

Village of Beech Bottom

Council Meeting

May 6,2025 7:00PM

Preliminaries:

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

Order/Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Becky Uhly at 7:01PM.

Present:

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

Absent: None

Visitors:

Otis Baker, Bill Malson and Paul Poe Jr. (Shelby Lane Residents)

Greg Sheperd proposed a motion to prioritize the discussion of Shelby Lane as the first item. With no objections, the motion was approved.

Shelby Lane residents expressed their desire for the village to assume their private road and for the village to maintenance and do repairs. Matt Chapman explained the process in which the village would consider the possibility. The residents would have to have the property surveyed and then the council would make their decision whether to take the road as a village street.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Sharon Jordan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented from the Special meeting on April 25,2025; no objections motion carried.

Don Hubbard made a motion to accept the Council Meeting minutes for April 25,2025 as present; no objections motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mayor Uhly received a letter from Mark Hunt WV State Auditor informing her that Beech Bottom will receive a check in the amount of \$660.83 from the Tax Loss Restoration Fund.

The village received a letter and a check from the State Attorney General

John B. McCluskey. The check was in the amount of \$5000.00 for the distribution for LIPITOR excess payments that was recovered in court.

Mayor Uhly received an invitation from the Brooke County Schools to attend the grand opening of the new baseball field at Brooke High School on May1,2025 at 5:00PM.

The council received a letter from a resident on Park Avenue informing them of damage they received to their home from the storm on April29,2025.

Mayor Uhly received an email from HUD congratulating us on the grant package.

Mayor Uhly signed and returned the paperwork for the completion of the sewer project to the WV Emergency Management Division.

May 14,2025 Mayor Uhly is invited to a Legislative Update session at the Community House sponsored by the Brooke County Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Uhly received an email with a schedule of repairs for the streetlights in the village from First Energy.

Joyce Painter reported that she sent letters to applicants who applied for the maintenance position and were not selected for interviews.

Mayors' Report: Attached**Bill review:**

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

Committee Reports:

Social:

May 21,2025 at 6:00PM in the Beech Bottom Firehouse the village will hold a community meeting to discuss the planting of trees along the sidewalks, all residents are encouraged to attend. The Ohio County Extension Office will be there to answer questions. The village will supply hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

Playgrounds:

Joyce Painter reported that the tree on the Hill Street playground was not dead and had leaves on it.

Streetlights:

First Energy has sent a schedule for repairs.

Streets:

Discussion previously held with Shelby Lane residents.

Unfinished Business:

Consider Water Line Extension:

We are currently waiting for the environmental study.

Consider Private Drive and Others:

The attorneys are in the process with Carolina Avenue and Blue Jay streets.

Consider Date for Tree Meeting:

The village meeting is scheduled for May 21,2025 at 6:00PM at the Firehall.

Consider Update on Seasonal help.

The maintenance department hired Paul Poe Jr. Jerry Haddon Maintenance Supervisor informed the council that no other employee is needed.

New Business:

Consider Shelby Lane

Moved to first discussion in meeting.

Consider Hazard Mitigation Plan

Recorder Joyce Painter and Mayor Becky Uhly signed the resolution adopting the Region XI Planning and Development Council Hazard Mitigation Plan of FY25.

Consider Travel Policy

The council reviewed the current travel policy and determined that daily meal dollars need to be increased to \$60.00 a day and that section 2(village employees) and section 3 (citizens of Beech Bottom) should be combined into one section and reimbursed the same. Bob Sadler made a motion to implement the changes to the travel policy as discussed; no objections motion carried.

Consider Bank Policy

The council reviewed the current policy and no changes were needed.

Consider Cell Phone Policy

The council reviewed the current policy and no changes were needed.

Consider Report from Building Enforcement Agency

Greg Sheperd reported that the Building Enforcement Agency held their meeting on May 6, 2025. The agency continues to fine non-compliant residents and they are continuing to work on court cases with Chief Arthurs and Matt Chapman.

Adjourn

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

Minutes presented by Joyce Painter Recorder_____

Approved by Mayor
Uhly_____