

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 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 August 21, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None at this time.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor addressed the Black Lives Matter rally scheduled for Friday, August 21 in the Berkeley Springs State Park (BSSP). He explained that the BSSP permits the events that are held on their property not the Mayor, Council or Berkeley Springs Police Department. Council expressed their concerns. Chief Link explained that there is a cooperative safety plan for the evening with the Morgan County Sheriff's Office, WV State Police, the Berkeley Springs State Park and other agencies.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is September 2nd at 4:30.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is August 19th at the Courthouse. The Back to School Bash is scheduled for Friday, August 21st.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee member Pete Brown reported on the contracted remediation work being completion on Parcel 3. The committee is working with the LRS on an updated Land Use Covenant for CSX to use to amend the deed to allow recreation.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee member Pete Brown presented the status and update of Phase 4A of the Streetscape Project. Bath Development Authority is continuing work on the Focus Grant.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: No report at this time.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reminded Council that Traffic Court will be held on Wednesday, August 19th.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$18,163.69- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber -Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$9,394.52- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,054.50- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Jackson- Carried
 - (D) NBRT \$16,000.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Councilman Bohrer reported that Committee member Andy Swaim is working on acquiring surveys available for properties that surround the Old English Cemetery to ascertain responsibility for a fallen tree.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: Chairman Jackson reported that the Committee is advertising for a full

time officer and part time parking enforcement attendant.

(A)Permits: No report at this time.

(B)Police Report: Chief Link assured Council of the cooperative efforts of local agencies in planning for the Black Lives Matter event in the Berkeley Springs State Park.

12. PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Weber reported that the Committee is beginning the search for a new garbage truck. Seasonal work is being accomplished. The next meeting is September 1st.
13. ORDINANCE: No report at this time. The next meeting is September 1st.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported that Committee members are looking into the repair of ruts in roads in Greenway Cemetery. The next meeting is September 1st.
15. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the committee has hired Carolina Bethman for the full time clerk position as advertised. The next meeting is September 14th at 4:30.
16. PUBLIC COMMENT: Rob Campbell inquired about the Bath sanitation service. Harold Morris expressed great concern over the Black Lives Matter event discussed earlier in the meeting. He asked for the event to be cancelled. The Mayor, Chief of Police and Council reiterated previous assurances of planned safety precautions and the inability of Town officials to cancel an event in the Berkeley Springs State Park.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Merik

Recorder Sensory Webster