

The regular monthly meeting of the Council for the Village of Beech Bottom was called to order by the Mayor, Walter Campbell, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All members were present: Mayor Walter Campbell, Councilmen Martin Bash, Lucille Campbell, and John Richie; Recorder Ann Lewis and Treasurer John Falcon. Mayor Campbell led Council in the Pledge to the Flag, and Prayer was offered by Ann Lewis.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Bash reported he had met on Sept. 22 with Solicitor McMullen concerning Building Permit Ordinance. Letter from Mr. McMullen was read stating he was enclosing the Ordinance which is modeled totally after the Ordinance for the City of Wellsburg. The Ordinance was read by the Recorder. Discussion followed. A motion by Mr. Bash, seconded by Mr. Richie that we accept the Ordinance as written and put it in effect following the second reading in November. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. McMullen stated no written permits would be required, the applicants receipt would be the permit.

A discussion of Tax from the Telephone Co. building at southern edge of Village. This tax was taken from us, and not returned as expected. Mayor Campbell asked John Richie to contact Roy Givens to see if Mr. Givens could assist us in getting the tax once more. A letter to Mr. John Sneddon of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Co. from Recorder Pat Watson was read. No reply has been received to date.

Mayor Campbell reported that Recorder Pat Watson had sworn Mr. Campbell in as Mayor on Sept. 13, 1978, had sworn Ann Lewis in as Recorder on Sept. 30, 1978, and John Falcon as Treasurer on Sept. 30, 1978.

Notice posted Sept. 13 stating Council position openings resulted in two responses, one from John E. Soles and one from John Falcon. Each candidate was accepted unanimously by Council and John C. Falcon who was present was sworn in as Councilman by the Recorder. Mr. Soles will be sworn in after Council meeting by Recorder Lewis.

New Committees were announced and lists passed out to each Councilman.

Mayor Campbell appointed the following Committees for the coming 2 years:

#### SIDEWALKS, STREETS, ALLEYS, STEPS AND TRUCK:

Lucille Campbell, Chm., John Falcon & Martin Bash

#### HALL AND PLAYGROUNDS:

John Soles, Chm., Lucille Campbell & John Richie

#### GARBAGE:

Martin Bash, Chm., John Richie & John Soles

#### STREET LIGHTS:

John Falcon, Chm., John Soles & Martin Bash

#### TRAFFIC:

John Richie, Chm., Lucille Campbell & John Falcon

STREETS, ALLEYS, STEPS & TRUCK, Mrs. Campbell---reported Gas Co has 4 huge holes dug on Hill St. Gas man says they will repave these plus 3 holes on 4th St. Alley. Truck fine. Mowing done. Leaf pickup will begin Sat., Nov. 11. Schwartz not stockpiling salt. Mr. Metcalf said for customers like Beech Bottom, they will truck salt in from Cleveland. Flag pole painted courtesy of Bob's Window Cleaning Co. of Wheeling, paint courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. Job donated, would have cost approx. \$75. to \$100. otherwise. Discussion of large, pregnant dalmation dog running loose in Village. Mr. Bash called dog catcher once, will call again.

PLAYGROUNDS, Mayor Campbell reported equipment painted by Lil Kadlic, Susan Oliver and Ed H. Geisel. Thank-you notes to be sent by Recorder. Monkey bars and new frame for baby swing needed, may get new frame free if one offered is in good shape. All playground equipment to come down Nov. 1 for winter.

Mr. Bash questioned advisability of keeping old water truck as to expense of insurance, etc. Mayor Campbell advised it is used once in a while, a new one is badly needed but no money is available.

GARGAGE, Mr. Bash---reported no complaints. Collectors came early today. Doing excellent job. Emptied big can on playground.

STREET LIGHTS, Mr. Falcon---is new Chm. of this Committee. Papers were given to Mr. Falcon by previous Chm. Mrs. Lewis explaining method of reporting lights out to Power Co.

TRAFFIC, Mr. Richie---reported he has had problems with cars going wrong way up Second St. One car came up part way, when advised of going wrong way, became belligerent, turned in middle of street, swore at Mr. Richie and threatened to run over him. Also swore at Mr. Bash. Neither were able to get license number. Also, Spohn Dairy truck attempted to go wrong way on upper Second St., was stopped by Mr. Bash. Discussion of Marshal's duties. Discussion of Curfew Ordinance. Ordinance read by members from Ordinance book. Mayor to have a talk with Marshal Krieger. Mr. Richie report on cars and truck parked behind Milliken's in alley. Cronin truck was moved. Stuck's have put VW in their back yard. Mr. Richie reported a request to have Teen-age dances in Beech Bottom again. Discussion of previous experiences with such dances, resulting in vandalism, misconduct, etc. Big kids from out of town ruin things for local kids. Council voted unanimously and firmly against such dances.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Mr. Falcon, new Treasurer, read report given him by previous Treas. Pat Watson. Report accepted as read:

