

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 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 September 17, 2019: Common consent to approve with amendment to include the report of the Berkeley Depot Rehabilitation Chairman, John McCracken.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: Chief Operator Ron Janniney of the Berkeley Springs Water Works appeared before Council to explain deficiency violations for which the Berkeley Springs Water Works was cited in the January 2019 WV Office of Environmental Health Services Sanitary Survey. All customers of the BSWW shall receive explanatory information on these deficiencies (see attached documents). The BSWW and Water Committee will continue striving to make corrections.  
Chief Operator Janniney further described the move to liquid chloride from gas chloride for the water system. He also reported on recent water line breaks and their repair. The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation to the BSWW staff for their expertise and devotion to serving customers.  
A request has been received from the Berkeley Springs-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce to permit the decoration of parking meters for the Christmas season.  
MOTION: To permit the "Deck the Meters" Chamber project from November 24<sup>th</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup> to proceed— Jackson/Chapman – Carried.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Councilwoman Skinner reported on the meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The group is organizing the gift wrapping project for the upcoming Christmas season.
2. PARKS & REC: Member Melissa Bartley spoke of the seasonal athletic activities and events organized by the group. She also described recent vandal acts at the North Berkeley Park and requested assistance. The next meeting is September 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: President Rebecca MacLeod repeated the need for two new members to be appointed to the group.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The Licensed Remediation Specialist has been hired and is working to move the project further. The Committee appreciates this professional assistance and is confident of progress. The meetings will now be the last Wednesday of the month.
5. STREETSCAPE: Next meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup>. Funds are in place due to the assistance of the Morgan County Commission.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: No report at this time.

September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reported on the dismissal of certain water and garbage customer bills in Magistrate Court. She also reminded Council of training from the WV Municipal League for Officials and Clerks.
9. FINANCE: Next meeting is October 15th. Chairman Bohrer presented bills as follows:
  - (A) Town of Bath \$9,593.58- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
  - (B) BS Water Works \$16,025.05- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber – Carried
  - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,444.68- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber – CarriedThe Finance Committee gave permission to the Streetscape Committee and the Cemetery Committee to operate and receive the revenue from parking cars in the Depot parking lot for the Apple Butter Festival weekend.
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is September 25th. No report at this time.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is October 15th.
  - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
  - (B) Police Report: The month of October is busy with autumn events and activities. The Committee is looking at options for pedestrian safety.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber led discussion on median maintenance and recent complaints concerning weed whacking and street cleaning. Cooperation is requested from property owners and citizens while the Labor Crew improves service and prepares for upcoming events. A new wall is being constructed in the Police Department office.
13. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster brought forward the Petition Requesting Annexation from the David and Gale Foulds (see attached).

MOTION: To accept the Foulds' Petition Requesting Annexation: Webster/ Weber – Carried

Discussion was held on the amendments requested from the Streetscape Committee concerning meeting times and dates.

MOTION: To accept for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 2019-0? to amend the Streetscape Committee ordinance: Webster/Weber- Carried

The next meeting is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner thanked everyone for their help with maintaining the rain garden in the cemetery and the assistance of Frank Rodgers of the Capon Institute.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the Committee has decided to move forward with the agreement with Morgan Wireless on tower usage. Next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup>.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Melick

Recorder James Webster  
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