

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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 December 4, 2018: Common Consent to approve.

PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Lyn Dunham and Jim Michael from the Eastern Panhandle Conservation Authority addressed Council on the financial, maintenance and improvement needs of the flood control dams in Morgan County and the state. The Mayor referred the issue to the Finance Committee.

Joyce Morningstar spoke to Council concerning the Community Garden and her family's inability to continue maintenance and organization of the property. Ideas were discussed and the Mayor referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

Diane LaVelle inquired about the process of moving forward with the exchange of her property at 10 Union Street with a portion of Town property. The matter will be placed on the next town agenda to begin progress toward the public hearings and ordinance adoption. The Mayor requested that Council bring forward Parks and Rec.

MOTION: To amend the agenda to bring forward Parks and Rec – Chapman/Webster – motion carried.

Melissa Bartley, a Town of Bath representative on the Morgan County Parks and Rec reported on activities of the group. She explained that Dawn Beal is the new Director of Parks and Rec. They are busy arranging Bidy Buddy Basketball and tennis court improvements. Their next meeting is January 16 at 7pm in the County Commission Room.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR: The Mayor reported that the Town Clerk and Recorder have decided to not go to the WV Municipal League Conference. They will take advantage of information provided by the WV Secretary of State's Office for election guidance.

The Mayor presented the legal retainer written by the Town's attorney for the Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Center of WVU.

MOTION: To give authority to the Mayor to send the amended retainer to the Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Center – Webster/Chapman – motion carried.

The Christmas decorations are coming down and arrangements for storage are being made.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

WATER WORKS: The next committee meeting will be February 4th at 4:30pm. Chairman Chapman reported on a huge leak on the 1400 block of Valley Road, hydrant damage on Wilkes street and the progress on acquiring fire safety equipment for the plant. The Sanitary Survey will be conducted by the WV Department of Health.

PUBLIC SAFETY: No building permits at this time.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The Chief reminded all of the need to remind the public of the Town's snow removal vehicle parking ordinance and asked that it be publicized.

CLERK / RECORDER: The Clerk and Recorder reported that filing for Town of Bath election of June 11, 2019 will be from January 14 through January 26. Announcements postmarked as of January 26<sup>th</sup> will be accepted.  
Betty Kelley has agreed to be a Ballot Commissioner.

FINANCE: The next Committee meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

- (A) Town of Bath Bills: \$14,150.98 - Motion to approve by: Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.
- (B) BSWW: \$11,665.74 - Motion to approve by: Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.
- (C) Greenway Cemetery: \$13.31 - Motion to approve by: Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.
- (D) Bath Development: \$50.00 - Motion to approve - Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.
- (E) Hotel/Motel: \$19,478.17 - Motion to approve - Swaim/Weber - Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber anticipates that Town Hall will soon have fire extinguishers and exit signs. The Labor Crew is prepping for winter weather.

ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that the next meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>. The LaVelle property ordinance and process will be discussed.

BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: BDA member Recorder Webster apprised Council that the BDA Christmas gift wrapping project netted \$340.00 to be donated to the Christmas Decoration Committee. The next meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup>.

GRANT: No report at this time.

TREE BOARD: Councilman Swaim reported that the next meeting will be January 23, 2019.

CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported that Codi Ford will continue to arrange funerals for the Committee. The Committee is reorganizing records and is looking into the purchase of a computer. Volunteer assistance is welcome.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.

STREETSCAPE: The next meeting will be January 17, 2019. Pete Brown spoke on the progress of Phase IV Streetscape Project. ADA easement documents for this project for Town properties need to be signed.

PARKS & RECREATION: Nothing further.

TRAIN DEPOT: Project invoices have been received from the Mills Group and are paid.

RAIL/TRAIL: Committee Co-Chair Pete Brown reported that the final formal risk assessment proposal on the Depot lot had been received from the EPA. The committee will comment after review.

LANDMARK COMMISSION: Next meeting is January 28, 2019.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster, Motion Carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Webb

Recorder Suzanne Webster