

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
January 2, 2024, 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:03P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Chief Arthurs

Absent: Joyce Painter, Matt Chapman, and Jerry Haddon

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received information on the winter municipal league winter conference which is February 11th and 12th.

The mayor received a letter from MCTV about rate increases effective February 1,2024.

The village received a thank you note from Susan Phillips and Linda Dawson for the dinner delivery from the senior Christmas party and the cases of water they received during the construction in the alley.

The village received a \$100.00 donation from Bo and Barbara Beaulieu for the beautification program in honor of Melinda Bronchik.

Bob Sadler met with the family of Melinda Grampa Bronchik family to discuss the possible projects that can be completed with the donations from her passing. The family would like a bench and a planter around the sign and a water fountain. Bob also suggested a mural.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C:

Contractor's meeting will be held on December 9, 2023 at 3:30PM

Consider Water Line Extension Update

No updates

Consider Hotel/Motel tax ordinance.

Tabled

Social:

No report

Playground:

No report

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported one light on Blue Jay and Carolina to the electric company.

Streets:

No report

New Business:

Consider Building Enforcement report.

Chief Arthurs issued a summons on failure to report and pay B&O taxes for McCoy garage properties on Hill Street, Beech Bottom, WV.

23rd -4th Street the Chief is trying to put a lien on the property for the cleanup that the village had to do after the owner vacated the property.

Greg Sheperd reported the following from the building Enforcement meeting:

9-4th Street should be present at the March meeting, improvement has been made.

17-1st Street will be at city court this month.

442 Hill Street taking to court over ownership issues between Popcorn Properties and Mrs. Deavers before actions can be taken.

450 Hill Street on hold for tax sale in March 2024.

54 State Street will have a letter sent to the deceased owner's husband about the property.

Adjournment

Don Hubbard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM

Minutes presented by

Joyce Painter_____

Approved by

Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
January 16,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:03P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Chief Arthurs, Joyce Painter, Matt Chapman, and Jerry Haddon

Visitors:

Ben Erste from BHJ

Ben delivered the checks to Don Hubbard and brought the third draw down information for payment on the storm sewer project (attached). Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay the draw down as presented, no objections, motion carried.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received an agenda for the Municipal League Conference.

Brooke Cubs delivered the trophy we sponsored and presented it to the village since no one placed in that category.

Mayors Report: Attached

Treasurers Report: Attached

Don Hubbard reviewed those wanting direct deposit; Joyce Painter, Sharon Jordan and Bruce Hunter still want direct deposit for their checks.

Bill Review:

Bills were reviewed by council, Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay the bills, no objection, motion carried.

Water Board Report: Attached

Police Report: Attached Monthly and Yearly reports.

Maintenance Report: Attached

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C:

The pipe is complete, the church is connected and the paving will be done in April or May weather permitting.

Consider Water Line Extension Update:

No news

Social: No report

Playground: No report

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported the following street light issues to the electric company: Hill Street alley, Park Ave is cycling and the light on third Street Playground needs removed.

Streets: No report for streets but Don Hubbard received a quote from Steve Buck for clearing the hillside on Park Ave to keep the weeds and debris from collecting on the hillside, Sharon Jordan made a motion to allow Steve Buck to clean the hillside once a month weather permitting, no objections, motion carried.

New Business:

Consider Finance committee report.

Greg Sheperd reported that the committee is working on the 2025 budget and the next meeting is on February 8 at 6:00PM

Consider Personnel Committee report.

Joyce Painter reported that the personnel committee has selected three applicants to interview on January 18,2024 and will have the results to bring to council on February 6,2024.

The committee also looked at the structuring of the maintenance department and suggested removing the supervisor and leader roles from the department. Council suggested the following:

Manager – salary position

Operator/laborer \$17.00 per hour

Labor \$15.00 per hour

Seasonal \$13.00 per hour

The department will still have a 90-day probation period.

Bruce Hunter made a motion to accept the new structure, no objections, motion carried.

Consider 2025 Budget:

Greg Sheperd inquired of any projects the council would like to include in the 2025 budget. The following projects were submitted for consideration: Solar Panel Maintenance, a one-ton dump truck, and consider if Health ways is not using the building purchasing it for a community center. Mayor Uhly will contact Health ways to see if they are interested.

Consider 2024 Holiday Schedule:

Mayor Uhly stated we will be following the State of West Virginia holiday schedule.

Consider 2024 Activities:

Foam Fridays, back to School picnic were successful and will be considered for the list. Music in the Park needs to be later in the evening and Fall Festival was discussed.

Adjourn

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:14PM, no objections, motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder

Approved by Mayor Uhly

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
February 6, 2024, 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhlly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:03P.M.

Present Mayor Becky Uhlly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Chief Arthurs, Joyce Painter, Matt Chapman

Visitors: Elani from CEC phone

Consider Water Line Extension Update

Elani updated the council on the water loop project and informed the council that the IDJ application had been approved. The tank manufacture is 80% done and the land would be deeded over to the village from the BDC. Bob Sadler inquired about a guard rail at the tank site since there is a drop off, Elani will investigate it. There is a delay since the auditor filed for an extension for the March 2022 audit which is required in this project. Sharon Jordan made a motion to give Mayor Uhlly to sign for the inspection budget when it is ready, Don Hubbard second it. Bob Sadler requested full size and smaller maps of the project.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence:

The village received a thank you from the Brooke Cubs Wrestling for the purchasing of the plaque.

Comcast Communications sent an update to the channels they provide.

The BHJ sent a copy of the 2025 long range transportation plan for review.

The United States Department of Commerce U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a boundary and annexation survey which the mayor has completed.

Chief Arthurs presented a flier for a benefit function for a local child with cancer and asked for a donation from the village. Bob Sadler made a motion to purchase an item for the auction at the event no more than \$100.00 in cost, Don Hubbard second the motion, no objections, motion carried.

Mayor's Report: No report

Bill Review:

Don Hubbard presented the current bills for council to review and authorize payment. Don Hubbard also informed the council that Quick Books needed to be upgraded and the cost is \$550.00 and \$6.00 per employee checks. Sharon Jordan approved the bills and made a motion to pay all bills against the village, no objections, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C:

The construction phase is finished and the black top and topsoil for the church will be completed in the spring around April/May weather permitting.

Social: No report

Playgrounds: No report

Streetlights: Four lights were reported to the electric company by Sharon Jordan

Streets:

No report for streets but Don Hubbard received a quote from Steve Buck for clearing the hillside on Park Ave to keep the weeds and debris from collecting on the hillside, Sharon Jordan made a motion to allow Steve Buck to clean the hillside once a month weather permitting, no objections, motion carried.

New Business:

Consider Building Enforcement report.

Greg Sheperd stated that the enforcement agency is requesting the mayor to have the police accept the complaints and submit them to the committee. Greg also stated that the committee reviewed all open cases and that they were taking two cases to court.

Consider report from Personnel Committee

Committee chairperson Joyce Painter asked for an executive session at 7:32 PM.

Don Hubbard recused himself from the session. Executive session ended at 7:38PM.

Report from Executive Session: Personnel issues were discussed with the following recommendation for hire. The committee presented Keith Ware as the new part-time employee as an operator in the maintenance department. Bob Sadler made a motion to hire Keith Ware as an operator in the maintenance department stating on 2/11/2024 pay period, no objections, motion carried.

Consider an additional bench for the playground.

The Family of Melinda Grampa Bronchik request that we purchase two benches, one between the lower shelter and one along the fence with the beautification fund in Melinda memory. Sharon Jordan made a motion to purchase the two benches and for the council to purchase the third bench to be placed along the fence in honor of all who have served in the military, no objections, motion carried.

Consider mural with WU.

West Liberty University will paint the mural in the summer after the expansion joints are completed on the wall. The cost for the mural is approximately \$4000.00 in labor with the village purchasing the supplies.

Additional information will be available once the design is complete.

Adjournment

Bob Sadler made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Becky Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
February 20,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag. Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:01P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter Recorder, Matt Chapline Solicitor, Chief Arthurs, and Jerry Haddon

Visitors:

Joe Barki

Joe Barki, the current Prosecuting Attorney introduced himself and explained that he is running for Circuit Court Judge. Joe told the council about his background and why he is running for Judge.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction of giving Mayor Uhly the authority to sign for the inspection; no objection motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received a thank you from the Wellsburg Chamber of Commerce for the bridge opening along with an invitation to join the Wellsburg Chamber.

The electric company sent out a notification of a scheduled power outage for February 26,2024 from 8:00AM-1:00PM.

Mayor Uhly received the dates for the Flood Plain Training, March 5- March 26,2024 for anyone who wishes to attend.

Mayor Uhly received levy estimates.

Wellsburg Baseball /Softball sent out a donation letter which will be put on the next agenda.

The village received two letters from citizens. (attached)

Bob Sadler received a call that the fire extinguishers will be inspected on Friday 2/23/2024.

Greg Sheperd presented the alarm call summary for the Beech Bottom Fire Department to the council. Greg Sheperd also asked if the possibility of the fire department having a budget line on the 2025 budget, Mayor Uhly will investigate that possibility.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Treasurers Report: attached.

Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the treasurers report, no objections motion carried.

Bill Review:

Sharon Jordan reviewed the bills presented and made a motion to pay the bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Water Board Report: attached.

Police Report: attached.

Maintenance Report: attached.

The street signs in the village are assorted colors and Jerry Haddon wanted input on replacing the signs to make them the same color and replacing the damaged ones. Greg Sheperd made a motion to replace the three red ones, the white one and any damaged ones to blue. The green signs that are on streets that the village does not own will remain green, no objections motion carried.

