**BEECH CREEK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 12, 2020**

**7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President William Kessinger

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:** Craig Lindsey**,** Tim Bittner, Lynn Gray, Greg Small, Mike English, Tony Stopper, Melvin Coakley, also in attendance was Devon Bechdel,

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE April** **NOTES** Craig Lindsey made a motion to accept the minutes prepared from emails and phone calls in absence of April meeting, Mike English second the motion, all in favor.

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

**CITIZENS:**

None in attendance

**MAYOR:**

Mayor Coakley reported that there needs to be a meter pole put in at each end of town. He stated there will be a transformer at each site. Mayor Coakley stated he had report of a person having a burn barrel, he went to check it out, results the owner got rid of the barrel. It was stated that you cannot burn on Wednesdays and Sundays. Bill Kessinger stated that was set up because of the fire smoldering fires.

Mayor Coakley stated he would like to see the signs up on Fairview St., Devon stated they were waiting till the curbing was completed. He stated there was vehicles on both sides of the street. He also stated that a resident is making noise.

**STREETS:**

Craig stated Fairview St. is just a mess. Devon Bechdel stated they got a quote from Charles Construction for $70,000 to repair just where they ripped up. John Henry was not interested in the job because he could not compete with bigger companies. Bill Kessing suggested to call Bowman’s for a quote.

**VEHICLE:**

The S-10 will need brakes, struts and has a transmission leak that will need fixed before inspection. The F250 has a small crack on the windshield. Bill Kessinger said to replace the windshield, call the insurance company. Craig Lindsey said to let the S-10 sit until financially we can afford to fix it.

**RECREATION:**

Craig stated bathrooms are still locked. Craig stated to put yellow tape around the playground and pavilion. The ballfield can remain open at this time.

Devon stated a contractor came to look at the playground and will get a quote for fixing the drainage.

**BUILDING:**

Lynn Gray stated she was asked if the borough would be interested in doing a Holiday Christmas tree either at the borough building or somewhere. It is something they may be interested in. Lynn also asked about the posting for sewer inspection. All houses for sale whether through a realtor or not needs to have the inspection, even if it is just a deed transfer.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:**

Retirement – Lynn stated she talked to others about the plan that was discussed in March. She said some people stated it got out of hand for their borough, some stated it was how they budgeted. Bill stated the Borough must be sole employer to get any money back from the state. We will table this for another time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Bill Kessinger asked where we were on the PLCB issue for Noise Ordinance. Secretary stated she talked to Solicitor who stated he has not worked on it in awhile but will get back on it. Bill Kessinger stated he signed a release for paying Duane Kleckner. Solicitor Paul Ryan has checks from all 3 entities and will contact Mr. Kleckner’s attorney for him to sign a release and then will give checks.

**WATER/SEWER UPDATE:**

Craig reported on Water/Sewer

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Memo from Solicitor Larry Coploff on tax relief. A resolution from council can extend the tax relief. Craig Lindsey made a motion to do the Resolution to extend the deadline according to Clinton County’s deadline, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Secretary will post in The Express. Mike English made a motion to change the June meeting to June 9th because of Election Day on June 2nd, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. Secretary will advertise the change. Bill Kessinger stated that in the previous minutes Craig Lindsey suggested that council forego or defer their salary this quarter. After further discussion Tim Bittner made a motion to forego the pay for this quarter pay due to financial condition of the borough, Tony Stopper second the motion, all in favor. Bill Kessinger stated at this time we will not reschedule the Clean Up day since the situation is still ongoing.

Craig Lindsey made a motion to allow secretary to borrow money from Street Fund or Truck Fund if needed to pay bills etc. with stipulation to repay funds, Greg Small second the motion, all in favor. It was stated that the employees are now working 4 hours on Fridays to get a full 80 hour pay.

**CORRESPONDENCE & INSURANCE:**

Nothing

**BILLS DUE:**

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Roan, Secretary