The regular meeting of the Beverly Town Council was held Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm in council chambers of Beverly Town Hall. Recorder Connie Pingley called the meeting to order in the presence of Council members Matt Lewis, Becky Weese, Debbie Stalnaker, Katie Whittaker, Robbie Moyer and Town Clerk Robin Wilson. Mayor Andy Burns was absent. Visitors present: Chris Mielke/BHC, Ruth Mitchell/ERCPL & Beverly Branch, David Ferguson and Tim Ferguson with WV Wild & Wonderful Celtic Festival, town resident Charlie Marstiller, and employees Jarrod Phillips and Jeremy White.

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer was given by Robbie Moyer.

Minutes

Motion made by Debbie Stalnaker to approve minutes without reading aloud, seconded by Becky Weese. All in Favor.

Visitors

Chris Mielke with the Beverly Heritage Center gave an update on projects coming up in the future. The main three will be upgrading the Crawford Bldg. Conference Room, the Civil War Exhibit updates and expanding the 1841 Jail. Lantern Tours will be on Oct. 14-15 and Oct 21-22. They are asking for assistance at the cross walk for the tours due to an accident last year. There is talk about doing scarecrows at businesses in town and more discussion and help will be brought up at the October council meeting.

Brothers Tim and Dave Ferguson gave a description of the Celtic Festival planned for Jun 17, 2023 at the 4H Camp Pioneer. There will be an Ancestry Tent, Clan Village, Highland Dancers, Pipe & Drum bands, food and drinks along with much more festivities. This will be an annual event taking place the 3rd Saturday of every June and they hope to make it a 2-day event. They are requesting \$2000 donation or whatever the town would be willing to donate. As sponsors, the town would be mentioned in all advertising. Council members feel this is a wonderful idea and would like to discuss it further and put it on the agenda to be decided on later.

Ruth Mitchell with the Elkins Randolph County Public Library spoke about working with the Beverly Elementary School and summer reading program along with the book mobile. She is at the Beverly Library once to twice a week and would like to work with Lavender Fields also. She wanted to assure everyone that donations made to Beverly Library stayed in Beverly.

Resident Charlie Marstiller continues to have problems with his neighbors, water on his property that he claims is causing sink holes, along with sidewalk & driveway problems caused when the state road had paving done. He's asking for any type of help, possible grant funding for water problems. Council suggested he purchase cameras to record any wrong doing by the neighbors.

Old Business

Becky Weese motioned to grant a business license to Imagination Station Daycare. Robbie Moyer seconded. All in favor.

Valley Business System – A Proposed Solution was obtained from Hart Office Solutions and after consideration, Matt Lewis motioned to switch contracts from VBS to Hart Office Solutions with Option #2 to lease a used Toshiba color printer. Robbie Moyer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Snow Plow – There was one sealed bid received on the snow plow. Acting Mayor Connie Pingley opened the bid and read it to council. Rob Elbon made a bid of \$4,057. There were no other bids received, Becky Weese motioned to accept the bid. Debbie Stalnaker seconded. All in favor.

New Business

Time Clocks – There was a lengthy discussion over time clocks for the employees. Robbie Moyer presented quotes from 2 separate companies ranging from \$349 - \$829 each with no monthly fees. There should be one time clock in each building and they would use fingerprints of employees. After a heated discussion, the meeting was abruptly ended.

Financial Reports were not reviewed and will be in the next packet.

Water and Sewer Board Meeting minutes or Plant Operators Reports were not reviewed.

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Adjournment

Matt Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robbie Moyer seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Andy Burns, Mayor

Connie Pingley, Recorder