Bob Sadler talked to Burl at the DOH and we do not need a permit to put up the new Welcome to Beech Bottom signs both north and south by the green state signs.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C: No report.

Consider Water Line Extension Update: No report.

Social: No report.

Playground:

Jerry Haddon volunteered to get the estimate for the fence and new drive gate on the Third Street playground.

Streetlights: No report.

Streets: No report.

New Business:

Consider Finance committee report.

The committee worked on the 2025 budget.

Consider Variance Request: Tabled

Consider Calendar of Events/ Dumpsters & Summer events:

The council scheduled the following events for 2024:

Make It Shine- April 6,2024

Dumpster Days 4/27/2024

Port A John to Third St. Park- 5/1/2024-10/01/2024

Breakfast In the Park 5/18/2024

Foam Friday- 06/07/2024-08/09/2024.

Music In the park – 40+ Band -07/20/2024

Dumpster Day 09/21/2024

Hot Spot 10/31/2024

Kids Christmas Party and Senior Dinner in December.

Consider giving Matthew Chapman Authority for court cases.

Sharon Jordan made a motion for an executive session to include Matt Chapman and Chief Arthurs at 8:23PM.
Jerry Haddon was excused from the meeting.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to end the executive session at 8:53PM, no objections motion carried.

Executive session report: Personnel and legal issues discussed.

Consider all the pay.

The council discussed pay raises for July 1, 2024, as follows:

All hourly employees will receive a fifty cents per hour increase.

Salary employees except for the treasurer will receive a \$60.00 monthly increase.

The Treasure will receive a \$100.00 monthly increase.

Special Budget Meeting for council members I \$100.00 each.

Greg Sheperd made amotion to accept the July 1,2024 pay raises, no objections, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 9:01 PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhllly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

March 4, 2024,

7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom to a regular council meeting to order at 7:02P.M.

Present Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter, Matt Chapman

Absent: Chief Arthurs and Jerry Haddon

Visitors: Sandy Burkett

Minutes of previous meeting:

Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objection motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received a request for a variance for chickens from a citizen on Hill Street and is trying to locate it in the ordinances.

Mayor Uhly received a quote for Terminix pest control, to be on the next agenda.

Bob Sadler wanted entered into the minutes that CEC had agreed upon guard rail on Mill Road to the new water tank.

Mayors Report: Attached

Bill review: Joyce Painter reviewed the bills and made a motion for the bills presented to be paid, no objections, motion carried.

Building Enforcement Report:

Greg Sheperd reported that fines will continue negligent properties. He also stated that the property on State Street has power lines hanging down and will contact the electric company to disconnect at the pole.

Unfinished Business

Consider Update on Alley C:

The walk through was cancelled two times and that the grates are in but not installed according to Mayor Uhly.

Consider Water Line Extension:

HUD received the numbers that they had been waiting on.

Consider Budget 2025:

The preliminary budget will be voted on in the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Social: None

Playground: Joyce Painter reported that children are riding their bikes, skateboards, and hover boards on the foam at the Hill Street playground which can tear the foam. Mayor Uhly will include this issue in the newsletter asking the parents to enforce this rule of no bikes, skateboards or hoverboards are permitted on the foam areas of both playgrounds.

Streetlights: None

Streets: Bob Sadler will get estimates for drainage on Hill Street, cost to be included in the 2025 budget.

New Business:**Executive session:**

Bruce Hunter made a motion to go into executive session at 7:31PM and to include Matt Chapman, no objection motion carried.

Bruce Hunter made a motion at 8:13 PM to end the executive session, no objections, motion carried.

Report from executive session:

Personnel issues discussed; no action taken.

Consider Maintenance Manager salary. Tabled

Consider speed Limit on Hill Street:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to revise ordinance eleven to reduce the speed limit on Hill Street to ten miles per hour, no objection motion carried.

Consider Donation to Wellsburg Baseball/Softball Organization:

Don Hubbard made a motion to purchase a banner for \$125.00 from the organization, no objections, motion carried. Don will call and place the order.

Adjournment.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27PM, no objections, motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Becky Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

March 19 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag.

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter Recorder, Matt Chapline Solicitor, Chief Arthurs, and Jerry Haddon

Visitors: Ben Erste

Ben presented drawdown for \$752,624.18 for approval and signature (copy attached). Sharon Jordan made the motion to pay the drawdown for \$752,624.18, no objections motion carried.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes were reviewed by council, Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections: Bob Sadler wanted entered into the minutes to have CEC look at guard rails on Mill Road to the new water tank, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received an email from Rudy Grampa wanting the village to consider a new clock for the village, but the fund does not have enough money to cover the cost.

Mayor received a quote to run phone lines out to the garage area, it was decided that is was not necessary.

Mayor Uhly received an invitation to attend the Brooke Courthouse ribbon cutting Tuesday at noon.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Treasurers Report: attached

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the treasures report and pay all bills, no objections motion carried.

Bill Review:

Bills were reviewed and signed by Joyce Painter, Greg Sheperd reviewed and signed the bank statements.

Water Board Report: attached.

Police Report: attached.

Chief Arthurs reported that both arrests were set for court tomorrow night.

Maintenance Report: attached.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C:

Paving and is set for mid-April.

Consider Water Line Extension Update: No report.

Social:

The list of events is in everyone's mailbox and Don Hubbard has listed it on the web page. Next event is Make it Shine on April 6, 202 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

Playground:

Jerry Haddon reported that work on setting benches at Third street Playground will start this week.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported one light on First Street to the power company.

Streets:

Don Hubbard and Bob Sadler reported that they will be getting multiple quotes for the catch basins from Yost Construction and construction will start this week.

New Business:

Consider finalize 2025 Budget:

Don Hubbard reported that the final budget for 2025 is \$1,270,675.00 and it is balanced. Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the budget, (vote as follows: Don Hubbard yes, Bob Sadler yes, Sharon Jordan yes, Bruce Hunter yes, Greg Sheperd yes, Joyce Painter yes) motion passed.

CONSIDER CODIFYING ORDINANCES- Tabled

CONSIDER FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Don Hubbard reported that the finance committee review the budget for 2025.

CONSIDER EMPLOYEE SCHEDULE FORM

Mayor Uhly presented the schedule format to the council. The council asks that the departments be separated and posted in their appropriate areas.

CONSIDER DATE FOR MAINTENANCE CHANGES: Tabled.

CONSIDER HOTEL/MOTEL TAX ORINANCE: Tabled

Consider the Terminix contract: Tabled no quote yet.

Consider remaining money owed to LRA from 7/18 /23 meeting.

Bruce Hunter made a motion to move \$10,00.00 to the LRA operating fund, no objection motion carried.

Adjourn

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:30PM., no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

April 2, 2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:11P.M.

Present:

Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Chief Arthurs, Joyce Painter, Matt Chapman,

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Bruce Hunter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received a thank you from the Hunter Family for the funeral flowers.

Terry Stewart emailed that there was a maintenance class in Triadelphia on Flagging and CPR. Bob Sadler thought it would be good to send our team to the flagging class.

Bob Sadler questioned Root 2, being a private club serving liquor and only being licensed in the village for beer which has a different price for the license. The renewal processes the club will have to pay for the higher license. Bob Sadler also informed the council that Nancy Wildman has contacted Spirit Energy about their quarterly B&O taxes.

Ben Erste called Don Hubbard and said the next two drawdowns are ready.

Mayor's Report: Attached

Bill Review:

The bills were reviewed and approved for payment by Greg Sheperd. Greg made a motion to pay all bills, no objection, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:**Consider Update on Alley C:**

The paving will be completed weather permitting in April/May period.

Consider Water Line Extension Update:

Mayor Uhlly reported that Elaine from CEC asked for Matthew Chapmans email address.

Consider second reading of Ordinance 11:

Greg Sheperd read the second reading of Ordinance 11. Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third reading, no objections, motion carried.

Social:

Make it Shine will be held April 6, 2024 everyone is to meet at the lower shelter at 10:00AM and there will be pizza for everyone at 11:00AM.

Dumpster Day will be April 27, 2024 if anyone needs things picked up contact the village.

Playground:

Maintenance would like to have LaMarr make vinyl backdrops for the lower shelter where the wood is, this will brighten up the shelter area, cost is \$96.80 per sign. Sharon Jordan made a motion to buy four seasonal backdrops for the shelter, no objections, motion carried.

Streetlights: Sharon Jordan reported lights that were out on First Street and the River Road by the old EZ Pool.

Streets: Sharon Jordan made a motion for the catch basins to be installed by Yost construction on High Street and Hill Street, no objections, motion carried.

New Business:**Consider report from LRA.**

Joyce Painter reported that the potential buyer for 6 Park Ave retracted his offer and will be available again for sale.

Consider report from Building Enforcement Agency

Greg Sheperd reported that there was a judgement for the Old Anchor Room property and the work will be completed by November's meeting. There is a hold on fines for 17-1 Street and that

the offer to use the properties fines to help pay for the needed repair work. The property on 442 Hill Street can now be served and 54 State Street needs update on the disconnection of the electrical at the pole.

Consider Update Ordinances:

Mayor Uhly distributed the ordinances to the council members for a review process.

Adjournment:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:05PM, no objections, motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

April 16 2024 7:15PM

Preliminaries: Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call: Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:05P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter

Absent: Chief Arthurs, Matt Chapman, and Jerry Haddon

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting: Changes to minutes are as follows: "Council discussed Root 2", Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, no objection, motion carried.

Correspondence: Mayor has a Zoom meeting on Friday with the Municipal League on funding roads, anyone is welcome to join.

The Municipal League Conference will be in Huntington on August 6-9/2024, please registered if attending.

BHJ has an open house that Donnie and Becky will be attending.

The legislation increased the out-to-bid dollars from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Mayor Uhly will cancel the road bond that was attached to the sewer line project.

