

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 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

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 Uhly 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 _____