

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor electronically via Zoom
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: Meeting minutes of March 17, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None at this time.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor expressed his continuing concern with the coronavirus pandemic. The Town is adhering to the Executive Order from Gov. Justice on health and safety guidelines. There is much concern for the Town's business community. The Mayor announced known public event cancellations.
The HUD Fair Housing Month Proclamation was presented (see attached).
MOTION: To approve the HUD Fair Housing Month Proclamation as presented- Webster/Chapman- Carried.
The 2020 Arbor Day Proclamation was presented (see attached).
MOTION: To approve the 2020 Arbor Day Proclamation as presented- Chapman/Webster- Carried.
The Mayor shared a request that the Town allow banners to be placed in businesses and public buildings recognizing Berkeley Springs High School Senior spring athletes who will not be able to participate in their sports due to the coronavirus pandemic. Recorder Webster suggested that since the Town has no control over what private businesses or other public entities display in support of these athletes that the Town of Bath support these students in whatever way possible. This was approved by Common Consent.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: President Cindy Bodin presented the Authority's Treasurer's report and recent progress. The Authority's next meeting is May 6th. She expects to present new appointees for consideration at the Town's next regular meeting.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee member Pete Brown reported that the Mayor has communicated with Gary Graley of the WV DOH. Graley has been updated on the current Parcel 3 remediation contract plans and Parcel 1A plans for obtaining clean fill from US Silica. Steps are being made to get the project under contract.
5. STREETSCAPE: Pete Brown reported that that April 14th is the planning bid letting, date of Phase 4A Streetscape Project.

6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported on a letter recently received from the Mills Group which outlined progress and future costs. Bidding on the Interior Rehabilitation of the Depot is expected to be let by mid-June.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is April 28th.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reported that the office is working through the coronavirus adjustments for conducting business.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented bills as follows:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$20,226.59- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$4,543.97- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$125.40- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (D) NBRT \$1,087.69- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber – Carried
 - (E) Hotel/Motel Distribution \$16,624.79: Bohrer/Weber – Carried

MOTION: To approve Hotel/Motel Fund Grant Applications- Bohrer/Weber- Carried
Chairman Bohrer presented the Bath Budget FY 2020-2021 in the total amount of \$718,395.00.

MOTION: To approve the Bath Budget FY 2020-2021- Bohrer/Weber- Carried
The Laying of the Levy will be at the April 21st regular meeting.
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is April 22nd at 2:30pm. The required Arbor Day celebration requirement has been waived due to the coronavirus.
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.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: The next meeting is April 22, 2020. Seasonal work is continuing.
13. ORDINANCE: No report at this time.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner informed Council of the committee's decision to hire Percy Renovation for the lawn maintenance of Greenway Cemetery for the coming season. She explained the details of the contract.
15. GRANT: The committee will look into emergency grant assistance due to the coronavirus.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported a slight uptick in water production in the past month. The next meeting is May 4th.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor

Scott E. Mink

Recorder

Severin Webster