Greg Sheperd informed the council that the Beech Bottom Fire Department has free smoke detectors that they can install for people of the village, please have them contact the fire department.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Police Report: attached.

Water Report: Sharon Jordan gave a verbal report from the water board and attached a written report.

Maintenance Report: attached.

Unfinished Business

Consider Update on Alley C: The second and third drawdown came in on Friday. The paving company is still down and they will pave as soon as asphalt is available.

Consider Water Line Extension Grant: Mayor Uhly signed the grant agreement but there is an issue with bats on the environmental report that was filed.

Committee Reports:

Social: Dumpster Day will be April 27, 2024 and the village maintenance crew will be available on Saturday to help citizens transport trash to the dumpsters.

Playground: The port-a-john is scheduled for May 1, 2024 at the Third Street Playground. The maintenance crew performed an inspection of playground equipment.

Streetlights: Sharon Jordan reported a light that was cycling on the end of Third Street.

Maintenance: no report.

Streets

New Business:

CONSIDER STORMSEWER FOR HILL STREET:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to have the catch basins installed on Hill Street does not exceed \$49,999.00, no objections, motion carried.

CONSIDER PROPOSED INSURANCE QUOTE FOR FY 25:

WV Corp Insurance will be due July 1, 2024 totaling \$16,848.00 yearly, Water Department reimburses half of the premium quarterly.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the WV Corp premium, no objections, motion carried.

CONSIDER REVIEWED ORDINANCES:

The council reviewed their assigned ordinances and selected ordinances that need attention, which will be done later.

CONSIDER MAINTENANCE MANAGER SALARY:

The council discussed increasing the maintenance manager's salary to \$1500.00 contingent on the Water Department discontinuing the \$300.00 they contribute to the salary. Discussion was also held about the water department reimbursement of maintenance hours for reading meters and doing water department activities. The council discussed that maintenance work has no separation between the village or the water department.

CONSIDER PROCLAMATION:

Greg Sheperd read a Proclamation on Sexual Assault / Child Abuse Awareness. The month of April be designated in the Village of Beech Bottom as Sexual Assault/ Child Abuse awareness month.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the proclamation, no objections, motion carried.

CONSIDER REPAIRS TO STATE STREET: Tabled

CONSIDER DONATION TO POLICE ACADEMY:

The village cannot donate to the Police academy but can help pay for physical items. We need an invoice to make the purchase.

All in one Computer Purchase:

The council decided that the purchase was not necessary at this time.

Consider Report from Finance committee:

The Treasurer's report was reviewed by the council, bill review was conducted, Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills against the village, no objections, motion carried. **Adjournment.**

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM, no objections, motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

May 7,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call: Mayor Becky Uhlly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:11P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhlly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Chief Arthurs, Joyce Painter,

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to approve the April 16,2024 Special Meeting minutes, no objections, motion carried.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 16,2024 regular meeting, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhlly received a thank you card from the Nelsons for the help on dumpster day.

Nancy Wildman and Mayor Uhlly attended a meeting at the library on Family Services.

Elaine from CEC informed the mayor that the report from Fish and Wildlife may result in the loss of the IJDC money and she will file for an extension and look for other funding for the project.

Scholarship Day will be at Brooke High School May 16,2024 at 10:00AM and the Bearcat Scholarship will be awarded at that time, we had four applicants.

Mayor's Report: Attached

Bill Review:

Bob Sadler reviewed the bills and signed them for payment.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C:

No money has been received for the project.

Bob Sadler inquired about a guardrail by the large catch basin at the bottom of 49Hill, Mayor said it had been talked about.

Consider Water Line Extension Update:

CEC has requested an extension.

Social:

Dumpster day was a tremendous success and the maintenance and office crews were a huge help with the event.

Breakfast in the Park will be Saturday May 18,2024 from 10:00AM-12:00PM

Playground:

The painting of the wall has begun and the picture of the Mill will be included in the mural. Half of the painting will be made possible by the Beautification Fund and the Village will pay the rest of the expense. Paint and supplies cost \$758.00 and then the labor for the six to eight painters will total approximately \$3000.00. The painters are from West Liberty University.

Streetlights: Sharon Jordan reported lights cycling at Park Avenue and Church Street to the electric company.

Streets:

Bobbie Sadler presented a bill from Yost Construction for the first digging on Hill Street when they were trying to locate the drain, for \$2,520.00. A bill that the treasure needs to research to see if it had been paid for Yost Construction for the Hill Street playground for \$20,566.00 from 2023.

Hill Street catch basins have been installed and have been able to eliminate the pooling of water on Hill Street when it rains.

New Business:

Consider Breakfast in the Park:

May 18,2024 from 10:00AM until 12:00PM at the Third Street playground. The menu will include sausage gravy and biscuits, egg casserole, pancakes, orange juice and milk.

Consider Update Ordinances:

Greg Sheperd and Bruce Hunter presented the ordinances they reviewed to the council.

Consider Ordinance Selection to Rework: Tabled

Consider Contractor with Exterminator.

Mayor Uhly presented two quotes for exterminators for the village. Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept Rose Exterminator contractor, no objections, motion carried.

Consider report from Building Enforcement Agency:

Greg Sheperd reported that ninth-4th Street has completed the May worklist and one additional item; they will continue other items for June.

450 Hill Street will have the doors and windows boarded up by the village for safety issues.

The agency will start fines on 54 State Street for non-compliance.

442 Hill Street will have May and June fines suspended pending new owners.

23rd-4th Street has a new owner and the agency will reach out to them about the open complaints about the property.

Adjourn

Bob Sadler made a motion to adjourn at 7:54, no objections motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

May 21,2024

7:00PM

Preliminaries: Pledge to the flag and prayer lead by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call: Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:01P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bruce Hunter, Chief Arthurs, Joyce Painter Recorder, Bob Sadler, Matt Chapman Solicitor

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting: Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the minutes with the following correction, Don Hubbard was not present at the May 2,2024 meeting, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence: Mayor Uhly received a copy of the summer flier for the summer feeding program including June's lunch menu.

Mayor Uhly received a report to be completed for the opioid money the village received. Mayor Uhly received the first report from Rose Exterminating and a booklet from Main Street bank.

Danita Henthorn donated a framed map she found in the house on Second Street.

John King sent a demolition survey for DEP funding which the mayor completed.

Mayors Report: Attached

Bill review: The finance committee reviewed and signed off on the bills, Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay all bills that were reviewed, no objections, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, no objections, motion carried.

Police Report: attached.

Chief Arthurs and Matt Chapman asked that 450 Hill Street be on the next agenda June 4,2024

Water Report: attached.

Maintenance Report: attached.

Unfinished Business

Consider Update on Alley C: One more draw down and the project is complete.

Consider Water Line Extension: No report.

Committee Reports:

Social: Breakfast in the fire department was a success. Foam Fridays will start on June 7, 2024 and Pocket change will play in the Third Street Playground on June 22, 2024 from 7PM-9:00PM

Playground: The Third Street Playground was sprayed to eliminate clover and weeds.

Streetlights: No outages reported

Streets: The water that is running down First Street, Alley A, State Street and Second Street needs to be monitored during a rainstorm to collect more information on the solutions needed.

New Business:

Consider Report from Finance Committee:

Don Hubbard presented a chart of the accounts and will contract Lisa as the Financial Advisor.

Consider Maintenance / Water department reimbursement.

Bruce Hunter made a motion to have no re-imbursement from the water board for maintenance work, Mayor Uhly called a voice vote: Don Hubbard-yes, Bob Sadler- no, Greg Sheperd -yes, Joyce Painter- yes, Bruce Hunter-yes, motion carried.

Consider updates on ordinances that need revised •

Next meeting ordinances 21, 32, 35, and 5 will be reviewed and changes made by council.

Adjournment.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:50PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter _____Recorder.

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

June 4 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries: Pledge to the flag and prayer lead by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call: Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:02P.M.

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter Recorder, Bob Sadler, Matt Chapman Solicitor

Visitors: Linda Dawson

Linda Dawson, a village resident, presented the council with pictures and a letter with concern about Alley C. condition after the paving was complete.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes were reviewed by council and correction made (Bruce Hunter was recused from the vote on maintenance re-imbursement). Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, no objection motion carried.

Correspondence: Mayor Uhly received a check from Rudolph Grampa for the mural plaque that will be installed in memory of Melinda Grampa Bronchik.

Mayor Uhly received a thank you from CCA for the flowers for the kids to plant at the school.

We received an invitation for a meet and greet for Casey Goff, the new Head Football Coach at Brooke high School on May29,2024.

Mayor Uhly has received complaints also on the church yard needing more soil.

The Municipal League Conference will be in Huntington, WV in the first week of August. If you are going, please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Bob Sadler informed the council that Spirit Energy will have a meeting with Nancy Wildman and himself next Tuesday, June 11,2024 at 11:00AM to discuss the payment of their B&O taxes.

Mayor's Report: Attached

Bill Review:

Sharon Jordan reviewed and signed the bills, Greg Sheperd made a motion to pay the village bills, no objections motion carried.

Don Hubbard informed the council that part of the FEMA closing will be on HR review for nondiscrimination policy and job descriptions in files, Joyce Painter will review the files.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Alley C- last draw down:

Don Hubbard informed the council that part of the FEMA closing will be on HR review for nondiscrimination policy and job descriptions in files, Joyce Painter will review the files.

Draw down tabled to next meeting.

Joyce Painter inquired about current MSDS sheets; Don Hubbard will check with Jerry Haddon about one for the garage.

Consider Water Line Extension Update:

The project is now in the public comment phase. HUD sent the grant money back because it was \$500.00 off, Ben will fix it and send it back in.

