

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 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
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR:
Delectable Mountain Quilters Guild presented the Town of Bath Streetscape Committee with a donation of \$7,000.00. The Mayor and Council expressed deep appreciation for the gift and for all that this organization has contributed to Bath and Morgan County.
Tom Hall described a dangerous situation for youth at the Martinsburg Road/Ewing Street intersection. He asked for a crosswalk due to the amount of traffic in the area. He also requested that unpaved Blackwood Street be asphalted.
Morgan County Administrator Stephanie Allemong and Jeanne Mozier explained upcoming plans celebrating the Morgan County Bicentennial in 2020. The Town of Bath and its organizations are invited to initiate and participate in events honoring our history.
October is filled with events including the Mountain State Cruisers in the Park on October 4th, the Country Inn Oktoberfest on October 5th and the Apple Butter Festival on October 12th & 13th. The Zombie Walk is October 26th and Halloween Trick or Treat is October 31st.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Authority Treasurer Chris Bauman and member Meghan Bauman presented the organization's financial report (see attached). The organization may reinstitute events held in the past for the Bicentennial celebration.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is October 16th.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee members Pete Brown and Rebecca MacLeod reported on the work with the WV DOH on environmental remediation of initial portions of the trail. Funding needs were referred to the Finance Committee.
5. STREETScape: Next meeting is October 17th. The Streetscape Committee is partnering with the Cemetery Committee to park cars at the Apple Butter Festival and will share funds collected.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: No report at this time.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time. Meeting time has been changed to the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reminded Council of the WVML training on October 2nd.
9. FINANCE: Next meeting is October 15th. Chairman Bohrer presented bills as follows:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$17,409.91- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber --Carried
 - (B) BS Water Works \$5,366.01- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber – Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$334.83- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber – Carried
 - (D) Rail/Trail \$1,160.09 – Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber – Carried
 - (E) Hotel/Motel \$36,358.74 – Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is October 16th. 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 Chief reported on the number of events being held in October.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported on street sweeping equipment and vehicle repairs. The Labor Crew will clear brush on Wilkes Street.
13. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster will bring forward the resolution required for the Fould's property annexation when it is received from legal counsel. She presented and explained Special Ordinance 2019-01 to amend the Bath ordinance creating the Streetscape Committee.
 MOTION: To approve for second reading Ordinance 2019-01 amending Section 2-141 of the Bath code- Webster/Weber- Carried
 Committee member Weber presented his work on the creation of a Bath Fireworks Discharge Restriction Ordinance. He requested Council to study the proposed ordinance and return with amendments and opinions for consideration.
 Webster discussed her communications with the Municode Company and suggested that the WVU School of Law may lend assistance. She will contact them.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner will bring issues to Council as necessary.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the letter describing BSWW violations has been sent to customers. Councilman Skinner offered to add the Backflow Protection issue to the BDA agenda for possible assistance to Bath small businesses.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Neale

Recorder Stephan