

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor

ROLLCALL:

Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X)

Elizabeth Skinner(A) Andy Swaim (X) Rick Weber (X)

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting of July 17, 2018: Common Consent

PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: In Rev. Bergen's absence Councilman Weber reported on the meeting concerning the Trinity Asbury Methodist Church's request to use town property to enlarge a planned playground area. See attached report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Discussion was held concerning a letter received from a local Girl Scout Troop requesting the use of the Depot lot as a fund raiser at Apple Butter Festival. It was decided that the opportunity would be opened up to the community with written requests to be discussed at the next Finance meeting. Requests are to be received by August 20th. A letter from the Friends of Police regarding the Cops and Kids program was referred to the Finance Committee.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: The Morgan County Expo will be August 25th & 26th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER WORKS: The next meeting will be Monday, September 10th at 4:30.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No building permits at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Johnson introduced the new Town of Bath Police Officer, Jennifer McGuire. She was welcomed by Council.

CLERK / RECORDER: Town Clerk Corrick reported that she had a request to post town meeting agendas on the Town webpage and Facebook.

FINANCE: The next meeting of this Committee will be August 21st.

(A)Town of Bath Bills: \$12,904.36

Motion to Approve by: Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.

(B)Berkeley Springs Water Works Bills: \$9,246.06

Motion to Approve by: Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.

(C)Greenway Cemetery: 110.32

MOTION to Approve by: Swaim/Weber – Motion carried.

(D)Train Depot: \$157.37

MOTION to Approve by: Swaim/Jackson – Motion carried.
(E)North Berkeley R/T: \$3,840.38 This is for the required soil sampling.
MOTION to Approve by: Swaim/Weber – Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber referred to the Justice Department ADA compliance letter received and his desire to respond by August 20th. He discussed the Ewing Street paving and cost.

ORDINANCE: At the Mayor's request Chairman Webster consulted with the Town Attorney, Richard Gay, concerning the Landmark Commission's demolition ordinance. Webster reported that Mr. Gay's opinion had not changed from being favorable to the current permitting ordinance in progress and against ordinances requiring certificates of appropriateness.

BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: No report at this time.

GRANT: No report at this time.

TREE BOARD: Councilman Swaim reported on tree and vegetation maintenance projects on College, Hageman and Kent Streets. He discussed the Chesapeake Bay Communities grant.

CEMETERY: No report at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time. Next meeting is September 6th.

STREETSCAPE: Larry Lower reported that the meeting with property owners, tenants and businesses involved in Phase IV will meet on August 8th.

PARKS & RECREATION: Nothing at this time.

TRAIN DEPOT: Chairman John McCracken met last Thursday with the Mills Group who is the engineer and architect for the Depot interior project.

RAIL/TRAIL: The draft risk assessment was received and questions are being developed in response. A public meeting will be planned for input on the Depot, lot and Rail/Trail uses.

LANDMARK COMMISSION: There will be a Special Meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission August 21st at 4:30 for Shea Strait, WVU BAD Building Coordinator, to explain the program to Council. Letters will be going out to owners of potential BAD buildings.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster, Motion Carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Meek

Recorder S. Webster
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