Social:

Foam Friday starts June 7, 2024. Music in the Park is June 22, 2024 7:00PM-9:00PM. The Fire Department will have their kitchen open to purchase refreshments. The free lunches in the park for summer started this week.

Playground:

The new benches are being installed this week. Jerry Haddon is getting an estimate for spraying the weeds at Hill Street Playground.

The maintenance crew received the backdrop for the lower shelter but had to return and reorder it for the correct size.

Mayor Uhly suggested moving the fence behind the shelter to offset the sides at an angle to eliminate the space behind the shelter, Sharon Jordan made the motion to move the fence, no objections, motion carried.

The tree at Lambert Park needs to be removed, estimates are needed.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported no outages.

Streets:

Don Hubbard reported the continuing issue concerning a catch basin on First Street since water continues to be an issue running into yards.

New Business:

Consider 450 Hill Street:

Tom Brown conducted an inspection of the property and his recommendation is to demolish the property. A letter has been sent out by Chief Arthurs.

Consider report from Building Enforcement Agency:

Greg Sheperd reported the agency voted to proceed with orders on #9 Fourth Street, and #17 First Street to vacate the property due to noncompliance. 54 State Street was just listed for sale with REMAX and 442 Hill Street will continue with fines since the LRA will not be obtaining the property at this time. Need to find the owner of 23rd Fourth Street.

Consider the two citizens for Water Board Position.

The following citizens sent their request to be on the Water Board, June Morrell, Valerie Smith, and Shane Niven.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to reinstate Valerie Smith to the Water Board, no objection motion carried. Bob Sadler made a motion to accept Shane Niven as a member of the Water Board.

Letters will be sent to all who applied.

Consider Update Ordinances #21, #32, #35 and #5

Ordinances # 32 and #21 need no changes.

The reading of Ordinance #35 was held, Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #35, no objections, motion carried.

Consider rep to interagency meetings:

Jamie Henderson attended the meeting at the Family Resource Center representing the Village of Beech Bottom, Mayor Uhly would like to have Jamie be the representative for those meetings in the future. Sharon Jordan made a motion to have Jamie Henderson be the representative for Beech Bottom for interagency meetings with a \$50.00 per pay period incentive, no objections motion carried.

Consider proclamation for water board:

John Niven, who has twenty years of service in the village, will be attending his last meeting on Thursday. Mayor Uhly would like to recognize his dedication and service. Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the proclamation, no objection, motion carried.

Adjournment:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:20PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting Agenda

June 18,2024

7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag and prayer lead by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Present:

Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter Recorder, Bob Sadler, Matt Chapman Solicitor, Chief Arthurs, and Jerry Haddon

Absent: None

Visitors: Elaine from CEC,

Ben and Carlo from BHJ

Elaine updated the council on the progress of the water project.

HUD changed the environmental condition which is completed. CEC has obtained the Health and DOT permits. The right a-ways are completed except for Brownlee and BDC. Brownlees will be received on Wednesday June 19 at the village according to the mayor. BHJ will obtain the CPA certificate for the project so we can obtain the authorization to go out to bid. There has been a change in funding since the line size was increased, mixing system for fire protection, solar panels and we did not meet the deadline. The Senator Capito office is working with CEC and we will be able to keep the funding. CEC will get in writing that we fall under senate bill four hundred.

Ben brought the four drawdown invoices for payment for the storm sewer project, Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay the four invoices, no objections, motion carried.

Ben also said that FEMA will be doing their site visit next week.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received a thank you from The Bearcat scholarship recipient.

West Virginia day

Thrasher money incorporated in the draw down.

Crisis Intervention team information was presented.

Spirit Energy did not show up for their meeting, if they do not respond to Nancy's phone call Chief Arthurs will stop by and talk with Spirit Energy.

A water report from Dale will be in the water bills so no newsletter will be sent out with the bills.

Mayors Report: Attached**Bill review:**

The financial committee reviewed the current bills and signed them for payment pending council approval.

Don Hubbard explained that QuickBooks had two options for payroll charges, per paycheck or one user yearly rate \$2000.00. Bob Sadler made a motion to pay all the bills against the village and to choose the one user for \$2000.00 year, no objections motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

The treasure report was submitted by Don Hubbard, Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the treasures report, no objections motion carried.

Police Report: Attached

Chief Arthur presented a request from the Wellsburg Fourth of July committee for a donation of hot dogs and buns and water for the event. Greg Sheperd made a motion to donate hot dogs, buns, and water to the committee with a \$500.00 limit, no objections motion carried. Chief Arthurs will make the purchase.

Chief Arthurs reported that all police officers have qualified with in service hours and are legal to work.

Chief Arthurs sent a letter to the owner of 468 Hill Street for the summons for grass.

450 Hill Street was sent a summons to court on 6/19/2024 for \$2150.00 maintenance fee.

26 Secon Street was sent a summons for grass.

Bottoms Up property is on the delinquent tax list.

Mccoys that own the Hill Street garages are interested in selling them and the Chief will contact them.

Water Report: attached.

Maintenance Report:

Jerry Haddon reported that the maintenance crew had training on "Working in Excessive Heat."

He also reported that benches are installed at the park. The tree has been cut down at Lambert Park and that Power Park needs filler for the driveway.

Unfinished Business

Consider Update on Alley C last draw down:

Ben presented and obtained the mayor's signature- Attached.

Consider Water Line Extension:

Discussed with CEC Elaine phone call.

Committee Reports:

Social:

Foam Friday has been cancelled for this Friday and the music in the park scheduled for Friday will be rescheduled for August 24.

Playground:

The mural is complete at the Third Street playground and has been sealed and the plaque will be installed.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported three streetlights that need maintenance, 48 Hill, Church Street and Old EZ Pool area.

Mayor Uhly will contact Todd at the Electric company for an estimate to replace the old streetlights with LED lights.

Street:

On going issue with First Street rain runoff water, Jerry Haddon would like to investigate it more before we put in a new catch basin. Alley A issue needs addressed and we will have to contact BDC on it.

New Business:**Consider Report from Finance:**

Don Hubbard reported that the bills were reviewed and approved to submit to council for approval and that the first budget revision will be done at the next meeting.

Consider estimate for resealing parking lot.

The council discussed the estimate to correct the paving on Alley C and include the parking lot. Matt Chapman will prepare an agreement for the for homeowners to sign before the project can proceed. Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the bid for the paving project, no objections motion carried.

Consider estimate for exterior cleaning of the Village Building:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the bid from Make It Clean for \$4850.00 to power wash the village office building.

Consider Second Reading of Ordinance #35-Tabled**Consider Ordinance #57-Tabled****Adjournment**

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:37PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved BY Becky Uhlly Mayor_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

July 2, 2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag and prayer lead by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call: Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:02P.M.

Present:

Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter Recorder, Bob Sadler, Matt Chapman Solicitor, and Jerry Haddon

Visitors:

Dave Cantrell, Linda Dawson, Garry Stephenson

Dave Cantrell is a candidate for the third district in the house of representatives. He lives in Clearview and has been a union electrician for 24 years. His concerns are with education, enhancing roads and bringing jobs to this area.

Linda Dawson, a Beech Bottom resident was thankful for Jerry Haddon and his wisdom in fixing the alley, especially her yard. She said her yard is done and thanked the council for making it right.

Garry Stephenson was concerned with children on Hill Street and their safety as well certain vehicles which are parked on Hill Street.

Mayor Uhly let the council know that Ilene Davis was in earlier and said her top step that had been repaired was crumbling.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Second Street, no objections, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly said that we had received a rebate for the p-cards for \$948.41.

Mayor Uhly shared a new ethnic newsletter from the state.

The village received pictures from DOH of inside the drain that is collapsing.

The Municipal League sent out a new employee benefit plan, Total Protective Health if anyone is interested.

Mayor received information on the BHJ dues for this year \$180.00 which will be on the next agenda for consideration.

Mayor received an approval email from the State Auditor for our levy.

It was brought to the attention of the council that a resident on Hill Street had a working firepit on the sidewalk while children were around it.

Spirit Energy issue with B&O taxes will be brought to the Finance Committee on July 16,2024.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Bill and Budget Review:

The budget reviewed was finalized with Sharon Jordan making the motion to accept the revision and Bruce Hunter Seconding the motion. Voice response as follows: Don Hubbard- yes, Bob Sadler- yes, Sharon Jordan -Yes, Bruce Hunter- yes, Greg Sheperd- yes, Joyce Painter- yes.

Budget Revision was signed and given to Don Hubbard Treasure

Bills were reviewed for payment, Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay all bills, no objections motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C:

The two walks for Alley C were completed and there were two releases.

Consider Water Line Extension Update: No report.

Social:

Music in The Park will be held at the Third Street playground on July 20,2024 7:00PM-9:00PM with 40+ playing.

Playground:

Hill Street Playground is having issues with kids on the playground at 1:00AM, curfew for the playground is 10:00PM, which it is posted.

Streetlights:

Mayor Uhly is reaching out to the electric company to put Beech Bottom on the list for the new LED streetlight incentive program. The program will eliminate the old lights and replace them with LEDs.

Streets:

Continuing issues on First Street drain, Don Hubbard is working with Jerry Haddon on the issue.

Alley A drainage issue relates to the BDC and Don Hubbard will contact Cark at the BDC to find a resolution.

New Business:

Consider benefits with Washington National:

The salesperson for Washington National contacted Mayor about Accident/Life insurance for the employees. Mayor will get more information.

Consider July 5 Holiday,

July 5, 2024, is not a holiday unless the governor decides to declare it a holiday in that case the office will be closed.

Consider report from Building Enforcement

Greg Sheperd Committee Chair reported that the Building Enforcement Agency amended course of action on 17-First Street and 9 fourth Street to request order of repair at court.

