

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 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 June 4, 2019: Common consent to approve.
4. PUBLIC HEARING: The Mayor opened the North Berkeley Rail/Trail Public Hearing concerning the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives for Parcel 3. Committee members Pete Brown, Rebecca MacLeod and Sally Marshall were present to explain the analysis and answer questions of the public in attendance. Three alternatives were presented and general discussion was held on the options. Positive public comments were offered by Kate Lehman and Trish Rudder. It was noted that the public has the ability to comment in writing on the matter until June 30, 2019. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

PERSON BEFORE COUNCIL & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: Scott Crunkleton, Chief Operator of the Warm Springs Public Service District, invited Mayor and Council to a meeting of this organization on June 28, 2019. The meeting is concerning public water extension south on Valley Road beyond the Berkeley Springs Water Works current customer. A preliminary engineering report will be presented at the meeting.

Hunter Clark, President of the Christmas Project and committee member Denise Selby reported on progress of the upcoming year's activities. The Berkeley Springs State Park has requested a Victorian theme. The Committee is acquiring new lighting for the tree in the square and requested that the Town put the lights on the tree by September. This request was approved by Common Consent of the Council. Mayor Merki reported on the recent bank robbery at City National Bank and Chief of Police TJ Johnson's role in the apprehension of the suspect. Appreciation was extended to the Chief.

The 2019 Town of Bath Election was addressed. The Board of Canvass met on June 17th and the election will be certified on June 19, 2019. The election workers were thanked for their dedication.

Mark Glasscock requested permission to set up his fruit and vegetable stand on Liberty Street in the same location, day and time as previous years.

MOTION: To grant Mark Glasscock's request as presented – Webster/Jackson – Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Cindy Bodin, President of the BDA and Chris Bauman, Treasurer of the BDA, were present to report on the group's activities and progress. President Bodin had a lunch meeting with Bill Clark, Director of Region

- 9 Planning & Development and banking officials to expand her knowledge of the Federal Opportunity Zone Program. Chris Bauman presented the Financial Report.
2. PARKS & REC: Next meeting is June 19. No report at this time.
 3. PLANNING COMMISSION: President Rebecca MacLeod plans for the Commission to meet after the next Council is seated.
 4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting is June 25. Pete Brown gave a general up date of committee progress.
 5. STREETSCAPE: The Committee is waiting for response from the WV DOH on the progress of the current project. The next meeting is June 27.
 6. TRAIN DEPOT: Mayor Merki reported that he anticipates the interior rehab project will go out to bid in July 2019.
 7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time. The next meeting is June 24.
 8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: The Town of Bath Municipal Election Canvass was held June 17. The Election will be certified on June 19.
 9. FINANCE: Chairman Swaim reported that the Committee met today at 8:30am. If the same schedule is kept the next meeting will be July 16. As outgoing Finance Chair he expressed gratitude to his Committee members, Council and Clerk Corrick for their help and dedication to the work of the Committee.
 - (A) Town of Bath \$8,024.61- Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BS Water Works \$63,655.08 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber - Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$7,802.73 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber – Carried
 - (D) BDA \$64.62 – Motion to approve: Swaim/Weber - Carried
 - (E) Rail/Trail \$940.00- Chairman Swaim noted that the total invoice was \$1,160.09 and that the amount presented is a partial payment. Motion to approve \$940.00 partial payment with the remainder being paid when funds become available – Swaim/Weber – Carried.
 10. TREE BOARD: Councilman Swaim reported that the Board’s tree maintenance in the cemetery and rain garden. He thanked the Town’s Labor Crew for their assistance.
 11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is June 18. Danielle Swope presented outgoing Councilman Swaim with a Certificate of Appreciation for his assistance with the BSPD financial issues.
 - (A)Permits: No permits at this time.
 - (B)Police Report: Chief Johnson reported on recent hectic policing in the Town.
 12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported problems with the dump truck have been presented. Estimates on a new truck are approximately \$56,000.00. The Town Labor Crew cut and cleared the private property at the corner of Pratt and Church Street.
 13. ORDINANCE: The next meeting will be July 8. At the last meeting the committee discussed the Municode most recent codification of Town ordinances. A Hawking Ordinance has been suggested and suggestions from the business community are requested.
 14. CEMETERY: Chairwoman Skinner reported that work is going well at the cemetery and that the Committee is pleased with the company they have hired to do lawn maintenance.
 15. GRANT: No report at this time.
 16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman noted the invitation extended earlier in the

meeting concerning water line extensions of the BSWW. The next meeting is July 1.
17.MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Meek

Recorder Shirley Webster