Balance on hand Sept. 1,	\$ 64.51
Receipts	2233.32
	<u>2297.83</u>
Disbursements	1257.52
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1978	<u>1040.31</u>

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters read by Recorder to and from Mr. Lindsay concerning school bell. Bell has been replaced, and is ringing at school again.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Campbell---reported Jone's Nursing Home wants a ramp between the sidewalk and street. Looked into by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bash. Mrs. Campbell observed a man measuring the area Oct. 11. Ramp drop would need to be 1 1/8" per foot, equalling 35' long or more for ramp. Would take at least one parking space. Discussion of liability, railings, etc. Mrs. Rapp was at Council years ago with same request. Perhaps one patient per year would use this ramp. Motion by Mr. Bash, seconded by Mrs. Campbell that Village Council deny Jone's Nursing Home's request to put in such a ramp. Mayor Campbell and Mr. Bash reported that there is a seepage, partly soapy in appearance, from the area of Jone's Nursing Home, also at the Yahrling residence which is also owned by Mrs. Rapp. Mr. Bash to contact Mrs. Rapp about seepage. Mayor Campbell reported 2 broken windows which had been knocked out by vandals have been replaced. It was reported to insurance company but no reply, nor was there a reply when the window was knocked out some time ago. Treasurer Falcon will receive a bill from Dancer's for the window plus 1 gal. of white paint. U.S. Postal Service, Beech Bottom, W. Va. 26030 letters must be put on new glass as per Inspector's instructions. A guard was recently put on a fan in post office as requested by Inspector. Mayor Campbell reported he recently attended a BHJ meeting at the High School along with Mr. Soles. The immense cost of Public Service District sewage was discussed; far beyond the means of users to pay. Discussion of various means of disposal, also building plants. They are going back to Washington, DC to try and get more funds to bring the cost within the means of the average user.

C.I.A.---Mrs Campbell reported a reception and going-away party was held for Pat and Bill Watson, and a gift of a lamp was given from members of Council and CIA. A thank-you letter was read by the Recorder from the Watson's. C.I.A. has ordered a 42" dual ladder for playground at a cost of \$273.79 plus freight. The new ladder will be installed next to baby swings, old ladder to be cut off and disposed of. Cement will be used to install new ladder, any left-over cement will be used to fill in the problem area in front of the post office.

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WATER BOARD, Mr. Campbell reported the old pump that was sent out to be repaired was returned as not worth repairing. A new spare pump was ordered, cost \$3700; 6 to 8 weeks to get delivery. Spare pump needed due to rest homes plus general requirements. It was reported electrolysis is eating up pumps in the valley.

Heaters needed for pump houses were advertised by Penney's for \$64. each. Mr. Varner and Mr. Campbell to check prices at electric stores. New heaters with thermostats badly needed, would help save on electricity.

Several water customer changes were given to Mr. Falcon by Mr. Campbell.

Recorder Lewis reported we are low on letterhead stationery. She will order it at Valley Press.

FIRE DEPT., Mr. Bash---reported a new fire truck has been purchased at a cost of \$53,650. Fire Dept. paid \$38,000. down, will borrow from National Bank in Wellsburg, balance plus interest of possibly 8 to 8½%, \$18,000. expected to be paid off in one year. Truck was purchased from Pierce people; Ford diesel engine; 1,000 gal. water per minute; 750 gal. in tank. Discussion of where to get diesel fuel, Firemen will look around for a source. Ticket winner, Josephine Campbell, # 154.

Mr. Bash announced Village Halloween Party will be held by Ladies' Auxiliary at Fire House Monday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. Trick or Treat was set by Council previously for Tues., Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m. Mayor Campbell requested Councilmen to watch specific streets during Halloween.

Mayor Campbell announced he will be in the Mayor's Office for any visitors or consultations from anyone in the Village each Wed. from 1 to 3 p.m. beginning Oct. 18, continuing Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15. Not to be in Nov. 22, Thanksgiving weekend.

Recorder Lewis is to put copies of this notice, also Committees of Council in glass box.

Motion by Mr. Bash, seconded by Mr. Richie to adjourn. Mayor Campbell adjourned meeting at approx. 8:30 p.m.

*Walter C Campbell*  
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MAYOR

*Gunn E Lewis*  
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RECORDER

November 8, 1978

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Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS --- John E. Soles was sworn in as Councilman Oct. 11, 1978 by Recorder Lewis. No reply from Mr. Sneddon on building repairs. Tom Morrow, Safety Man from Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel discussed the building needs with Mr. Bash. Mr. Morrow took pictures, will contact phone company concerning loose wires hanging down. Discussed plans to remove steps and bannisters.