450 Hill Street was discussed on action to be taken. Bruce Hunter made a motion to proceed with the process of notice limiting the cost to \$10,000.00, Don Hubbard second the motion.

Adjourn:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to adjourn at 8:25PM, no objections, motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

July 16 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries: Pledge to the flag and prayer lead by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter Recorder, Bob Sadler, Matt Chapman Solicitor, Chief Arthurs, and Jerry Haddon

Absent: None

Visitors: Elani Knight CEC

Elani updated the Water Line Extension project. The village will update the HUD Heroes account with Ben on Thursday. The village needs a CPA certificate as soon as possible. Elani checked on the Senate bill four hundred and the village still needs to have a PSD waiver even though the project is not increasing rates and is fully funded. Matt Chapman said he would follow up with Attorney Aaron Cavaiani on the title opinion next week. Mayor Uhly said that Aaron has the easements for Brownlee and the BDC.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received and signed the CEC agreement. Mayor Uhly received budget approval for the 2025 budget from the state.

Mayors Report: Attached

Bill review:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to approve and pay the bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Attached

Police Report: Attached

Water Report: Attached

The Water Department hired Kelly Williams as the Operator.

Maintenance Report: Attached

Unfinished Business

Consider Update on Alley C: No report.

Consider Water Line Extension: Report given by Elani Knight from CEC

Committee Reports:

Social:

Music in the Park on July 20th, the village will supply popsicles, chips, and water.

Playground:

Mayor Uhly received an estimate from Steve Buck for plants and labor on the backside of the shelter for \$4000.00, council decided to table until cooler weather permits planting.

Streetlights:

The Church Street light is cycling again, Sharon Jordan will report it to the Electric Company.

Street:

Catch basins are needed on Second Street and First Street, Don Hubbard will get an estimate from Yost.

New Business:

Consider Report from Finance Committee:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the Finance committees' motion to pay the water bill and sewer bill yearly instead of monthly, no objections motion carried.

Consider report from Safety Committee:

The safety committee reported no accidents this quarter and the training topic of heat related illnesses was held with the maintenance department.

Consider BHJ dues:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to pay the \$180.00 yearly dues to the BHJ, no objections motion carried.

Consider Top of WV dues:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to pay the Top of WV yearly dues of \$100.00 no objections, motion carried.

Consider Building Enforcement:

The owners of the property at 450 Hill Street are coming to town on July 17, 2024, to look at the condition of the property.

Consider Back to School event:

The Back-to-School picnic will be on August 9, 2024 from 6:00PM-8:00PM. Mayor Uhly and Joyce Painter will buy the back-to-school supplies for the back packs.

Adjournment: Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:25PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved _____ by _____
Uhly_____

Mayor

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

August 6,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

Present:

Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter, and Matt Chapman

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes were reviewed by the council, Greg Sheperd made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received an email on Hazardous Mitigation and shared it with council. The DOH has given the Village Thirty-day notice to fix the drain and sink hole. Mayor Uhly received a thank you card from the school for the Bearcat Scholarship award.

Mayor's Report: Attached

Bill Review:

Bob Sadler reviewed the current bills, Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay the bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Update on Alley C: No report.

Consider Water Line Extension Update: No report.

Social:

Back to family school picnic will be on August 9, 2024 6:00PM-8:00PM

Playground:

The fire department will have the fire truck at the Back-to-School event on August 9, 2024

Streetlights: Nothing to report

Streets:

Don Hubbard received a \$22,000.00 quote from Yost Construction Company for Second Street catch basin and \$38,000.00 for First Street catch basin. Council asked Don to get other quotes for the project.

New Business:

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 41 (ZONING)

The council reviewed Ordinance 41 Zoning and Matt Chapman will print a new updated version for the next meeting.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 40 (SIGNS)

The council reviewed Ordinance 40 about signs. Don Hubbard made a motion to repeal Ordinance 40, no objections, motion carried.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 24 (CURFEW – FINES)

The council reviewed Ordinance 24 about curfew in the village. The following is to be added to the ordinance: First Offense- A Warning, Second offense- \$50.00 fine and Third Offense- \$100.00 fine. Don Hubbard made a motion for the fines to be added to Ordinance 24, no objections motion carried.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE 42 (EXTRACTING – FINES)

The council reviewed Ordinance 42 and added the following fines: First Offense- \$250.00, Second Offense -\$500.00 and Third Offense -\$1000.00. Don Hubbard made a motion to add the fines to Ordinance 42, no objections motion carried.

CONSIDER HALL RENTAL:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to allow the Beech Bottom Volunteer Fire Department to hold meetings in the upstairs boardroom at no cost, no objections motion carried.

CONSIDER BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

The backpacks are filled and the food is bought, maintenance and office personnel will help with the event.

CONSIDER IANNETTIS ESTIMATE

Mayor Uhly and Joyce Painter went to Iannettis and received an estimate for the plants for the playground area for \$486.00, Sharon Jordan made a motion to make the purchase at Iannettis for September/October planting, no objections motion carried.

CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

The village received a variance size of sign request from AJ Thomas for a political sign, Greg Sheperd made a motion to grant the request, no objections motion carried.

Consider report from Building Enforcement

Greg Sheperd reported 17-First Street will go to court in August; 9 Fourth Street, Matt Chapman will send a letter to; 23 Fourth Street will begin the fining process; 450 Hill Street, Matt Chapman will send a letter to request deadlines for work that needs immediate attention.

Adjourn

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

August 20 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag. Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhlly called The Village of Beech Bottom council meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Present: Mayor Becky Uhlly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter Recorder, and Chief Arthurs,

Absent: Matt Chapline Solicitor and Jerry Haddon

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Correction to previous minutes: Family Back to School Picnic. Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhlly received information on the Municipal Leagues insurance and they would like to set up a presentation. Mayor received an independent survey for the storm sewer project and sent it to Ben. Mayor Uhlly received a final certificate of substantial completion for the storm sewer project from Casey Young.

Matt Chapman sent a letter to Ms. Stumvall in regards to zoning and the B&O tax for the new owners of Aladdin Sign property

Bob Sadler informed the council that the hazard mitigation grant procedure is in the file. Bob also reported that the B&O payments for Spirit Energy have been applied and they are still one quarter behind. Nancy Wildman sent a letter explaining the payments in both the village quarters and Spirit Energy's quarter system.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Bill review:

Bills were reviewed in the finance meeting and presented to the council for payment. Greg Sheperd made a motion to pay all bills as presented, no objections motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

Don Hubbard presented the treasure report to the council for review. Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the treasure report as presented, no objections motion carried.

Police Report: Attached

Water Report: Attached

Maintenance Report: No report

Unfinished Business

Consider Update on Alley C:

Per Casey's request Dorsal was here to give an estimate on repairing Route 2 area. The existing brick basin is almost a foot lower than the new storm sewer and we are unable to attach it unless we cross Route 2 and connect at a lower elevation, costing approximately \$200,000.00. Dorsal will be available to do the project as soon as funding is obtained. Aaron Caviani is preparing right of way for Brownlee property for the new line to attach to the storm sewer on their property

Consider Water Line Extension:

Elani Knight called because the new engineer at the mill would like to review the project plans. Mayor Uhly gave permission to share the plans.

Committee Reports:

Social:

Dumpster Day will be September 21, 2024. Pocket Change will play at Third Street playground on Saturday August 24 from 7:00P.M.-9:00P.M.

The back-to-school picnic was a success and we had nineteen backpacks left which were delivered to the Christian Academy for their students. The fire department was present taking names for those interested in the Red Cross program for smoke alarms.

Playground:

Joyce Painter will call Jerry Haddon about purchasing floor fans for the shelter instead of ceiling fans. Additional umbrellas have been purchased for the benches near the upper shelter so we can make sure they match the existing umbrellas.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported to the electric company that the lights on Park Ave and Church Street are still cycling.

Street:

Don Hubbard, Bruce Hunter, and Jerry Haddon met with the BDC and Six Excavating regarding Alley A issues. The BDC will get back with Don as soon as they can correct the issue. Don also put the catch basin issue on Second Street on hold until the sink holes are repaired.

New Business:

Consider Report from Finance Committee:

Don Hubbard reported that the committee discussed a new purchase order system and will present it at the next council meeting. The committee also reviewed the current bills for presentation to the council.

Consider Scheduling Employee Training.

Mayor Uhly received training topics from John Jay Consulting for the council to choose for a training class. The council selected "Dealing with Difficult People," Mayor Uhly will set up the training for the village employees and council members.

Consider Sink Hole: Discussed in Alley C

Consider Ordinance 42: Tabled

Consider Ordinance 40: Tabled

Consider Ordinance 24: Tabled

Adjournment: Greg Sheperd made a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM., no objections motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Becky Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
September 3,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom regular council meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

Present:

Mayor Becky Uhly, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter

Absent:

Greg Sheperd, Matt Chapman, Chief Arthurs and Jerry Haddon

Visitors:

Kristian Bennett and Shane Niven

Kristian Bennett was inquiring about a letter she received from the police department concerning her four-wheeler and compliance with Ordinance 19.

Kristian also did not know that the shelters needed to be reserved for parties and she apologized if it was her party that left the mess on the Third Street Playground.

Shane Niven had no comments but attended the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Correction to the August 20,2024 minutes: Bob Sadler was present at the meeting regarding the issues with Alley A. Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Charolette Palmer donated to the Beautification fund. The village received a thank you from the Police Academy for the village's donation. Mayor received an email from Clark from the BDC requesting hazard mitigation which the BDC does not need, the village copy is in the filing cabinet.

Report:

attached.

