

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 02, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLLCALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) John Bohrer (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of June 18, 2019: Common consent to approve. Election Canvass meeting of June 17, 2019: Common consent to approve.
4. PERSON BEFORE COUNCIL & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: Dawn Beal, representing Morgan County Parks & Rec informed Council of the community Back to School Bash to be held on August 8, 2019 from 7pm until 9pm at the Warm Springs Middle School. She requested that Council consider donating to the popular event. The subject was referred to the Finance Committee.
The Mayor is working on his suggestions for committee assignments for the new term and will distribute such to the Council next week.
The Mayor and Council welcomed John Bohrer to the Council position he was elected to during the Bath election held on June 11, 2019.
Garbage service to residential customers will be on Wednesday and Friday of the week of July 1st due to the Independence Day Holiday on Thursday, July 4th.
The Mountain State Cruisers will hold their First Friday car show event on July 5th.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: No report at this time. Next meeting is July 10th at 4:30pm.
2. PARKS & REC: Dawn Beal, of Morgan County Parks & Rec, described the group's ongoing projects including new playground equipment at the North Berkeley Park and maintenance of the tennis courts at the Biser Street Park. Next meeting is July 17th.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: President Rebecca MacLeod inquired if the Council needed to be apprised of adjustments to private property plats. Common consensus was that the Council did not need to be apprised of such information.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting is July 25. Committee members informed Council of the need to request temporary up-front reimbursable funding for the EPA Grant for remediation of Parcel 3 from the Morgan County Commission. Webster added that local banking institutions may be of assistance with bridge loans.
MOTION: To approve Rail/Trail Committee members to approach the Morgan County Commission for assistance with temporary reimbursable interim funding for the above mentioned EPA grant – Webster/Weber – Carried.
The Council accepted the Committee's recommendation to award a contract for a Licensed Remediation Specialist.
5. STREETSCAPE: The Committee informed Council of similar problems interfering

with the progress of Phase IV Streetscape Project due to WV DOH change in financial requirements. The Committee requested that Council permit them to request assistance from the Morgan County Commission for Streetscape Phase 4A for temporary reimbursable funding of two current grants.

MOTION: To inform Senator Charles Trump and Delegate Daryl Cowles of current difficulties Bath is enduring with the WV DOH concerning awarded grant financial administration – Webster/Weber – Carried.

MOTION: To rewrite the letter to the Morgan County Commission to more fully explain Bath's situation with DOH grant funding and request assistance – Chapman/Weber – Carried.

6. TRAIN DEPOT: Mayor Merki reported that the WV State Historic Preservation Office recently stated that they now require both bathrooms in the Depot to be handicap accessible which changes the Town's financial obligation. The Committee is waiting on the final cost estimate.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reported that the Town of Bath Municipal Election has been processed correctly and it was live streamed.
9. FINANCE: Clerk Corrick reported that the next Committee meeting will be July 16th at 8:30am. She presented bills as follows:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$20,258.55- Motion to approve: Webster/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BS Water Works \$7,016.57 – Motion to approve: Webster/Bohrer - Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,807.00– Councilman Weber questioned cemetery expenses. Councilman Weber and Mayor Merki said they would attend the next Cemetery meeting. Motion to approve Greenway Cemetery bills as presented: Webster/Bohrer carried.
 - (D) Tree Board \$75.55 – Motion to approve: Jackson/Weber - Carried
 - (E) Hotel/Motel – 4th Quarter \$11,140.06 – Clerk Corrick explained the bookkeeping difficulties which occur when organizations do not cash their Hotel/Motel grant funding checks. She is instituting a policy that new checks will not be issued to organizations until they cash checks from prior disbursements. Motion to approve Hotel/Motel funds as presented: Webster/Jackson – Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Committee member Kate Lehman reported that the Chesapeake Bay Communities Grant has been completed and that they have submitted a grant application from this organization for future projects. The next meeting is July 24th.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is July 16th.
 - (A)Permits: No permits at this time.
 - (B)Police Report: Chief Johnson cautioned the public to be mindful of firework hazards during the upcoming Independence Day weekend celebrations.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber addressed requests for paving of Kent Street and half of Rockwell Circle. He noted that Kent Street is currently on the paving schedule.
13. ORDINANCE: The next meeting will be July 8. The office has received notification of a State fee change that may require an ordinance to implement. The meeting agenda

will be posted.

14. CEMETERY: Chairwoman Skinner announced that the next meeting of the Greenway Cemetery Maintenance Corporation will be July 9th at 4:30pm.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported on the BSWW meeting held July 1st. The committee discussed the water line extension project as presented to them. The committee and Chief Water Operator need more information as to the number of potential new customers desiring service and the impact of the extension to the BSWW current capacity.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Marki

Recorder Webster