

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 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 May 7, 2019: Common consent to approve.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Pete Gordon, President of the Berkeley Springs State Park Foundation, presented Council with Resolution 2019-05 which addresses the upcoming grant requirements for improvements for the Berkeley Springs State Park. Discussion was held concerning funding ideas and progress.
MOTION: To approve Resolution 2019-05 as presented by Berkeley Springs State Park Foundation – Webster/Weber – Carried.
Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lori Hansroth updated Council on the Downtown Business Owner meeting. She informed Council of upcoming planned events, progress on the Berkeley Springs State Park Museum project and suggestions for Council on ordinances, enforcement and improvements. She thanked Council for its approval of parking meter painting.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: Mayor Merki acknowledged the tragic loss of two young citizens of Berkeley Springs and expressed appreciation to the community for their show of compassion to the families and friends affected. The Mayor gave an update on the ongoing traffic congestion at the intersection of Rt. 9E and Rt. 522. He cautioned the public to use alternate routes to avoid long waits. The Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Boot Drive at the square on May 25th from 9am until 1pm.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: No report at this time.
2. PARKS & REC: The organization has been busy with baseball and a new volley ball league. They are working on drainage issues at the N. Berkeley Park and playground.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: President Rebecca MacLeod plans a meeting in June.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting is May 28th. Rebecca MacLeod reported on advertising of the LRS position. Discussion was held on the required Public Comment period on the project from May 29th through June 28th. The Public Hearing on the project will be held at the regular Council meeting of June 16th at 5:30pm.
5. STREETSCAPE: Co-chair Rebecca MacLeod reported on the lack of response from the WV DOH on the project. She is working with the Town of Bath Tree Board on plantings for the project and thanked the Bath Development Authority for their assistance with the Delectable Mountain Quilters Guild auction. Auction proceeds are donated to the Streetscape Project.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Chairman John McCracken has received documents back from the

WV DOH and will work to resolve any issues.

7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Election Poll Worker training was held on May 16. Early voting will be conducted from May 29 through June 8. Election Day in June 11.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Swaim reported that the next meeting is June 18 at 8:30am.
 - (A) Town of Bath \$35,801.61- Motion to approve: Swaim/Jackson –Carried
 - (B) BS Water Works \$69,634.15 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber - Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,408.54 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber – Carried
 - (D) N. Berkeley Rail/Trail \$900.00 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber – Carried
 - (E) Christmas Project \$6,194.06 – Motion to transfer fund balance to non-profit 501(c)3 organization account – Swaim/Weber – Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Councilman Swaim presented the resignation of Larry Lower from the Tree Board. The next meeting is June 26.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is June 26.
 - (A) Permits: No permits at this time.
 - (B) Police Report: No report at this time.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that Ford Motor Company has paid the \$369.09 repair bill on the Town's F550. Discussion was held on contacting the manufacturer of the Town garbage truck due to excessive repairs necessary.
13. ORDINANCE: The next meeting will be June 10. Chairman Webster reported that the Municode Company had communicated to her that certain ordinances were left out of the Town Codes by the company. The Mayor requested that the ordinances be returned to the Town Code. This item will be on the next committee agenda.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported on the lawn maintenance work in the Cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend. The committee has been working on inquiries on deeds. They have met with Don Gordon on the columbarium project.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman has sent the Mayor and Council the Water Committee's proposal concerning its policy of allowing outside entities to install their equipment on BSWW water towers. The issue was tabled until the next Council meeting. The next BSWW Committee meeting will be June 3.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. McWhirter

Recorder Suzanne Webster