Bill Review:

Bob Sadler reviewed the bills and made a motion to pay the bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Unfinished Business:**Consider Update on Alley C:**

The Thrasher Company ran the camera 145-155 feet in the current sink hole until it reached a pool of water. There was nothing coming in through the south end of the pipe. Fixing the current sink hole can be accomplished without going across Route 2 eliminating the need to cross on Brownlee property and reducing the cost to about \$60,000.00. The village will have to repair the Brownlee parking area since the water has damaged it. Jimmy Willis will try to secure the funding for this project through the governor's office.

Consider Water Line Extension Update: No report.

Social:

Free dumpster day will be September 21,2024 for all residents that pay a water bill.

Playground:

Joyce Painter will post a sign at the playground that reservation for the shelters can be made at the village office. Mayor Uhly will work on a new form for reservations.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported that 110 Miller Hollow and Church streetlight is dim.

Streets: No report

New Business:**Consider Ordinance 40,42 &24**

Joyce Painter read the second reading of Ordinance 40. Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third reading, Don Hubbard second the motion, no objections motion carried.

Joyce Painter read the second reading of Ordinance 42. Don Hubbard made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third reading, Bob Sadler second the motion, no objections motion carried.

Joyce Painter read the second reading of Ordinance 24. Don Hubbard made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third reading, Sharon Jordan second the motion, no objections motion carried.

Consider Purchase Order Policy:

Closed due to lack of motion.

Consider Hot Spot:

The village will again host a “Hot Spot” for Halloween. Sharon Jordan reached out to the Beech Bottom Fire Department to reserve the hall for the event. The village will provide hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate cupcakes, coffee and treat bags.

Consider Aladdin Auction

The council reviewed items for the auction and decided not to bid on anything.

Consider Christmas Parade

Sharon Jordan made a motion to allow the office staff to participate in the Wellsburg Christmas parade, no objections motion carried.

Consider report from Building Enforcement Agency:

Joyce Painter gave the report from the building enforcement agency.

9-4th Street we will continue fines for non-compliance

17-1st Street – Court was cancelled in August and will be rescheduled for September

450 Hill will receive letters from Matt Chapman allowing them to complete the work needed on that property by December 2024.

54 State Street is being sold by REMAX and an adjudication list will be sent to the realtor.

442 Hill Street fines will continue with a lien on the property being sought.

23 4th Street is on the tax sale list for October 1, 2024 and the LRA will purchase it if still available.

Other issues:

The council discussed issues that the mayor will present to Chief Arthurs for his review. The following issues were discussed:

Vehicles on Hill Street on jacks creating safety hazards.

Vehicles on Hill Street with Texas license plates for over the legal time.

Four wheelers being stored on Hill Street sidewalks.

Trailers and tires are being stored on High Street.

Trash accumulating on 4th and High Street.

Grass cutting on 430 Hill Street and reimbursement for the village.

Adjourn:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:25PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Becky Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
September17 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag. Prayer by Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call

Mayor Becky Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom council meeting to order at 7:01PM

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Joyce Painter, Chief Arthurs, and Jerry Haddon.

Absent: Matt Chapman

Visitors:

Paul Billard, Trish Zunbauch and Benjamin Erste

Paul Billard and Trish Zunbauch own Root 2 and had questions and concerns about the business license process for their establishment. Mayor Uhly told Paul Billard that the council will get back to him after the ordinance has been reviewed and updated.

Benjamin Erste is working on the storm sewer project and received a copy of the Declaration of Emergency signed by Mayor Uhly and Joyce Painter Recorder

Minutes of previous meeting:

The correction under streetlights should read 10 Miller Holla. Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

The village received a thank you from Cornerstone Christian Academy for the backpacks with school supplies for the students.

The village received a thank you from the family of Kevin Marchese (employee Paul Marchese's brother who passed away) for the meat and cheese tray.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Bill review:

The Finance committee reviewed the current bills. Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay all bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

The Finance committee reviewed the treasures report. Bruce Hunter made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, no objections motion carried.

Police Report: attached.

Water Report: attached.

Maintenance Report: attached.

Unfinished Business**Consider Update on Alley C:**

Ben Erste is trying to secure funding for the new storm sewer project. The estimate to complete the project is \$80,000.00-\$85,000.00. Don Hubbard made a motion to start the project using the village monies, Sharon Jordan second the motion no objection motion carried.

Consider Water Line Extension:

Mayor Uhly signed HUD Heroes with Ben Erste for the project.

Committee Reports:**Social:**

Dumpster Day will be Saturday September 21. The village office and maintenance crew will help pick up items throughout the village.

Hot Spot will be held October 31 at the fire Hall.

Playground:

The maintenance crew completed the landscaping around the Third Street playground display. The lighting around the billboard and landscape area will be replaced with floodlight to enhance the picture and plants.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported the following areas where there are issues with the streetlights to the electric company:

South Poplar, Industrial, Park Ave, North Clendenin, Miller Holla and 455 Rear Hill Street

Street: No report

New Business:

Consider Report from Finance Committee:

Don Hubbard reported that the Finance committee reviewed the current bills, the bank statements and discussed the P-Card process which worked well this past month.

Consider Ordinance 55:

Ordinance 55 was reviewed by the council and submitted changes to match the current signage that is posted on both playgrounds. Greg Sheperd will rewrite the ordinance for the next meeting.

Consider Ordinance 41: Tabled

Consider Codification of Ordinances: Tabled

Adjournment

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:37PM no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhlly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag. Prayer by Greg Sheperd.

Order/Roll Call

Mayor Uhly called The Village of Beech Bottom council meeting to order at 7:03PM

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Greg Sheperd Vice-Mayor, Don Hubbard, Sharon Jordan, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, and Jaime Henderson

Absent: Matt Chapman, Jerry, Haddon, Joyce Painter, Chief Arthurs

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

The correction of the business name is Root 2 Hot Spot. Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

The village received an invitation for a court training for Kristen Siranovic.

The village received the Proclamation for Christian Heritage Week.

The village received a newsletter from the Ethics Committee. Reminder no gifts over \$25 can be accepted.

The village received an invitation from the BDC and Chamber of Commerce to tour Merco Marine.

The village received a notice that SWN and Chesapeake have merged and the new company is Expand Energy.

The village council was featured in the Harold Star on the front page for the awards received for efforts by the West Virginia Municipal League.

A First Energy representative came to Beech Bottom to meet with Mayor Uhly. They will be replacing the street lights with LED bulbs. If a light goes out, she requested that we tie yellow tape around it, so the workers can find it easier.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Bill review:

The Finance committee reviewed the current bills. Bob Sadler made a motion to pay all bills against the village, no objections motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: none

Police Report: No report

Water report: No report

Maintenance Report: No report

Unfinished Business

Water Line Extension:

The water Line extension filed the floodplain paperwork. The Village posted the needed paperwork for the extension that Elaine emailed.

Committee Reports:

Social:

The Fire department will allow the Village to use the fire station for the Hot Spot on Halloween. Becky and Joyce purchased the treats for the kids.

The Christmas Senior dinner needs a caterer. Mayor Uhly asked for suggestions. Vito's was mentioned.

Playground:

The boulders added in front of the fall scene look great. They were dug up while the sink hole was being fixed. The lights were ordered for the front of Third Street playground scene. Mayor Uhly also ordered brown edging to contain the mulch.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported the following areas where there are issues with the streetlights to the electric company: Industrial Park, Park Ave., Church Street

The streetlight never comes on at the top of Third Street. It was mentioned that maybe we could get a shield for the sensor, so the light will work properly.

Street: No report

Don Hubbard stated that the steps upstairs in the parking area are not in good shape. The boards are loose and the runners are broken. Don mentioned metal steps with a chair lift are needed. The doors will need to be widened for handicapped accessibility.

Building Enforcement: Report attached

Tom Brown completed the online hours to renew his certification. Greg Sheperd will send in the paperwork and check for his license renewal.

Ordinance 55: Greg Sheperd rewrote Ordinance 55. Section 3 was added. 4D was modified. First reading was accepted as amended by Don Hubbard, no objections motion carried.

Ordinance 41: tabled

Ordinance 47: Add time 8AM-10PM First reading was accepted as amended by Greg Sheperd, no objections motion carried.

Mayor Uhly presented Ordinance 6 and 35. She would like to combine these two as the both pertain to business license. She would also like to add new classifications. Greg Sheperd stated that the beginning of Ordinance 6 was about taxes. Mayor Uhly asked that the members take home the ordinances and review them for the next meeting October 15, 2024.

Adjournment:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:13PM no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Jaime Henderson

Approved by Mayor Uhly

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

October 15, 2024, 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag

Prayer by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call:

Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Present:

Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Sharon Jordan, Joyce Painter Recorder, Chief Rich Arthurs, Matt Chapman and Jerry Haddon, Jamie Henderson

Absent: None

Visitors: Clark Miller, Becky

Becky a second street resident, appeared to express her concern about the request the village received for a handicap parking spot on her street. Becky said there is ample parking available during the daylight hours and there is no need for a handicap area.

Clark Miller, BDC representative informed the council that the BDC has hired a fire safety engineer. He also stated that they have submitted construction drawings for phase 2, a 3.9-million-dollar investment in the mill property. The construction will include solar panels, storm water repair, major electrical upgrades, and storm water repair. These projects will go out to bid in December 2024 and construction to begin in January 2025. Clark requests a waiver for these projects.

Clark also received bids for the Alley A drainage from Six Enterprises and Steve Buck which were extremely high and at this time cannot be done. Clark said the BDC is willing to work with the village on this issue but currently he does not have the funding for this project.

Clark informed the council that Tenris signed a new two-year contract with the BDC and that they are looking prospects for the vacant north end area.

