

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Due to the absence of the Recorder Webster, Councilman Chapman volunteered to assume her duties for this meeting. This was approved by Common Consent.
3. 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.
4. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of September 15, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
5. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Charlie and Kristen Willard asked for an update on the removal of the tree from their property which fell from the Old English Cemetery. The Mayor explained that the Town is waiting for the recommendation of the Town's attorney, Richard Gay. Discussion was held concerning having the property surveyed.

MOTION: To hire Berkeley Land Surveyors to survey the property known as the Old English Cemetery- Bohrer/Jackson – Motion carried.

Recorder Webster arrived at this time. The Mayor requested her assistance in asking the Town attorney if there would be legal issues if the Town removed the tree before a survey was conducted. Councilman Chapman remained Recorder Pro Tempore for the duration of the meeting.

David Abruzzi, President of the Town of Bath Historic Landmark Authority, announced that grant funds had been awarded to the group for the purpose of conducting the historic district survey. Grove and Dall'Olio Architects is the selected company for this work. Expanding the boundary of the district is a potential action. Owners of the Fairfax Coffee House requested reimbursement of costs for replacing their service line under the adjacent sidewalk. The Mayor explained that the BSWW cannot pay for water line work done on the customer's side of the water meter.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Berkeley Springs Morgan County Chamber of Commerce has requested that the Town work with them to host the holiday Deck the Meters project. Discussion was held concerning the loss of revenue due to this project, the length of time of the project requested and damage to the meters due to the decorations. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.
Inquiries have begun regarding Trick or Treat in the Town for October 31, 2020 due to covid19 restrictions. The WV Health Department has made no decision to date.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is October 7th at 4:30.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The committee continues planning with the LRS on an updated Land Use Covenant for CSX to use to amend the deed to allow recreation. Documents are at the WV DEP awaiting signatures. The next Task Force meeting is September 23rd.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee Co-chair Pete Brown presented the status and update of Phase 4A of the Streetscape Project on Congress Street. The next step will be the ADA corners. Funding is being sought for the required matching funds for the next phase.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: No report at this time. The Mayor will request assistance from state elected officials to cure delays in progress with this project.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No further 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 \$11,048.11- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$37,156.63- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,250.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Jackson- Carried
 - (D) NBRT \$608.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is September 23rd.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY:
 - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
 - (B) Police Report: No return at this time.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Councilman Weber reported that the Committee is still searching for a new garbage truck.
13. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that the Election Law retyped version has just been received by the committee. Volunteer Danny Caldwell will be asked for his assistance with further Bath Code Book updates.
14. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported that the Committee grounds maintenance work is over for the season. Families are welcome to take care of their own plots.
15. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported on the response being received from property owners on the Right of Ways required for the Phase IV Waterline Replacement Project.
16. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Mubs

Recorder Susan J. Webster