

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 21, 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 (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of July 7, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Dawn Beal, Director of Morgan County Parks & Rec reported on the 'Back to School Bash' the group is planning for August 21st. The current Bath budget allocates \$300.00 as donation to this event.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: No communications at this time.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Council representative on BDA Beth Skinner reported the following as the newly elected officers: Lisa Stein, President; Bill Clark, Vice-President; Beth Skinner, Secretary; Chris Bauman, Treasurer.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is August 18th at the Courthouse.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: The Mayor expressed the need to restart the Commission due to a subdivision issue which needs addressed. He requested citizens to step forward for consideration for appointment to the Commission.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee member Pete Brown reported that work has begun on the remediation of Parcel 3. A status update is planned for July 22nd.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee member Pete Brown presented the status and update of Phase 4A of the Streetscape Project. The preconstruction conference is set for July 26th with the WV DOH, Mountaineer Contracting, LLC and committee members.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Progress is being made with the Interior Rehabilitation Project.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: No report at this time.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$8,559.72- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber -Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$28,140.57- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$3,404.50- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Councilman Bohrer reported that the Board is working toward clarification of the boundaries of the Old English Cemetery to ascertain whether fallen trees have come from this lot. The Board is assessing trees on public property and assisting private property with their tree concerns.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: Chairman Jackson reported that the next meeting will be August 18th.
 - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
 - (B) Police Report: Chief Link had no report at this time.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the Labor Crew is now fully staffed.

They have mowed the overgrown private lot on Pratt Street and will bill owners as the Town has in the past. The committee is reviewing estimates received on Town Hall roof repair and replacement. Drainage issues at Town Hall are also being evaluated.

13. ORDINANCE: Chairwoman Webster reported that volunteer Daniel Caldwell is making progress with Code Book reconciliation while also assisting the Public Safety Committee with ordinance suggestions. Election law revision remains a matter of concern and advisory contacts have been made.

The Ad Hoc Committee presented the Mayor with their recommendations for the Mayor's appointment to the Dilapidated Building Agency. The recommendations were as follows: Scott Merki, Mayor of the Town of Bath; Jeff Gola, Structural Engineer with Thrasher Engineering; Randy Watson, Senior Partner with Thrasher Engineering; James Steiner, Chief Deputy of the Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Department; Bill Kearns, Executive Director Berkeley-Morgan County Health Department.

The Mayor approved the recommendations and requested a motion of support for his decision from Council.

MOTION: To support the Mayor with his appointment of the recommended persons presented for the Dilapidated Building Agency – Webster/Weber – Motion carried.

14. CEMETERY: The next meeting is August 4th. Seasonal work continues.

15. GRANT: No report at this time.

16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the next meeting will be August 3rd at 4:30pm. The Committee is advertising for a second full time clerk for the BSWW.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - Carried

Attest:

Mayor

Scott E. Merki

Recorder

Suzanne Webster