

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLL CALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) Andy Swaim (X) Rick Weber (A) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting of February 19, 2019: Common Consent to approve.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: No one at this time.
5. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR: Mayor Merki brought forward Ordinance 2019-01 which referred to the property transfer between Diane LaVelle, the Town of Bath and CNB Bank. The required Public Hearing was held at the regular meeting of Council on February 19, 2019

MOTION: To approve for the second and final reading of Town of Bath Ordinance 2019-01 – Webster/Jackson – Motion carries.

The Mayor and Council have received the Town Attorney's opinion on moving forward with Code 8-12-16. The matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee. The next Ordinance Committee meeting date and time is to be announced due to the regular meeting time conflict with the Finance Committee Budget meeting.

The Warm Springs Watershed meeting will be March 20th at Town Hall to discuss maintenance.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Next meeting is March 13th at 4:30pm.
2. PARKS & REC: Recorder Webster was pleased to report that Morgan County Parks & Rec has agreed to participate in the Make It Shine program by cleaning public park areas in Town. Next meeting is on March 20 at 7pm in the County Commission Room.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: President Rebecca MacLeod presented current results of the Commission's survey conducted at the recent WV DOH Bypass informational meeting. Consensus was positive towards annexation possibilities in the future.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee member, Pete Brown, apprised Council of important upcoming meetings and communications with the WV DOH and EPA concerning the NBRT project.
5. STREETSCAPE: Good news was reported by Pete Brown that the Streetscape Phase IV project is moving forward. The next meeting is March 21st at 4pm.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: The Mayor reported that the Berkeley Depot interior rehabilitation project is advancing with progress.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: Jeanne Mozier, Commission member, informed Council that the Commission is planning to apply for a grant for the required 10 year update of the Town of Bath Historic District. Matching funds will be needed. The Commission has selected Tim Newton to be their Volunteer of the Year. The next meeting will be March 25th at 4pm.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Hotel/ Motel Tax Grant Fund application submission

closed on February 28th. The Town has received 19 applications. Election information is available on-line or in the office.

9. FINANCE: Chairman Swaim presented the schedule for Budget preparation.
 - (A) Town of Bath \$14,133.62- Motion to approve: Swaim/Webster –Carried
 - (B)BS Water \$51,770.33- Motion to approve: Swaim/Webster – Carried
 - (C)Greenway Cemetery \$40.99- Motion to approve: Swaim/Webster - Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting will be February 27th at 2:30pm. The Board is planning an Arbor Day Celebration for April 15th.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is March 19th at 5pm.
 - (A)Permits: Danielle Swope presented a building permit application for 10 Union Street.
MOTION: To table the building permit application for 10 Union Street – Jackson/Chapman – Motion carried.
 - (B)Police Report: Chief Johnson cautioned the public to be careful with driving in winter weather and to obey the snow removal parking ordinance.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: The Mayor reported that all went well with the last snow storm and appreciated staff's good work.
13. ORDINANCE: Nothing further.
14. CEMETERY: The Committee met today. Cemetery cleanup will begin April 1st and the same company as last year will be used. The Make It Shine project will be held the first weekend of April with rain dates of the second weekend.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. BERKELEY SPRINGS WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the BSWW is moving forward with the Phase IV Waterline Replacement Project. A Purchasing Policy must be approved and submitted to the granting agency as soon as possible. The Committee will meet with the Thrasher Engineering representative at its next monthly meeting. The BSWW has been approached to consider extending water lines to from Green Gate Road to Randy Waugh's Mobile Home Park. A second water source is advised and will be sought. This waterline extension project would be in conjunction with the Warm Springs Public Service District.
MOTION: To authorize the Berkeley Springs Water Works to further explore the possibility of extending water lines as described to Council – Webster/Jackson – Motion carried.
17. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeanne Mozier congratulated the BSWW on receiving 5th place in the Municipal Water Division of the International Water Tasting Contest held at the Country Inn. First place in Best Purified Drinking Water was Berkeley Springs Purified Water.
18. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Merbi

Recorder

Susan Webster
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