Mr. Richie was to contact Roy Givens concerning tax on Phone Co. Building. Mr. Richie was absent. Mayor Campbell has discussed the situation with former Mayor, Hubert Rush, who had been told we would get the tax reinstated. Councilmen suggested Tony Bonie or Flash Lahita, Assessor, be contacted concerning this.

Mr. Bash reported he had received quick action from the dog catcher and the dalmation dog was picked up.

Mayor Campbell reported he had not discussed Marshal duties with Mr. Krieger, but will do so. Speeding and other hazardous driving has quieted down lately. Mr. Bash reported cars parked in Second St. Alley, also empty beer cans and food containers are being strewn about the Village.

Mr. Bash investigated leaking problem in Jones Nursing Home area. Discovered excess water

was being

was being drained from sprinkler system lines. Mrs. Rapp denied any sewerage water was leaking out. Mr. Bash to look into this further if necessary. Mr. Bash reported Mr. McMullen contacted him and directed that we read the Building Permit Ordinance the usual three times. The Recorder read the Building Permit Ordinance for the second time. Motion by Mr. Bash, seconded by Mr. Falcon that the second reading of the Building Permit Ordinance be accepted. Recorder Lewis reported she had obtained a copy of Wellsburg's Application for Building Permit and adapted it to our needs. Mr. Falcon will run off copies of Application forms in order to issue permits to applicants. Treasurer Falcon to issue permits, retaining one copy and giving a copy to applicant.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, TRUCK: Mrs. Campbell reported holes made by Gas Company on Hill St. have all been repaired, also those in 4th St. alley were repaired in a good manner. Truck may need new battery shortly, also new tires in the spring. Leaf collection was held Nov. 4, will be held again Fri., Nov. 10, will begin on Hill St. Crew will also clean leaves from sewers.

HALL AND PLAYGROUNDS: Mr. Soles reported new playground equipment in place, will get cement put in Nov. 9. Hall side steps and landing have new plates welded in place, steps have been scraped and painted. Cement will be poured in small area in front of Post Office Nov. 9, when playground cement work is done. Door to Post Office to be painted when Post Office is closed Sat., Nov. 11. Light globe and bulb also will be installed Nov. 11. Playground swings and seesaws will be taken down when bad weather sets in.

GARBAGE: Mr. Bash reported no complaints. Discussion of picking up building materials. It was noted our garbage contract does not permit picking up of building materials.

STREET LIGHTS: Mr. Falcon reported no complaints. Light has been replaced at 48 Hill Bus Stop. Hall Committee has not yet replaced light on side of city building. Mr. Falcon to check on method of charging for pole on playground used only once a year.

TRAFFIC: Mr. Richie absent. Good reports have been heard concerning Councilmen doing job of patrolling during Hallowe'en. Hallowe'en was very orderly in Beech Bottom.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Balance, Oct. 1	\$1040.31
	Receipts	1320.34
		<u>2360.65</u>
	Disbursements	1072.51
	Balance, Oct. 31, '78	<u>1288.14</u>

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Lewis read a letter from State Tax Department, is to answer letter. Mrs. Lewis reported she had published the Bulletin paper for October with pertinent information and distributed paper in Village; sent thank-you notes to 3 playground equipment painters; put notices in glass bulletin box; bought 2 new desk pads and refills and donated same. Ordered and received letterhead stationery from Valley Press, bill to be sent to Treasurer Falcon. Recorder will type out copies of Building Permit Ordinance #32 and give each Councilman a copy for his Ordinance book.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mr. Campbell reported he holds Office Hours each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. Two women from '49 Hill came in to complain about cars, also fire trucks parked on Third St. Mayor explained construction work in fire house caused trucks to be on the street. Discussion of parking of fire trucks ensued.

CIA: Mrs. Campbell reported new cantilevered ladder to be installed Nov. 9 on playground. A frame was needed for baby swings, new frame price out of line, so Mr. Campbell welded old frame. Roger Coulter will paint when frame is installed. Cement will cost \$104. Motion by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Bash to pay playground bills.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Mr. Campbell reported all plugs have been flushed. Water Dept. has bought small welder, 2 heaters have been purchased for two pump houses. Bender's and Wilson's water has been shut off for the winter. Several small breaks on owner's side, water was shut off for customer's repairs. New box installed outside pumps, insulation put in to protect lines to meters. Water Board meeting set for Wed., Nov. 29, 7 p.m. Those to be present include Mayor Campbell, John Richie, John Soles, John Falcon. They will meet on water bills and to make out checks. Dec. meeting to be Fri., Dec. 29, 7 p.m. unless otherwise announced. Chuck Varner will get his report to Mr. Falcon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Bash announced regular VFD meeting will be Tues., Nov. 14, 7 p.m. Firemen have received lessons and new fire truck is very simple to operate; operates beautifully. Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel will donate 100 gallons of diesel fuel per month to the VFD. Fuel will be obtained from the plant at Stop 45. Fuel available if needed at Weirton, Dallas, also Schwartz Trucking Co. Fire Dept. has map of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel plant with locations of dangerous chemicals, etc., clearly marked in case of fire. Map to be carried on pumper. A new ceiling has been installed in the fire house by Kutsch & Sons; lights lowered by Jim Cronin, assisted by other firemen. Ceiling paid for by Ladies' Auxiliary, who also plan a new range hood and fans over deep fryers.

