

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 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 October 6, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Morgan County Economic Development Authority Executive Director Daryl Cowles appeared before Council to correct misinformation in a letter given to the Mayor and Council by the Bath Historic Landmark Commission. Discussion followed with members of the Commission. The Mayor suggested a separate meeting to discuss concerns presented.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor presented documents (see attached) clarifying the proposed lot subdivision request from AJG Holdings, LLC for their property at 149 Union Street. The Town of Bath Council currently sits as the Bath Planning Commission with the obligation to address such matters.
MOTION: To approve the proposed lot subdivision request from AJG Holdings, LLC for their property at 149 Union Street as presented- Jackson/Weber- Carried.
Recorder Webster reported on Governor Justice's visit to the Cacapon State Park Resort and tour of the project.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is November 4th at 4:30.
2. PARKS & REC: Member Melissa Bartley reported on the organization's activities and events including Trunk or Treat on October 31st and the tennis court project progress.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No further business at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Co-Chair Pete Brown reported that the committee continues work with the LRS on an updated Land Use Covenant for CSX to use to amend the Town of Bath deed to allow recreational use of the property. The Co-Chair regularly submits progress reports to Town Hall. The next meeting is October 28th.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee Co-chair Pete Brown reported on the status and update of Phase 4A of the Streetscape Project on Congress and N. Washington Streets. Progress submissions are sent to Town Hall. The next meeting is November 19th.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Senator Charles Trump has requested information on the Depot project so that he may accurately represent the Council's concerns on the lack of progress to the WV DOH.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No further report. The next meeting is October 27th.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reminded that Bath Traffic Court will be held on October 21st.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:

- (A) Town of Bath \$14,213.21- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$67,818.62- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (C) Bath Development Authority- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Jackson- Carried
 - (D) NBRT \$511.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (E) Streetscape \$37,907.45- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is October 28th.
11. GRANT: Chairman Skinner apprised Council of grant applications she has submitted.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY: Chairman Jackson presented two Police Officer candidates out of Committee for appointment to the BSPD.
MOTION: To hire Hunter Ray and Justin Stotler for the BSPD to full time positions- Jackson/Chapman- Carried.
(A)Permits: No report at this time.
(B)Police Report: Chief Link reported that he is working on updating the Standard Operating Procedures for his department.
13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the Labor Crew is reading equipment for winter usage. Tree destruction in Town has become a concern.
14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster presented Town of Bath Special Ordinance 2020-09-01 amending Section 46-42 Qualifications for a second reading (see attached).
MOTION: To approve Town of Bath Special Ordinance 2020-09-01 for a second reading- Webster/Weber- Carried.
15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner expressed appreciation to the Town Labor Crew with their assistance in repair of road drainage issues in the cemetery.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported on the lack of response being received from property owners on the Right of Ways required for the Phase IV Waterline Replacement Project. A public meeting is being planned in November to explain and address the issue. The next meeting is November 2nd.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Merka

Recorder Suzanne Webster