

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 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 (A) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of May 19, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: The Mayor requested that the agenda be amended to bring forward the Rail/Trail Committee report. This was granted by Common Consent. Pete Brown, Rail/Trail committee member and Cindy Bodin, President of Bath Development Authority, approached Council in reference to the recently received Focus Grant. Pete Brown, Cindy Bodin, Chris Bauman (BDA Treasurer) and Matt Pennington of Region 9 Planning and Development formed the committee to assess and recommend a company to be awarded the Focus Grant contract.  
MOTION: To accept the committee recommendation to award Platinum PR the contract to complete the Focus Grant requirements – Webster/Skinner – Carried.  
Pete Brown also recommended that Council align the management and performance of the contract with Platinum PR to the Bath Development Authority. Discussion was held confirming that the financial management of the project would be administered by Town Clerk Corrick.  
MOTION: To accept the recommendation to align the management and performance of the Focus Grant to the Bath Development Authority – Chapman/Jackson – Carried.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: Discussion was held concerning the upcoming reopening of the Town Office and precautions in place due to covid19. Ye Towne of Bath DAR requested that their Constitution Week Proclamation be accepted. It will be placed on the next agenda.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: President Cindy Bodin reported for the group. The next meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse. Member Melissa Bartley again requested additional protection for the North Berkeley Park due to continuing vandalism. She advised Council that Spencer Shives would be sharing in the duties of reporting to Council.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee member Pete Brown presented progress concerning the remediation of Parcel 3 of the project.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee member Pete Brown that at this time there was no further progress in Phase 4A. The next meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Resolution 2020-05-01 has been signed and sent.

7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: No report at this time.
9. FINANCE: Councilman Weber presented the following bills:
  - (A) Town of Bath \$11,196.86- Motion to approve: Weber/Chapman -Carried
  - (B) BSWW \$4,202.26- Motion to approve: Weber/Chapman- Carried
  - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$2,200.00- Motion to approve: Weber/Chapman- Carried
  - (D) NBRT \$472.50- Weber/Chapman- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: No report at this time.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is June 16, 2020 at 4:30pm.
  - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
  - (B) Police Report: Chief Link reported that a peaceful protest concerning public safety during police interaction is planned for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Berkeley Springs State Park.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that a Labor Crew employee is leaving and the Committee will begin the search for a replacement.
13. ORDINANCE: Chairwoman Webster reported that the Committee will be resuming work on the Code Book corrections with the assistance of volunteer Danny Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell will also help with other Committee and Town Office duties as assigned. He will begin work as soon as the office has been cleaned and reopened. The Committee has agreed to move forward on election law revision and business license review.  
The Committee requested to be an ad hoc committee to assist the Mayor by recommending persons to fill positions on the Dilapidated Building Agency. The Mayor accepted the request.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner informed Council that the Committee is satisfied with the work performed by Percy Renovations.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the Water Works will resume utility terminations and late fees as originally planned in conjunction with the WV PSC approved time line. The updated chlorine system in the plant is working well. The BSWW has not yet received the waiver to remove the requirement to maintain 24/7 operator presence in the plant, but is hopeful since the plant has up to date data and alarm systems.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - Carried

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Webb

Recorder Susan Webster