The Beetown monthly meeting was held on **December 7th, 2023** at 6:00 pm at the Beetown Town Hall.

Present were Chairman Darwin Anderson, Supervisors Bart Breuer, and Gary Mumm, Clerk Lisa Ellis, Treasurer Sue Mumm, and patrolman Dan Hyer. Residents at Large where: Sharon Bontreger, Roger Oyen.

The meeting was opened at 6:01 by Chairman Darwin Anderson. The agenda was posted on the Town Website, USPS, Feed Mill and at the Town Hall on 12-1-23.

Residents time to discuss concerns: Sharon is concerned about future road projects. Darwin stated that he has not heard from the county yet on this year’s projects that are packaged by an engineering company. Roger brought up increasing part-time patrolman’s wages. This will be discussed during closed session.

Patrolman’s report: Dan has an extensive list. Plowed snow. Ordering parts from Slabtown Repair for Pete. Started a list of fire numbers to be replaced. Cleaning out culverts. Getting sanders off trucks. Putting chains on grader. Replacing windshield wipers on all. He fixed the pressure washer. Need to order more hydraulic oil to have on hand from New Horizon’s. Replace flags and properly dispose of old ones. Railings and posts need maintenance and pressure washing. Air conditioner on tractor needs to be fixed. Need to replace tires on pickup from Beetown Feed. Overhead garage door in shop needs to be fixed. Lock and differential on Peterbuilt is not working. Mice are coming in badly even though Gary’s pest control is here regularly. 2 sets of log chains and a socket set came up missing this summer and need to order replacements. Gary says fender on John Deere needs repaired. Somebody backed into lean-to at Hall and dented it. Doors in the bathrooms have been fixed. Dillin helped with hauling gravel from soft spots and we will get him a gift certificate. Reviewed our salt & chips cost and we will be increasing our fees to $20.00 / yard, including delivery. Motion was made and 2nd to approve.

Clerks report: Lisa read the bills paid. Debits were $11,334.17, credits were $91,122.11. Lisa also read the minutes. A motion was made and 2nd to approve each one.

Treasurers report: Sue read the report and as of 12-7-23, we had a balance of $91,380.36 after bills were paid.

\* Patrolman hiring update. We welcomed Dan Hyer as our new full-time patrolman. Motion was made and 2nd to approve.

\* Tom Schneider opening bar update. No new updates.

\* EMS service area. We reviewed service area.

\* Road updates. Darwin went over a list. LRIP: Just had a meeting with the county. 2024 program is out. The state did not give us supplemental program for the 2022/2023 Diamond Grove project (Diamond Grove Rd to Dodge intersection to Cty V and Dodge intersection to Cty U), but did approve a discretionary program that will cover 50%. There is about $488,000 in this fund. We did not sign an SMA for this specific project, so he will look into rescoping this project. From Diamond Grove to Cty V, do road reconstruction and from Dodge to Cty U, do an overlay, and add some shouldering and culverts to project. These funds are still allocated for the original Diamond Grove project even if we can’t rescope the project. These funds will need to be used by 2027 or money will be returned to the state in 2028. Paperwork will need to be done by January 2024. ITC: We received $306,027.00 to repair roads damaged by heavy equipment. Lisa will deposit this into a 1.3% 9 month CD at Community First Bank. A motion was made and 2nd to approve. BIL: Bridge at Ragatz is still moving forward for summer 2025. ARIP: This program is still in the works, might be active by this spring.

\* Plow truck update. We should have truck by Christmas. Discussed putting our name another truck for spring of 2026. Dan thought we could reframe our International truck instead of ordering new. Will look into companies that can do this.

\* Election Hardware Maintenance Agreement. Motion made and 2nd to approve contract.

\* Part-time patrolman’s wages. Discussed during closed session.

\* Appoint another board member to sign for Darwin. A motion was made and 2nd to approve of Bart signing for Darwin.

\* New business: Allegiant Oil certificate was signed by Darwin. Someone lost a set of personal keys outside of shop when they attended a family event, but were never found.

A motion was made and 2nd to go into closed session to discuss wages at 7:11

Present were, Darwin, Lisa, Bart, and Gary

A motion was made and 2nd to pay Lisa for hall custodian $15.00 / hr. A motion was made and 2nd to pay Darrell for dump custodian $15.00 / hr. The raise for Gary as part-time patrolman will be tabled and put on agenda for a special electors meeting on December 28th at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made and 2nd to return to open session at 7:19 pm.

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Bart brought up the district training meeting at Barneveld. We will table this until the January board meeting.

The monthly meeting for next month was set for January 4th 2024 at 6pm.

A motion was made and 2nd to adjourn meeting at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa Ellis – Clerk

A **motion** was made, 2nd and carried on: January 4th 20234 to approve the minutes as read.