Minutes:

Don Hubbard made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, no objection motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received a bill from the DOH for the permit for the storm sewer for \$515.61. Mayor called Casey and was told the town was not to pay for it.

Mayor Uhly and Don Hubbard attended an open house at Merco Marine and brought back a book on the company.

Mayor received an invitation to an event for Top of WV on October 29, 2024, \$25.00 per person if any are interested.

Mayor Uhly and AJ Thomas will have a zoom meeting with Senators Manchin and Capito concerning upgrades to the public sewer system.

On October 14, 2024 Mayor Uhly and Don Hubbard attended the ribbon cutting for the Brooke County EMS building.

The city of Weirton would like to use our gingerbread float for their parade.

Mayors Report, Attached

Police Report

Monthly report attached.

Chief Arthurs asked the council if the theft of water on fourth street could be covered by our insurance. Mayor Uhly will call the insurance company for information.

Treasures Report & Bill Review

Treasures report attached.

Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the treasures report and to pay all bills for the Village, no objections motion approved.

Water Board report

Water Board report attached, Bruce Hunter made a motion to accept the Water Board report, no objections motion approved.

Maintenance:

The side by side needs two tires \$300.00.00, Plexiglass window \$300.00 but the side by side is in decent shape.

The trailer lights do not work when plugged into the truck.

The skid steer glass was broken on Dumpster Day and needs to be repaired, it also has no heat or air conditioning. Bruce Hunter made a motion to get the repairs done to the skid steer, no objections motion carried.

Jerry Haddon also asked about a new salt spreader and the council informed him that it had been approved previously for him to purchase a new one.

Social.

The mayor asked for volunteers for two dozen cupcakes for the Halloween event that will be at the Fire House on October 31, 2024

Playground:

Mayor Uhly said that the lights were replaced to illuminate the scene on the back of the third street playground shelter.

Streetlights: No lights to report

Streets:

Don Hubbard reported that there had been a wreck on 10/11/2024 on Third Street and discussed whether the 2023 traffic study from the BHJ would support a traffic light on Third Street.

Unfinished Business

Consider Update on Alley C

Mayor Uhly received the pictures of the final connection and the new catch basin that the DOH installed was cracked so the village replaced it and a bill will be sent to the DOH.

Alley C can now be removed from the agenda.

Consider Ordinance 55

Ordinance fifty-five was read aloud. Don Hubbard made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance 55, no objections motion carried.

Consider Ordinance 41 Tabled

Consider Ordinance 47

Ordinance forty-seven was read aloud. Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 47 and waive the third, no objections motion carried.

New Business

Greg Sheperd made a motion to move the Consider Handicap Request on the agenda, no objection motion carried.

Consider Handicap request.

The council discussed the parking situation and declined the handicap request since there is ample parking on that street. Bob Sadler made a motion for a letter to be sent to the resident that requested the handicap spot that it has been denied, no objections motion carried.

Consider amending Ordinance 6

Ordinance six should be the first paragraph (6.01) only, merging the rest of ordinance six with ordinance thirty-five.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to the first reading of Ordinance 6, no objections motion carried.

Consider amending Ordinance 35

Greg Sheperd made a motion to merge 6.02 with ordinance thirty-five creating a new type of business, no objection motion carried. Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 35, no objections motion carried.

Consider Finance Committee report:

The Finance Committee met on 10/15/2024 and bills were reviewed to be submitted to the council. The profit and loss statement were reviewed by the committee, no revisions to the budget were necessary.

Consider BDC Request and Dues

The BDC dues are \$972.00 for the year, Greg Sheperd made a motion to pay the dues. A voice vote was requested: Don Hubbard yes, Bob Sadler no, Sharon Jordan yes, Bruce Hunter yes, Greg Sheperd yes, Joyce Painter yes, motion carried.

A request for a variance for the 3.9 million construction project was request by the BDC, Greg Sheperd made a motion to grant the request for the variance, a voice vote was requested; Don

Hubbard no, Bob Sadler no, Sharon Jordan yes, Bruce Hunter yes, Greg Sheperd yes, and Joyce Painter yes, motion carried.

Consider Tractor Hitch- approved in maintenance report.

Consider guardrails on Park Ave

The council discussed Park Ave, Highland Ave Alley F and First Street needing guardrails and tabled for now.

Consider property on Highland Ave

A resident wanted to buy the property but it was not for sale. The village currently stores trailers on the lot and has plans for the property.

Consider Kids Christmas Party

The kids Christmas party will be on December 7, 2024, from 12:00PM-2:00PM at the firehall. Reservations will need to be made by Thanksgiving so that the food and gifts can be purchased. Residents can make the reservations by calling the village office.

Michelle and Jamie volunteered to shop for the gifts for the party.

Consider the Senior Christmas Dinner

The senior Christmas dinner will be held at the Beech Bottom Community Christian Church on December 14, 2024. The dinner will be catered by Vitos in Follansbee and Marvin White will be the entertainment. Reservations can be made by calling the office before December 1st.

Consider Christmas Parades

Don Hubbard made a motion for Beech Bottom to participate in the Wellsburg and Weirton parades, Sharon Jordan second the motion, no objections motion carried.

Consider Park Ave Extension

Discussion was held and the decision is not to change the extension.

Consider new Staircase for Village Office; Tabled

Adjournment

Bruce Hunter made a motion to adjourn at 9:14PM no objections motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Minutes approved by Mayor Becky Uhly

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

November 6 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag

Prayer by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call

Mayor Becky Uhlly called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Present: Mayor Becky Uhlly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Sharon Jordan, Joyce Painter Recorder

Absent: Matt Chapman

Visitors: Ben Erste

Sharon Jordan made a motion to move, consider payment to independent contractor to the top of the agenda, no objections motion carried.

Ben reported that FEMA never received the money for the final payment for the storm sewer project so the contractor has not been paid. Ben asked if the village could pay the contractor some money until the FEMA money is received and then the village can be re-imbursed.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to pay the contractor \$1000,000.00 out of the capital improvement fund and \$107,000.00 out of the IDJC matching funds when received, Bob Sadler second the motion, no objections motion carried.

Ben reported for the water line project he should have HUDs grant agreements by the December meetings for the mayor to sign but he is still working on the official grant application. Ben is hoping to go out to bid by Spring 2025.

The PSD sewer upgrade project Ben will be submitting information to Senator Capito to secure money for the 8,000,000.00 upgrade.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Corrections to previous minutes: Spelling of company name Tenaris.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly sent a letter to Mary Rose on the denial of her request for a Handicap Parking.

Mayor Uhly called Paul Billard and told him he still owes \$450.00 for his business license; Paul claims he never received a letter so mayor sent another correspondence to him.

Mayor received a donation from Charolette Palmer for the Broncchick beautification fund.

MCTV sent notification that they will be dropping Paramount/CBS from their line up as of November 18,2024.

The village received three letters from Mountaineer Gas stating there will be no increase at this time.

The mayor received a letter from Bearing Advisors on their preventive -protect plans if anyone is interested.

Jerry Haddon reported to the mayor that Steve Buck purchased from the village the old salt spreader for \$500.00.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Bill review:

Bruce Hunter reviewed the bills and made a motion to pay all bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Don Hubbard submitted a treasures report - attached.

Unfinished Business**Consider Water Line Extension:**

Ben Erste discussed the progress of the project.

Consider Ordinance 41- Tabled

Consider outside stairs- Tabled.

Committee Reports:

Social

Sharon Jordan reported that the Hot Spot event was a success.

The kids Christmas luncheon will be at the Firehall on December 7,2024 and the Senior Dinner will be at the Beech Bottom Christian Church on December 14,2024

Playground:

Sharon Jordan reported that the porta john was picked up on November 1.2024.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported several streetlights to the electric company and some have not been fixed. Hill Street, Third and High, Alley on Hill Street, Miller Holla and she still needs caution tape to tie around the poles.

Street:

Don Hubbard will get an estimate for guard rails for Park Ave and First Street, Hill Street Alley

New Business:

Consider Report from Building Enforcement Agency:

Greg Sheperd reported the following from the Building Enforcement meeting:

45 Hill Street in court in January 2025

17-1st Street in court and continuing fines

442 Hill Street Continuing fines and added to the court docket.

9-4th Street has made progress on the repair list

The old Anchor Room property made progress and will have a follow up inspection.

23-4th Street was tabled

32 Second Street – scheduled for an inspection.

54 State Street is still on the market at a reduced price.

CONSIDER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the BHJ mitigation plan, no objections motion carried.

Bob stated that the village mitigation plan is updated and in our book.

CONSIDER NEW BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION

Greg Sheperd will update the business license and present it at next meeting.

CONSIDER CHRISTMAS HAMS.

The mayor will purchase thirty-one hams for the village employees and committee members, not to exceed the \$25.00 limit. The hams will be delivered on December 18,2024.

CONSIDER END OF YEAR PAY ADJUSTMENT

Bob Sadler made a motion for the end of year pay adjustment of \$300.00 be paid on November 27,2024 for the village employees, no objection motion carried.

CONSIDER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The village will follow the governors holiday schedule, closing Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving, Christmas day and New Years Day.

CONSIDER FRUIT FOR CHILDRENS PARTY

Greg Sheperd made a motion to include fruit for the kids' party, no objections motion carried.

Consider donating to the Fire department.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay the bill (\$100.00) from the fire department for the Hot Spot event, no objections motion carried.

Consider cleanup/upgrade and label the computer wire in the city bldg.

Bob Sadler made a motion for additional work to be included from the Group Star Company estimate, no objections motion carried.

Consider Proclamation Christian Heritage Week.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept November 24 thru November 30,2024 as Christian Heritage Week, no objections motion carried.

