

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

March 18,2025 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

Pledge to the flag followed by a prayer lead by Greg Sheperd.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Becky Uhly called the meeting to order at 7:02PM

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

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Corrections to the previous minutes are as follows:

Jerry Haddon met with Jeffrey Forter and received a bid for the sign Clendenen Cemetery which will be on the next agenda.

Bruce Hunter made the motion to accept the bid for the new stairs, no objections motion carried.

The council received an offer to purchase the parcel with garages on Hill Street for \$800.00. Greg Sheperd made a motion to purchase the property, no objections motion carried.

The following wage scale will be effective on July1,2025:

Treasurer's salary is still split with the Water department, the village amount will be \$485.43 bi-weekly and the increase will be discussed with the Water department to see if they would like to raise their half of the salary.

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

Correspondence:

The mayor received an email from the Municipal league on legislature updates.

The BHJ will be holding a meeting on March 19,2025 on TIP

PSE informed the village that we do not need aa permit for the water loop project.

The mayor received an email from First Energy that they will be trimming trees with an aerial saw this summer.

June 11th-13th,2025 there will be a continual education on the Floodplain that the mayor would like to attend. The cost is \$225.00 for the conference and \$107.00 for the room. Greg Sheperd made a motion to approve the mayor to attend, no objections motion carried.

Bob Sadler submitted information to Chief Arthurs concerning property on Hill Street.

Mayors' Report: attached.

Bill review:

Sharon Jordan reviewed the current bills in the Finance meeting. Bob Sadler made a motion to pay the current bills, no objections motion carried.

Treasurers' Report: attached.

Police Report: attached.

Water Board Report: attached.

Bob Sadler inquired about purchasing a Trash Pump for the village and water department, it will be added to the next meeting agenda.

Maintenance Report: attached.

Committee Reports:

Social:

" Make it Shine" will be on April 5,2025 meet at the Third Street Playground.

“Dumpster Day “is on April 12, 2025. Maintenance will pick up items that are bagged and are on the curb; residents can bring their items to the dumpster.

Playgrounds: No report

Streetlights:

Sharon Jordan reported that the electric company has not repaired the streetlights that she has reported to them. Mayor Uhly asked for a list of streetlight locations and the dates they were reported to the electric company; she will follow up with the electric company.

Streets:

Don Hubbard reported that they are currently working on guardrails.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Water Line Extension:

PSE informed the council that we do not need a permit.

Consider Clendenen Cemetery:

Jerry Haddon presented the drawing for the new sign, cost is \$7300.00, Sharon Jordan made a motion to purchase the sign as designed, no objections motion carried.

Consider Third Reading of Ordinance 41: Tabled

Consider Ordinance 54.4 (Hill St):

The council had the second reading of Ordinance 54.4 for the purchase of the parcel with garages on Hill Street. Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third, no objections motion carried.

Consider Ordinance 54.5 (Highland Ave.):

The council had the second reading of Ordinance 54.5 for the purchase of the parcel with garages on Highland Avenue, Greg Sheperd made a motion to accept the second reading and waive the third, no objections motion carried.

Consider Private Drive: Tabled

New Business:**Consider Wage Scale and Cap:**

Wages for the police department were discussed and the following wage increase will be reflected July 1, 2025.

Court Clerk- no increase

Police officer will increase by \$1.00 per hour, wage will be \$21.50 per hour.

Police Chief will increase by \$2.00 per hour, wage will be \$27.50 per hour.

Don Hubbard made a motion to accept wage increases for the police department, no objections motion carried.

Consider Preliminary Budget:

Don Hubbard presented the preliminary 2026 budget to the council. The budget submitted is \$886,495.00. Coal Severance is \$17,761.00.

Greg Sheperd made a motion to approve the preliminary budget, no objection motion carried.

Consider Make It Shine:

Make Shine is April 5, 2025 meet at the Third Street Playground shelter at 10:00AM, pizza will be provided for all participants.

Consider Seasonal Help:

Two Seasonal employees will be employed this summer. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, at an hourly rate of \$13.50 per hour and on call as needed.

The position will be accepting applications through April 15, 2025.

Sharon Jordan made a motion to post the positions and hire two summer employees, no objections motion carried.

Consider Tree Replacement: Tabled until May.

Consider Report from Finance Committee

Don Hubbard reported that the bills and bank statements were reviewed and submitted to the council. That the preliminary budget was submitted for the council approval.

Adjournment:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to adjourn at 8:28PM, no objections motion carried.

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor Uhly_____