VISITORS: None. Mrs. Rapp had announced she would be here but did not show.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Falcon led discussion of getting copies of bills, would like to have acknowledgment from purchasers that they got the material. Discussion of billing practices followed.

Discussion of getting sign for front of Post Office. Several solutions discussed. To be looked into for best sign.

Discussion of missing door keys to Mayor's Office. Recorder to try and locate missing keys; to purchase new ones if need be.

Mrs. Campbell discussed need for safety cones to be used by Water Dept. and Street Dept. Needed to protect workers on streets and cleaning sewers. Mr. Soles to look into possible source and try to obtain at least six cones.

Discussion of filing cabinets and contents, and need for cleaning out same. This to be looked into by Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Falcon.

Mayor Campbell suggested we make up a directory of names of persons with whom we do business, either from whom we purchase materials, or get information, or government persons we may need to contact. It was agreed this is a worthwhile project.

Mrs. Campbell to have prayer at December 13 meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bash, seconded by Mrs. Soles. Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:20 p.m.

*Walter C Campbell*

Mayor

*Ann Lewis*

Recorder

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December 13, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Council for the Village of Beech Bottom was called to order by Mayor Walter Campbell at 7 p.m. All members were present except Recorder Ann Lewis who was away. The Pledge to the Flag was followed by prayer by Lucille Campbell.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Acting Recorder John Falcon and approved as read.

Unfinished Business: Mayor Campbell reported he had been in touch with Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. regarding cement falling off building. They have promised to take care of the situation.

6 Phone Company Building letter read by Acting Recorder John Falcon that refers to yellow Ordinance Book. It appears unlikely that we are eligible to collect the tax discussed. Mayor Campbell will talk to Parke McMullen about this item.

Mayor Campbell read a letter of resignation from Marshal John Krieger dated 12-10-78.

Jones' Nursing Home water drainage problem---status quo.

Building Permit Ordinance was read for the third time. Motion by Mr. Richie, seconded by Mr. Bash. Motion carried. THIS ORDINANCE, #32, ON PAGE 12 of THIS BOOK.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, TRUCK: Mrs. Campbell reported new inspection sticker on truck; sidewalk in front of Post Office now in place. Dolphin on playground has been righted and secured. Hill St. playground equipment was removed, painted and reset.

HALLS AND PLAYGROUNDS: Mr. Soles reported the new light and shade has been installed; Post Office painted. Light on back of building replaced. Pipe on down-spout on City Building welded in place by Mr. Richie and Mayor Campbell.

GARBAGE: Mr. Bash reported one complaint was registered, was of minor importance and was corrected.

STREET LIGHTS: Mr. Falcon reported no problems.

TRAFFIC: Mr. Richie reported all is well except one fire hydrant was hit. No reports on persons responsible for damage. Christmas pine trees decorating our lower Third St. area were removed. Suspicions are that West Liberty College students are the culprits.

Relating to traffic violations, etc., Mayor Campbell called attention to a communication received by him that we have reciprocal arrangements with 9 States regarding recovery of traffic violation fines -- Those states plus three others to come into this group are: Del., Fla., La., Md., Minn., N.J., N.Y., N.C., Pa., Va., & Ky. plus Washington, D. C. Letter read in detail by Acting-Recorder regarding the above.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report by Treas. Falcon:

Bal. Nov. 1, 1978	\$1288.14.
Receipts	1184.76
	<u>2472.90</u>
Disbursements	1421.10
Bal. Nov. 30, 1978	<u>1051.80</u>

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Regarding Marshal's resignation, it was suggested that Recorder Lewis advertise for same.

Dog complaint on Hill St. Problem taken care of by Marshal.

C.I.A. No report.

WATER BOARD: Mayor Campbell reported new Deming pump received. Goosman's water was turned off in April.

FIRE DEPT.: Mr. Bash reported Bob Kins Nov. winner; Stella Church Dec. winner.

Mrs. Campbell reported the Budget meeting will be held in March as usual. Things to consider in budget: Building paint in 1980, and new window frames in city building.

Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Walter C Campbell  
MAYOR

James E. Lewis  
RECORDER