

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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 (A) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of March 3, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None at this time.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor communicated his concerns about the coronavirus pandemic and his hope that citizens adhere to directions from authorities and practice goodwill toward each other. He announced current public event cancellations.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is April 1, 2020.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is March 18th at the Courthouse. Melissa Bartley updated Council on activities closed or postponed due to the coronavirus. New sod has been placed on the soccer field.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be March 25, 2020. The Depot Lot easements from the Town to Morgan County have been signed and recorded. Matt Pennington of Region 9 Planning and Development recommended that the draft RFQ on the project be approved to be advertised by Region 9 on behalf of the Town of Bath. This was approved by common consent.
5. STREETScape: The next meeting is March 19th.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: After long delay the project is now moving forward. Chairman McCracken made Council aware of communications with Mark Scoular and Gary Graley of the WVDOH concerning the interior rehabilitation of the Depot indicating progress.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is March 31st.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reported that traffic court will be held March 18, 2020.
9. FINANCE: Councilman Weber presented bills as follows:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$11,808.59- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Webster –Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$31,426.10- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Webster- Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$379.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Webster- Carried
 - (D) NBRT \$304.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Webster – Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is March 18, 2020 at 2:30pm. The Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for April 7, 2020.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is April 21, 2020 at 4:15pm.

(A)Permits: No report at this time.

(B)Police Report: The Chief warned all to be mindful of the coronavirus and to adhere to authority's instructions. His office is updating business licensing procedure.

12. PUBLIC WORKS: The next meeting is April 7, 2020. No report at this time.
13. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that she, the Mayor and Clerk had met with Town Attorney Richard Gay concerning election law amendments. Further study is necessary. The next meeting is April 7, 2020.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner told Council that she has placed advertisement for mowing in the Cemetery in preparation of the growing season. The Make It Shine cleanup program is scheduled for April 4th or 11th at Greenway Cemetery.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the BSWW will be sending letters to inform affected customers of the necessity of Right of Way agreements for Phase IV Water Line Replacement Project. The chlorine room of the plant facility has been transitioned to an improved system.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Meek

Recorder Suzanne Webster

Proclamation

By the Town of Bath, West Virginia

WHEREAS: equal opportunity in housing is a right guaranteed to all Americans under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS: the 52nd anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law provides an opportunity for Americans to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom of choice and reacquaint themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the law; and

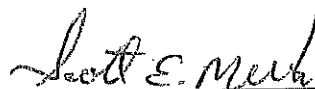
WHEREAS: implementation of the Fair Housing Policy of West Virginia requires positive commitment, involvement and support of each and every one of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Bath, West Virginia provides leadership in an effort to make fair housing a right that can be realized by all of our citizens;

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that, I, the Mayor of the Town of Bath, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

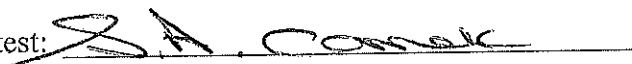
Fair Housing Month

in Bath and encourage all citizens to support the practice and policy of fair housing in their personal lives, as well as in their workday duties.



Mayor

Attest:





Mayor

Scott Merki

Recorder

Susan J. Webster



Council Members

Elizabeth Skinner

Rick Weber

Chris Chapman

Rose Jackson

John Bohrer

Town of Bath

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ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- Whereas,* the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- Whereas,* Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- Whereas,* trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- Whereas,* trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- Whereas,* trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Scott Merki, Mayor of the City of Bath, do hereby proclaim
April 21st 2020, as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Bath, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 7th day of April in the year 2020.

Mayor Scott C. Merki