

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 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) John Bohrer (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of July 2, 2019: Common consent to approve.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR:
Fireworks displays not presented by organizations with state permits were of concern to several residents and businesses in Bath. A review of the Town ordinance and State statute was requested. The matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee. The Mayor presented for discussion Council committee assignments and appointments for the new term beginning July 1, 2019 (see attached).
MOTION: To permit Councilman Bohrer to chair two committees – Webster/Weber – Carried.
MOTION: To accept committee assignments and appointments as presented – Webster/Chapman – Carried.
Discussion was held concerning the lack of painted crosswalks on Washington Street (Rt. 522) through the Bath. The Mayor clarified that this issue is under the discretion of the WV DOH and that he and the Council are sympathetic to concerns. Recorder Webster suggested bringing back pedestrian crosswalk signs. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee.
The Eastern Panhandle Conservation training and dinner will be held at Cacapon State Park on July 24th. The Mayor and Council are invited.
The new owners of 347 N. Washington Street have requested that this property be annexed into the Town of Bath corporate limits. The matter was referred to the Ordinance and Annexation Committees.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: No report at this time. Next meeting is August 14th at 4:30pm.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time. Next meeting is July 17th.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee co-chair Pete Brown reported that the Morgan County Commission had agreed to loan essential funds for the project to proceed. The committee is waiting for cost estimates and selecting an applicant for the Licensed Remediation Specialist position.
5. STREETScape: The Committee informed Council that the Morgan County Commission also agreed to loan essential funds necessary for Phase 4A Streetscape Project to proceed.

6. TRAIN DEPOT: The Committee is waiting for information and requirements from the WV State Historic Preservation Office.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick informed Council that Municipal Court will be held July 17th at 9am.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented bills as follows:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$15,933.13- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BS Water Works \$9,020.77 – Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber - Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,470.00 Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber - Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is July 24th. No report at this time.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY:
 - (A)Permits: Danielle Swope described the building permit submitted for work by the new owners at the Star Theater. No Council action was required.
 - (B)Police Report: Chief Johnson cautioned the public to be mindful of firework, crosswalk and other seasonal hazards.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber addressed requests for paving of Kent Street and Rockwell Circle. He noted that both streets are currently on the paving schedule. He informed Council of repair issues with the garbage truck. The next meeting August 6th.
13. ORDINANCE: The next meeting will be August 6th at 4pm. Items referred to the committee include fireworks, annexation and Municode issues.
14. CEMETERY: Chairwoman Skinner appreciated the assistance of new committee members. The next meeting is July 23rd at 4:30pm.
15. GRANT: Areas of grant need were discussed.
16. WATER WORKS: The next meeting is August 8th at 4:30pm.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Miller

Recorder S. Webster