Adjourn

Sharon Jordan made amotion to adjourn at 8:47PM, no objections, motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting Agenda
November 19 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag

Prayer by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call

Mayor Becky Uhlly called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Present: Mayor Becky Uhlly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Sharon Jordan, Joyce Painter Recorder, Chief Rich Arthurs, Matt Chapman, and Jerry Haddon

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Corrections to the November 6,2024 minutes are as follows:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to pay the contractor \$100,000.00 out of the capital improvement fund and the address under the Building Enforcement Agency report should be read as 450 Hill Street.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhlly received an email about an amateur radio course that is available.

Mayor Uhlly received a telephone call about annon-operational electric line that needs removed in the village. The maintenance crew rented machines to do the removal which cost \$1100.00 and did an excellent job removing the line.

Mayor Uhlly reported that the independent contractor has been paid and that we received reimbursement from the state.

Joyce painter reported that she sent a thank you to Scheetz in Follansbee for their donation of coffee to the Hot Spot event.

Mayor's Report: attached.

Bill review:

The Bill review was completed in the Finance Committee meeting by Joyce Painter.

Treasurer's report

Don Hubbard presented the treasures report along with a Profit and Loss report.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to pay all bills against the village and to accept the treasurer s reports, no objections motion carried.

Police Report: Attached

Chief Arthurs updated the council on the new police system which will go live in December 2024. Each police car needs to have a computer, printer, cables, paper, and a hot spot costing approximately \$1000.00 for each car. Chief Arthurs will get with Don Hubbard about ordering the hot spots from Amazon.

The police department thanked the council for their end-of-year pay adjustments.

Water Report: attached.

Maintenance Report: attached.

Unfinished Business

Consider Water Line Extension: No report.

Consider Stairs for the village office: Tabled.

Consider Rewiring village computers: Tabled.

Consider guardrails:

The council will have guardrails installed at the bottom of First Street and in the alley on Hill Street.

Consider Ordinance 41: Tabled.

Consider Ordinance 6 Readings:

Ordinance six was read. Don Hubbard made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third reading, no objections motion carried.

Consider Ordinance 35 Readings:

Ordinance thirty-five was read. Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the first reading of ordinance thirty-five, no objections motion carried.

Committee Reports:**Social:**

Kids Christmas party (December 7) has little response at this time, it has been posted on Facebook to advertise it.

The senior dinner (December 14) has about thirty people attending currently.

The Christmas decorating contest will be judged on December 14 and prizes will be distributed at the December 17 meeting.

Playground:

The new banner for the Third Street playground has been received and will be put up after Thanksgiving.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan has reported twelve streetlights are not working to the Electric company.

Street:

Don Hubbard reported that the guardrails will be installed at the bottom of First Street and in the alley on Hill Street.

New Business:**Consider Report from Finance Committee:**

Don Hubbard reported that 941 reports have not been filed since 2020 and he is collaborating with the auditor on this issue creating an e-file. Don will call the IRS on EIN numbers for the 941 reporting.

The committee requested more information on the quote for the outside stairs which Don will obtain from the contractor.

Consider report from Safety meeting.

Bob Sadler reported that there have been no accidents reported.

Consider Annexation:

The council discussed the procedures for annexation north to the new bridge. Greg Sheperd made a motion to move forward with the project, Don Hubbard, Bob Sadler, Sharon Jordan, Bruce Hunter, and Joyce Painter opposed the motion, motion denied.

Adjournment

Bruce Hunter made a motion to adjourn at 8:01PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhlly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
December 3,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag

Prayer by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call

Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Present:

Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Sharon Jordan, Joyce Painter Recorder and Matt Chapman

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Minutes of previous meeting:

Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the minutes with the spelling correction of the company Sheetz on the November 19,2024 minutes, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received changes to Comcast, Fleet Pride and Oglebay Construction updates.

Mayor's Report: Attached

Bill review:

Sharon Jordan reviewed current bills and made a motion to pay all outstanding bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Consider Water Line Extension: No report.

Consider Ordinance 41: Tabled

Consider Business License:

Joyce Painter made a motion to move the business license to the agenda to the reading of ordinance thirty-five, no objections motion carried.

Mayor Uhly discussed the matter of the business license for Root Two Hotspot. Sharon Jordan made a motion to send the business license for the \$25.00 amount paid.

consider Ordinance 35:

Ordinance thirty-five was read and Bob Sadler made a motion to accept ordinance thirty-five with revisions as the second reading, no objections motion carried.

Consider outside stairs:

Don Hubbard submitted a quote from K.R.K. Construction for \$28,500.00 for demolition and construction of new stairs. Bruce Hunter will get a quote from Valley Manufacturing by the next meeting.

Consider rewiring of office computer room: Tabled

Committee Reports:

Social: Kids Christmas party will be on December 7, 2024 at the fire station.

The senior dinner will be on Saturday December 14, 2024 from 5:00PM-7:00PM

The Chouse Christmas decorating will be judged on December 14, 2024 and the office staff will be the judges.

Playground:

Joyce Painter asked if maintenance could check the drain on Hill Street playground to ensure it is safe and has not been damaged by the grass cutters.

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported that she has reported the streetlights that are not functioning and the electric company has not fixed any of them.

Street:

Mayor Uhly reported that the new salt spreader has been installed on the truck ready for the winter.

New Business:

Consider Business License:

Moved on the agenda as per approved motion.

Consider Report from Building Enforcement Agency:

Greg Sherd reported that the agency held their meeting on December 3, 2024 with the following results:

442 Hill Street will go to court in January 2025, 450 Hill Street will go to court in January 2025, 32-2nd Street committee will notify the homeowner and get resolved, 17-1st Street will be continued in court and the Old Anchor Room will be reviewed in January.

CONSIDER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The council agreed to close the village office on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve since the governor has already closed offices for a half of the day.

Consider donation to Brooke Wrestling

Mayor Uhly will notify the Brooke Wrestling that the village is not permitted to make donations.

Adjourn

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:05PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____

Village of Beech Bottom
Council Meeting
December 17 ,2024 7:00PM

Preliminaries: Pledge to the flag

Prayer by Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd

Order/Roll Call: Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

Present: Mayor Becky Uhly, Vice Mayor Greg Sheperd, Don Hubbard, Bob Sadler, Bruce Hunter, Sharon Jordan, Joyce Painter Recorder and Jerry Haddon

Absent: Matt Chapman

Visitors:

Sherry and Terry Springer, Andy and Stephanie Philabsum, Oliva Huff and Delbert Moore

Mayor Uhly presented Terry and Sherry Springer with the prize of \$100.00 for first place in the house decorating contest, \$75.00 to Oliva Huff for Buchanon family for second place and \$50.00 to Andy and Stephanie Philabsum for third place in the contest.

A private citizen voiced their concerns about people driving up and down Second Street on motorcycles and four wheelers from 1:00AM until 4:00AM. Chief Arthurs said he will address the issue.

Minutes of previous meeting: Greg Sheperd made a motion to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Typing errors on the word house and Sheperd, no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received an email from First Energy stating they have a new president.

The village received a \$100.00 donation from Charlotte Palmer for the beautification fund.

Mayor Uhly received a notice Phillips, Gardill, Kaiser and Altmeyer PLLC about an auction on January 22, 2025 at 20 3rd Street Beech Bottom, WV 26030

Mayor's Report: attached.

Bill review:

The Finance committee reviewed bills. Bob Sadler made a motion to pay all bills against the village, no objections motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

The Finance committee reviewed the bank statements. Joyce Painter made a motion to accept the bank statements, no objections motion carried.

Don Hubbard suggested that the Water Board obtain its own FEIN number for the 941 reporting to the state. Sharon Jordan will have it put on the Water Boards agenda for their next meeting.

Police Report: attached.

Chief Arthurs reported that the new system was active in the county and he is getting our computers installed in the cruisers, he is waiting for the stands to arrive. He still needs to get the hot spots for the cars to operate the systems.

Water Report: attached.**Maintenance Report:** attached.

Jerry Haddon also reported that he obtained a quote of \$ 1200.00 from Steve Buck to trim the trees on Fourth Street. Mayor Uhly said all trees need to be replaced in the village and asked if he could get a quote on the removal.

Jerry also told the council he has been looking at signage for Clendenen Cemetery.

Unfinished Business

Consider Water Line Extension: No report.

Consider Stairs for the village office: Tabled

Bob Sadler suggested using the back stairs until the side stairs get replaced. Jerry Haddon will replace the doors knob on the back door to make it accessible.

Consider Rewiring village computers:

Don Hubbard informed the council that they Finance committee reviewed the two quotes and suggested the council approve the quote from ACC. Bruce Hunter made a motion to accept the quote for \$4898.00 from ACC for the office wiring upgrade, no objections motion approved.

Consider Ordinance 41: Tabled

Consider Ordinance 35 Third Reading

Bob Sadler made a motion to accept the third reading of Ordinance 35, no objection motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Social:

Sharon Jordan reported that the kids Christmas party and the senior's dinner were a success.

Playground: no report

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported eleven lights are not working and have been reported to the electric company.

Street:

Don Hubbard and Jerry Haddon have been reviewing the inventory of the guard rail that needs to be installed. Jerry said he needs to order post s and caps to do the installation.

New Business:

Consider Report from Finance Committee

The Finance committee reviewed the bank statements and the bills to be presented to council. They also reviewed the bids for the rewiring of the office and will present their suggestion to the council.

Consider CDs

Don Hubbard checked on the rates of CD's and Main Street Bank has the best interest rates in our area. A six-month CD has a rate of 4.6% interest. Sharon Jordan made a motion to purchase a \$100,000.00 CD taking \$50,000.00 from each of the following funds: Capital Improvement and Savings, no objections motion carried.

Adjournment

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:05PM no objections motion carried.