**BEECH CREEK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 3, 2025**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER** by President William Kessinger

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Bill Kessinger, Lisa Heaton, Joe Walker, Mike English, Craig Lindsey, Greg Small, Mayor Walker, other attendees Melvin Coakley, absent was Tim Bittner

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE May** **MEETING: Approved**

**REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Approved on a motion by Craig Lindsey, Seconded by Greg Small, all in favor

**CITIZENS:**

* Melvin Coakley asked what Council and Authority was going to do with the F250 since it isn’t being used. Bill Kessinger said we would discuss that when we get to Vehicles.

**MAYOR:**

* Mayor Walker stated nothing has been done to the Bryan property and the Olmstead property. He stated he would call the solicitor and see what we can do since the house is a hazard. Craig Lindsey asked what it would take to have the house condemned since nothing has been done and it is an eye sore and hazard. Craig Lindsey made a motion for secretary to email solicitor and ask these questions, Mike English seconded the motion, all in favor. Permit has run out and will not be renewed for the house on Maple Ave.
* Mayor Walker stated he asked secretary to send a letter to a property on Main Street since the grass was above the 6” limit.

**STREETS:**

* Nothing

**VEHICLE:**

* Bill Kessinger stated this is the time to talk about the F250. After discussion, Greg Small made a motion for council to proceed per the Authority how they see fit for the truck, Mike English seconded the motion, all in favor.
* Greg Small stated they are having issues with the Z-turn. He contacted Dotterer’s but they cannot get it in for 2-3 weeks. He also has been checking on a new mower since this mower is 18 years old. He contacted Dotterer’s and Ports with prices ranging between $17,000 and $ 20,000. It was suggested that he also check with Miller Brother’s, Joe’s Equipment, and Royal King. Craig Lindsey stated to also get a price on an overhaul for the mower. Luke Peter stated that Dotterer’s told him not to run the mower as it will cause more issues, but the fields need mowed and other areas of the borough. It was suggested that maybe we could rent a mower till we figure this out. Craig Lindsey made a motion to rent a mower till ours is fixed, Greg Small seconded the motion, all in favor. Luke will find the best deal for rent.

**RECREATION:**

* Craig Lindsey stated he would like to send a letter to the Legion to get the power bill put in the Borough names so there is no confusion about who can use the scoreboard at the Legion Field. Greg Small made a motion to take over the bill, Joe Walker seconded the motion, all in favor.
* Craig Lindsey stated he asked Randy and Luke to change the locks at the concession stand and press box at the Legion Field and to make 1 key fit both. Also asked secretary to call coaches to give a key to them.

**BUILDING:**

* Lisa Heaton stated the garage door is working great.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:**

* Nothing to discuss

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Mike English stated we should discuss the place to have the Borough Association dinner in October so we can get on a schedule for a place. Places mentioned were Wesleyan Church where they had it last time and BC Hotel. Lisa Heaton asked if the hotel would be big enough to hold it there. Bill Kessinger said he thought it was plenty big enough. Secretary stated that the Hotel is closed on Tuesday but Amy, owner, would open for this dinner. Lisa Heaton made a motion to hold the dinner at the hotel, Craig Lindsey seconded the motion, all in favor.
	+ Note after this motion Melvin Coakley stated the Community Center would be able to do a dinner also. We will remember that for next time.
* Bill Kessinger brought up the Fire Company agreement asking if the council reviewed it. Bill stated we should send it to our solicitor for review and comments. Bill Kessinger stated with our budget as much as he doesn’t want to do it, he believes we should raise taxes 1.25ml to help our funds. Lisa Heaton made a motion to send the agreement to Larry for review asking him to have it back to us by July 31 so we can discuss it in August meeting, Greg Small seconded the motion, all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Joe Walker stated that on Election Day he was asked by Barb Carson if the borough can do anything about the ditch along 150 by her house, she stated it was washing away her property and if there is anything the borough can do about the sign on the garage? Mike English will take a look at the sign as he wasn’t aware of it, as far as the ditch the borough isn’t allowed to do anything because Conservation District saw fish in it. Barb would have to call Penn Dot.
* Joe Walker stated he wanted to make the council aware that he asked Randy and Luke to look into a broom for the John Deere tractor so they could sweep the streets and after water breaks. He stated that we can clean other municipalities if they need it for a cost.
* Luke stated that Joel Kauffman that was here about a retaining wall, has done the work by himself. Joel asked if the borough would help with the cost of the asphalt that needs to be put to run the water into the piping he installed. Craig Lindsey asked if it was on our right a way? Luke wasn’t sure. Craig will take a look at it.
* Mayor Walker stated Skip Erb asked if the borough could clean the ditch that runs by his house, Craig Lindsey asked Luke to see what Pat McGhee would charge to do that.

**CORRESPONDENCE & INSURANCE:**

* CC Economic Partnership annual picnic will be held on July 16 from 4-8
* Letter asking for approval letter for a grant the Clinton County Planning Dept is trying to get. Mike English made a motion to send a letter, Greg Small seconded the motion, all in favor.

**BILLS DUE:**

* Joe Walker made a motion to pay the bills, Lisa Heaton seconded the motion, all in favor

**ADJOURNMENT:**

* Greg Small made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Heaton seconded the motion, all in favor

**Meeting Adjourned at**: 7:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Roan, Secretary