**BEECH CREEK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 7, 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, Mike English, Tony Stopper. Citizens in attendance Luke Peters Erin Robinson, Greg Nyman

**\*\*Bill Kessinger stated that he wanted to take a minute and thank the committee for a job well done on the 150th Celebration.**

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 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 Mike English, all in favor

**CITIZENS:**

Greg Nyman asked council if any new developments on the Noise Exemption were made. Bill said that at this point they are still working on it. Greg stated they would be back next month.

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Coakley stated that something needs to be done about people blowing grass onto the street, it isn’t good for the new paved street and a hazard to motorcycles. He has a few properties that wondered if we should send a letter. Lynn Gray stated that she thought a message on FB and something in the water bills might help since there is probably more than the few that Melvin noticed doing it. Bill Kessinger asked secretary to post something on FB asking residents not to do it. Melvin stated a resident on Harrison St. talked to him about water running into their driveway since the paving. Craig Lindsey stated they were aware of the situation and that Hawbaker’s was going to fix the problem, might be another month or so.

Mayor Coakley asked that a Thank you letter be sent to Chris Lykens for letting the borough use his truck to hang and take down signs without hesitation. Melvin will get card for everyone to sign.

**STREETS:**

It has come to council’s attention that a person was doing burn-outs on the newly paved road in front of Take A Peek Inn. Pictures were passed around. Bill Kessinger asked secretary to write a letter to offender and tell him it will not be tolerated and if it continues authorities will be called. Craig Lindsey stated that Hawbaker’s is looking into the charge for milling we may have been overcharged. Craig also stated that Luke and Randy installed some reflectors at the Kleckner’s resident to deter people from driving into their yard. They also put a bucket of dirt into the hole that was created from people driving on it. Luke Peters stated Pat McGhee’s quote for doing the ditch behind Melvin’s is $4500. Craig Lindsey will talk to Joel about his property. Tim Bittner made a motion to go ahead with the project if Joel is ok with it, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Luke Peters asked where council wanted the millings from the paving job. Craig Lindsey stated to spread them on Mill Street. Secretary stated that Pat McGhee is busy so it will be a while till he can get to that job.

**VEHICLE**:

Nothing

**RECREATION:**

Craig Lindsey stated that girls’ softball travel team will be using the field as a practice field. Craig stated that a load of dirt was purchased for the Legion field. The legion purchased one and the borough purchased one.

**BUILDING:**

Nothing

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:**

Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bill Kessinger stated he called the Commissioners about the water issue at Eckley’s, He was referred to Conservation District. Bill spoke to Mary Ann Bower from there who stated she knew of the issue and was planning to do a walk through of the mill race and will let him know what she comes up with. As of now he has not heard back from her. Greg Small stated that the Santa Jump will be held on November 10 this year. Greg asked council if they could use the tennis courts even though they cannot use the building since they made the rule no one can use it. Craig Lindsey stated he thought council acted hastily on that action and feels that they should reconsider since the Santa Jump is a borough function. Mike English asked where you draw a line of who can use it and who can’t. Melvin Coakley stated if it is part of a borough function it should be allowed. It was decided to vote on a case by case if someone asked. Craig Lindsey made a motion to allow the Santa Jump Committee to use the building for their event, Mike English second the motion, all in favor except Greg Small who abstained since he is on the committee. Secretary stated that Mr. Gingery came to office and stated he does not have a burn barrel at his residence.

**WATER/SEWER UPDATE:**

Craig Lindsey updated council on the situation at Boob/Bechdel residence. Also, that employees installed a check valve and manual valve, so the issue doesn’t happen again.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bill Kessinger stated that we will be working on budget at next months meeting. Secretary stated we received a Dirt and Gravel Road application which is due by Oct 5th. Council asked Luke to see if there is anything they could apply for. Craig Lindsey asked Luke and Randy to figure out how many signs we need for Maple Ave. to be compliance and bring figure back to next meeting. Secretary stated that insurance company did a survey of property, they recommend that we have a Hold Harmless contract signed by all parties that receives a 1099 from us. Bill Kessinger asked secretary to get a contract signed from whoever should.

**CORRESPONDENCE & INSURANCE:**

Mike English made a motion to renew the Health insurance policy we currently have, Craig Lindsey second the motion, all in favor

**BILLS DUE:**

Craig Lindsey made a motion to pay the bills, Mike English second the motion, all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Greg Small, second by Tony Stopper

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Roan, Secretary