**BEECH CREEK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 5, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Bill Kessinger**,** Tim Bittner, Lynn Gray, Greg Small, Craig Lindsey, Mike English, Tony Stopper, and Melvin Coakley. Also, in attendance was Luke Peters, Greg Nyman, Erin Robinson, Alan Uhler, Jake Shady, & Larry Coploff

**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 Craig Lindsey and second by Mike English, all in favor

**CITIZENS:**

Alan Uhler, engineer was here to talk with council about the storm sewer project. He showed council his design and estimated the cost at approx. $252,000. William Kessinger questioned Larry Coploff if this project could be bid in phases. Larry stated as long as it is not to get around the bid process. William stated that is was due to cost. This project will coincide with the Authority doing a new water line on Fairview St. Craig Lindsey made a motion giving permission for Alan Uhler to bid on behalf of Authority, Tim Bittner second the motion, all in favor. Alan stated he will have the bids and documents at next months meeting for review and approval.

Council had several questions for our solicitor Larry Coploff, who attended the meeting to answer what he could.

Larry Coploff stated that you do not recodify, once you codify you are codified. He stated what should happen is everytime you pass an ordinance it should amend the codification. Larry stated we would need to pull out every ordinance since 1993 and check to see if they are where they need to go. William Kessinger asked Larry Coploff about the Noise Exemption that council has been talking about for a few months. Larry stated that council FIRST needed to have a noise ordinance which we do not have right now. Once that is done, we can work with PLCB on the exemption. Greg Nyman stated that this has been going on for 6 months and nothing has been resolved yet. He stated he spoke to a Sargent Lynam from Office of Administrative Law Judge who told him that he can opt out of this. Larry Coploff stated that he doesn’t believe it is that easy to just opt out but that he will contact Sargent Lynam and talk to him. Larry Coploff stated he will get council a copy of a noise ordinance he researched that he believes will help council. Mayor Coakley questioned about someone living in a camper along Main St., Larry Coploff stated that under Housing ordinance Chapter 11 it doesn’t define housing. Under Zoning it doesn’t define what a temporary housing is. Mayor Coakley stated he had a couple calls about the camper. He will talk to the people to see if they are willing to file a complaint. William Kessinger asked Larry Coploff about uninspected/un registered cars in the borough, Larry stated that according to our ordinances it states that they may not be in alley ways or along the street. There is nothing stated to say they cannot be on property. William Kessinger asked Larry about garbage on properties. Larry stated we have an ordinance that stated borough residence must have garbage picked up once a week. (Chapter 20 section 104). Mayor Coakley stated he has 2 properties that have garbage piled up and should be removed. Craig Lindsey made a motion to have secretary write a letter to property owners and be served by Constable. Lynn Gray second the motion, all in favor. Mayor Coakley will get addresses to secretary for letters. William Kessinger asked Larry Coploff about parking along streets for snow removal etc. Larry stated that our ordinance (Chap 15 Section 3) stated council can call an emergency meeting to act on it but it would have to be advertised. Craig Lindsey stated that Cory Watkins told him he called the State Police and Penn Dot about the ice on the Monument Orviston road from water being pumped onto street. Craig stated they told Cory that it was the borough’s issue to deal with. Alan Uhler stated that the best scenario would be for the owner to connect to storm sewer which would eliminate it from being on road. Craig will talk to property owner about re-routing the water to the storm sewer.

**MAYOR:**

See notes under Citizens

**STREETS:**

Craig Lindsey stated he went to look at the streetlights on Maple Ave as requested by Gary Cox, his recommendation is that no other light is needed. Craig stated that they employees fixed the hole on High St. and added a pipe.

**VEHICLE:**

Greg Small stated Luke was driving and lost all power steering and brakes on the dump truck. It had to be towed to Joel Confer’s for repair. Issue was a cloth on hydraulic hose got wrapped around ?? and caused the issue. Melvin Coakley is working with A&H for a refund on the cost of the repairs.

**RECREATION:**

Craig Lindsey stated he received some paperwork on a grant that he will look over for the playground but that the first thing that needs done is the drainage to keep water from laying.

**BUILDING:**

Lynn Gray asked Melvin where we were with the emergency lighting for the building. Melvin stated he hasn’t had time to do it but will work on it.

**EMPLOYEE RELATIONS:**

Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS:**

William Kessinger asked secretary to get a quote on what recodification would cost.

**WATER/SEWER UPDATE:**

Craig Lindsey updated council on Water/Sewer

**NEW BUSINESS:**

William Kessinger asked councils wishes on what amount of donation to send to the Friendship Library. In the past they donated $200 but last year (2018) a motion was made to give $900 which was equivalent of their years rent. Craig Lindsey made a motion to give $900, Tim Bittner second the motion, all in favor. Secretary will send a check. Craig Lindsey stated that Dave Grimm talked to him about the Legion possibly putting up fencing along the backstop to help stop foul balls. Dave stated they were just in the talking stages right now but asked if they do this if the borough will give any funds. Craig stated he told Dave once they decide to let him know and he will talk to council.Melvin Coakley stated that Weaver Electric was going to give a quote on running a line through town for Christmas lights.

**CORRESPONDENCE & INSURANCE:**

Mike English read a Thank you note from Sandi Boob on behalf on Friendship Community Center.

Also let council know about the Flood Plain Management class being held in Bloomsburg on March 19-22.

**BILLS DUE:**

Greg Small made a motion to pay the bills, Mike English second the motion, all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Greg Small, second by Mike English

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Roan, Secretary