

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor electronically via Zoom
2. ROLLCALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) John Bohrer (A) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of April 21, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None at this time.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor and Council discussed the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on local businesses and how to balance health concerns with economic development. Morgan County has been designated as a "Hot Spot" which requires additional restrictions. It was agreed to send a letter to Governor Justice expressing the need of Morgan County and the Town of Bath to receive resources to accomplish more testing for the virus and to relieve unexpected financial burdens. The Mayor requested that Council send him their suggestions for inclusion in the letter. Special meetings may be necessary to determine future actions.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: President Cindy Bodin requested that Council consider Lisa Stine for a seat on the Board of Directors for the Authority. Ms. Stine presented qualifications and her desire to serve the community. Councilwoman Skinner offered her recommendation for Ms. Stine's appointment. MOTION: To appoint Lisa Stine to the Bath Economic Development Authority- Webster Chapman- Carried
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 progress on the project has been slowed due to the coronavirus outbreak, but steps are being taken to get the project under contract.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee member Pete Brown reported that the April 14th bidding of the project was disappointing since all bids came in higher than estimated costs. The committee is working to learn the reasons and how to rectify the situation.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported on a letter recently received from the Mills Group which outlined progress and future costs. Chairman McCracken believes that additional costs are justified and that bidding on the Interior Rehabilitation of the Depot is expected to be let by mid-June.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: No report at this time.
9. FINANCE: Clerk Corrick presented the 2020-2021 Levy Estimate for Council's approval (See Attached). She noted that the Town's budget in the amount of

\$718,395.00 was approved by the WV State Auditor's Office.

MOTION: To Lay the Levy of the Town of Bath for FY 2020-2021- Chapman/Weber- Carried

In the absence of Finance Chairman Bohrer Clerk Corrick presented the following bills:

(A) Town of Bath \$15,316.00- Motion to approve: Chapman/Weber –Carried

(B) BSWW \$10,292.43- Motion to approve: Chapman/Weber- Carried

(C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,624.47- Motion to approve: Chapman/Weber- Carried

10. TREE BOARD: No report at this time.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is May 5, 2020 at 4:15pm.

(A) Permits: No report at this time.

(B) Police Report: No report at this time.

12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that seasonal work is continuing.

13. ORDINANCE: No report at this time. The next meeting time will be posted.

14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner informed Council that Percy Renovations bought the Cemetery backhoe which helps the Cemetery financial outlook. Since the "Make It Shine" program was cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak the cemetery lost approximately 50 hours of volunteer work in picking up litter. She believes it could be necessary to request the Town's Labor Crew to assist in cleaning up the cemetery for this season. The next Committee meeting is expected to be May 5, 2020.

15. GRANT: No report at this time.

16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the equipment use agreement with the Cemetery Committee has been finalized. The next meeting of the Committee is anticipated to be May 4, 2020.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - carried

Attest:

Mayor

Scott E. Webb

Recorder

Suzanne Webster