Craig Lindsey questioned the amount listed for sewer plant, Bobby stated that is what the engineers came up with when they visited the plant. Craig Lindsey stated he believes the salt shed should be covered as well. Bill Kessinger stated he believes we should hold off on deciding about the insurance till the Authority gives an input since they pay 70% of the bill. Bill Kessinger thanked Bobby for coming, Bill asked Craig Lindsey to review the coverage with the Authority for any questions they may have.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Melvin Coakley stated he spoke with PennDot about the speed limit signs, he stated that nothing can be done till a street study is done. PennDot will contact us about doing the street study in July. Mayor Coakley stated the police will not do anything till the study is done. Melvin asked if anyone cared if he spoke to West Penn about the Christmas lights and the way to hang them when the time comes. He wants to be able to connect them to the poles. No one had an issue with him talking to West Penn. Melvin stated he received information about advertising the Birthday event on the radio but didn’t feel it was necessary and stated the committee didn’t have funds for the advertisements.

**STREETS:**

Craig Lindsey stated he spoke to Gary Hartman from Hawbaker’s about the paving project, Gary stated they were behind schedule due to the weather and the project may not be completed by August 11. Melvin Coakley asked to have them wait till after August 11th if it cannot be completed before because of the event being held. Secretary will contact Hawbaker’s. Bill Kessinger stated that a few of the council members met with PennDot about the drainage problem along 150 and Keswin. PennDot reps stated they saw native brook trout in the ditch and now it declared a public waterway and the boro can’t touch it without getting permits. Lynn Gray questioned that if there is not water in the ditch all the time how does fish survive? Craig Lindsey stated that Luke and Randy looked at the ditches in Keswin with Pat McGhee to see if anything can be done, Pat McGhee stated there was a 20ft right away and that the ditch was cleanable. Craig will check with Bossert about his property since it was stated he wouldn’t allow anyone in there to clean it out, he will also see who owns the property beside Mumma’s. Craig asked council if they were willing to work with Authority on the cleanup since there is a sewer leak and it needs repaired. Council agreed to work together and do what they can for the residents of Keswin. It was also noted that the ditch behind the Carson residence is blocked with debris from a collapsed wall. Bill asked secretary to send a letter to them asking to clean the debris from the ditch to open the flow of water. Pat McGhee will be cleaning the ditch on Park St., Lynn Gray stated that per Travis LaVelle they can put the debris from his tree in his yard if he doesn’t have it gone by the time they do this work.

**VEHICLE**:

Nothing

**RECREATION:**

Craig Lindsey stated that the employees put 5 loads of mulch on the playground.

**BUILDING:**

Lynn Gray stated she contacted some people about the lighting, she spoke with one person who is a prior customer of Dave Miller’s, he stated he does see a difference except where they don’t normally use a lot of lights. Lynn Gray made a motion to go ahead with Dave Miller’s project for lighting in the borough building, Craig Lindsey second the motion, all in favor. Secretary will contact Dave to start process.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:**

Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bill Kessinger stated council received 4 letters of interest for the vacancy on council. Joe Walker, Anthony Stopper, Justin Kline, and Lynn Bitner. Bill questioned council how they feel they wanted to proceed with selecting a candidate. Craig Lindsey stated it wasn’t fair to make a decision without talking to all the candidates since some council doesn’t know them all. Bill Kessinger asked council one by one what they preferred to do:

 Lynn Gray – interviews

 Greg Small – interviews

 Tim Bittner – interviews

 Craig Lindsey – interviews

Since it was unanimous to interview Bill asked secretary to set up the interview for Thursday, July 5th. Since Justin Kline was in attendance, Bill asked if he minded being questioned tonight. Justin stated that it was fine. Craig Lindsey ask if there was a need to there to have so many council and authority members. Bill Kessinger stated it was brought up years ago and he thought it was a process to go through to have it reduced. He will talk to the solicitor about this when he contacts him about the noise exemption.

**WATER/SEWER UPDATE:**

Craig Lindsey stated there was a water break on Main St. the employees along with Pat McGhee fixed it. Craig also stated that Authority will also be working with a company for the cross-connections. Craig stated that the they are working on bids for Fairview St. and that Alan Uhler is working with the company to touch up the water tanks in the spots needed. Bill Kessinger asked about the vacancy on the Authority, Craig stated no one has shown any interest as far as coming to a meeting to find out what is going on.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Secretary asked council what they preferred to do with the chairs since we have new ones, Bill Kessinger stated to set them out for residents at the meetings and put the folding chairs in the garage till we need them. Bill Kessinger signed the completed audit from Greg Dwulet. Secretary stated she felt someone should do an inspection of the business to update the Mechanical Device tax, it has been 3 years since a physical inspection was done. Bill Kessinger and Tim Bittner will do the inspection.

**CORRESPONDENCE & INSURANCE:**

Thank you card from Friendship Community Center and invitation to Chapman Township Park Opening

**BILLS DUE:**

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

 \*Bill Kessinger stated that Melvin wanted to know how many hours Dave Heverly’s check was for? Craig stated he receives $10 a day.

Meeting recessed at 8:30 p.m. to continue on Thursday, July 5th on a motion by Greg Small, second by Tim Bittner

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Roan, Secretary