

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 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 (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting of April 2, 2019: Common Consent to approve.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Mayor Merki presented Anthony Wills with a commendation from the Town for his efforts and accomplishment in becoming an Eagle Scout. Council expressed their support for our community Eagle Scouts. Lori Hansroth, Executive Director of the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, sent a letter requesting an expansion of the parking meter art program. The Mayor requested that the letter be added to the next agenda for consideration.
5. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR:
PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Merki opened the Public Hearing as noticed and posted concerning WV State Code 8-12-16 which refers to the process that the Bath Council could adopt to address 'Dilapidated Buildings' within the municipal boundaries. Public comments were offered by Jenna Hansroth, Jeanne Mozier, Barb Wolfe and Greg Wolfe.
MOTION: To accept for second reading WV Statute 8-12-16 as Town of Bath Ordinance 2019-01 – Skinner/Jackson – Motion carried.
The Mayor provided Finance Chairman Swaim time during his Communications for Swaim to present and explain the Town of Bath Levy (see attached).
MOTION: To Lay the Town of Bath Levy as presented by Finance Chair Swaim – Weber/Jackson – Motion carried.
The Mayor presented the Flood Dam Maintenance Funding Agreement which was tabled at the last meeting.
MOTION: To fund the Flood Dam Maintenance request at \$2,000.00 – Swaim/Weber – Motion carried.
The Mayor presented Governor Justice's Proclamation for Fair Housing.
MOTION: To accept the Proclamation for Fair Housing as presented – Chapman/Webster – Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Next meeting is May 8th. No further report.
2. PARKS & REC: Next meeting is on April 17 at 7pm in the County Commission Room. It was noted and appreciated that Parks & Rec provided 15 volunteers for the Make It Shine project.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Progress was reported by Committee member Pete Brown. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 23rd.

5. STREETScape: Discussion was held concerning the need to have the DOH schedule on the next phase of the project.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster offered to investigate opening a donation account to help fund Depot improvements and expenses.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is May 20th.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: The Town of Bath 2019/2020 Budget has been approved by the WV Auditor's Office. April 23rd is the last day for Write-In Candidates for the 2019 election. Poll workers are being sought.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Swaim reported that Pete Brown and Rebecca MacLeod of the Rail/Trail Committee attended the Finance Committee meeting of this day to inform and request support. Letters to organizations which have been approved for Hotel/Motel tax funding will go to recipients. Public Works Chairman Weber is to invite Labor Crew Leader Rodney Steiner to the next meeting.
 - (A) Town of Bath \$9,701.44- Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BS Water Works \$14,791.27 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber - Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$150.00 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber - Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Councilman Swaim reported that the Arbor Day Celebration was successfully held. The next meeting will be April 24th.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY:
 - (A) Permits: No permits at this time.
 - (B) Police Report: Danielle Swope reported on Empowerment Week to be held the week of April 28th and requested support.
MOTION: To approve support for the Empowerment Week project – Webster/Jackson – Motion carried.
 Chief Johnson reported on National Drug Take Back Day, April 27th. He also reminded Council and the public of upcoming events and festivals which will affect traffic and parking.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the spring yard waste pick up is scheduled for April 30th. He is negotiating with Ford Motor Co. on repairs to the F550.
13. ORDINANCE: Nothing further. The next meeting is April 8th.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner expressed appreciation to all who volunteered for the Make It Shine program in the cemetery. Grounds maintenance has begun for the season.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: The next meeting is May 6th at 4:30pm. Mr. Rob Campbell's request for payment receipt changes have been instituted on a limited basis. The Committee is exploring making an automatic payment option broadly available to all Water Works customers.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Merbi

Recorder Spencer