

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor

ROLLCALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X)
Elizabeth Skinner (X) Andy Swaim (X) Rick Weber (X)

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting of October 2, 2018: Common Consent

PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: The Mayor requested that Council amend the agenda to move forward the Bath Historic Landmarks Commission report which was granted by common consent. Jeanne Mozier reported on the organization's activities and that a representative of the WV State Historic Preservation will attend their October 22nd meeting. Common consent was granted to move back to the regular agenda.

The Travel Berkeley Springs annual report to Council was presented by President Stephanie Rebant. See attached.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR and/or INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE: The Mayor presented information from the WV Municipal League on the Home Rule program. The League asked Council to pass a resolution requesting that the WV Legislature end the Home Rule Pilot Program in favor of making this program permanent.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2018-0? requesting that the WV Legislature make the Home Rule Program permanent – Webster/Skinner – passed unanimously. See attached. Discussion was held concerning Town employees being given the Friday after Thanksgiving off from work. It was decided that the necessary work of the Town continue on that day.

The BSWW Chief Water Operator and Committee will decide this issue for that company. The Council has been requested to be in the upcoming Christmas parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER WORKS: The next committee meeting will be November 5th at 4:30pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No building permits at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Johnson reported that the Apple Butter Festival was held with no major problems. Trick or Treat will be October 31st from 6pm until 8pm.

CLERK / RECORDER: Town Clerk Corrick reported that she will be attending WV Auditors training on Oct. 17th, Municipal Court Clerk training on Nov. 1st and a grant workshop on Nov. 2nd.

FINANCE: The next Committee meeting will be November 20th at 8:30 am.

(A) Town of Bath Bills: \$18,735.80

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

(B) Tree Board: \$2,000.00 (tree removal by Tree Works)

MOTION to approve by: Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.

(C)Greenway Cemetery \$18.63

MOTION to approve: Swaim/Jackson – Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber that the bollards will be installed at Town Hall when the contractor can schedule the work. The Labor Crew is winterizing equipment. A bid has been placed with the WV DOH auction for a truck. The next meeting will be Nov. 5th at 5pm.

ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that she and the Mayor met with Town Attorney Richard Gay concerning the legal retainer contract provided by LUSDL. The Mayor explained that Mr. Gay will review the document and contact the organization with concerns. The next committee meeting will be Nov. 12th at 4:15pm.

BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: No report at this time.

GRANT: Chairman Skinner explained the difficulty in finding grants which don't have burdensome matching fund requirements.

TREE BOARD: Councilman Swaim reported that a tree on private property snapped off behind the Berkeley Springs Antique Mall causing damage. Next meeting of the Board is October 24th.

CEMETERY: Chairwoman Skinner reported that the committee is following up on grants which will assist in the preparation of the section for the columbarium.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.

STREETSCAPE: The committee netted \$2,805.00 by parking cars at the Depot lot during the Apple Butter Festival. The design for the next phase of Streetscape will be finished soon.

PARKS & RECREATION: No report at this time.

TRAIN DEPOT: The Committee has received invoices from the Mills Group on the project.

RAIL/TRAIL: The EPA has instituted a 30 day extension for their due date reply on the voluntary remediation plan due to format change. Next meeting is October 30th.

LANDMARK COMMISSION: Nothing further to report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster, Motion Carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Melbo

Recorder Joseph Webster