

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLLCALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (A) Elizabeth Skinner (X) John Bohrer (X) Rick Weber (A) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of December 3rd were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Andy Swaim, Bath Tree Board member, presented the five existing members of the Board for reappointment.  
MOTION: To reappoint members of the Town of Bath Tree Board as presented for two years – Webster/Skinner – Motion carried.  
Kate Lehman, Bath Tree Board member, reported that she has submitted the Tree City USA grant application.  
Hunter Clark of the Christmas Project presented the organization's Angel Awards to volunteers and contributors to Town decorations and events. See attached.  
Appreciation was extended by the Mayor and Council.  
Barb Wolfe asked about progress on the Town's building codes. The Mayor will consult with the Town attorney on the matter.  
Fred Zerfas, representing new owners of the Berkeley Springs Motel, informed Council of updates being made to the property and requested improvement ideas.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor reported that the Winterfest Parade went well and expressed appreciation to Danielle Swope for her leadership with the event.  
The Morgan County Commission has approved the Fould's property annexation into the Town of Bath corporate boundary.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is January 8, 2020. The group's Christmas gift wrapping project will continued through this season.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse. Melissa Bartley, board member, reported on activities, events and youth sport sign-ups planned.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be January 22, 2020. The committee has requested a project update from the WV DOH.
5. STREETScape: Next meeting is December 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: No report at this time.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is January 28, 2020.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: No report at this time.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented bills as follows:

- (A) Town of Bath \$10,787.71- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Webster –Carried
- (B) BS Water Works \$8,595.55- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Skinner – Carried
- (C) Greenway Cemetery \$189.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Webster- Carried

10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is January 22, 2020.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

(A)Permits: Danielle Swope presented the permit application from Ira Manley to raze his building at 222 N. Washington Street which was recently destroyed by fire.

MOTION: To approve Mr. Manley’s permit application for 222 N. Washington Street- Webster/Chapman- Motion carried.

(B)Police Report: The Chief reported that the recent parade and Christmas events have gone well. He reminded the public of the Town’s snow removal parking ordinance.

12. PUBLIC WORKS: The next meeting is January 7, 2020.

13. ORDINANCE: The next meeting is January 7, 2020.

14. CEMETERY: No report at this time.

15. GRANT: No report at this time.

16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman informed Council that the WSPSD had cancelled the meeting they had scheduled for December 13, 2019 to discuss the proposed water line extension. The Committee is consulting with Thrasher Engineering on their extension decision. Morgan Wireless has paid the fees required to have their equipment on BSWW Fairview Drive water tower.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Webster

Recorder Jessy Webster