

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 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 November 17, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Hunter Clark, Chairman of the Christmas Project, addressed Council on the electrical upgrades and repairs needed for decorations on Fairfax Street. He reported that the committee has acquired a lift vehicle which is helpful with decorating. This piece of equipment will be shared with the Town. Mr. Clark also announced the Committee's annual Angel Awards. The individual awards go to Stefanie Allemong, Cecilia Clark, Jay and Jean Dick, Codi Ford, Arron Mechem, Paul and Raynette Mock, Brandon Rexroad, Joey Starliper, Rodney Steiner and Barb Wolfe. Business and organization awards were presented to the Morgan County Commission, Berkeley Springs Memories, Charlotte's Café, Mock's Christmas Tree Farm, Travel Berkeley Springs. Council expressed gratitude for the efforts of Mr. Clark, the Angel Award recipients and the Committee in decorating the Town festively for the season.
Rebecca MacLeod requested that Council consider allowing a plaque to be placed in the sidewalk in front of the Star Theater commemorating the community contributions of Jeanne Mozier, who has recently passed. Council agreed with this request through common consent. Discussion was held on other such demonstrations of appreciation.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: No further communications were presented.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is December 2nd at 4:30. President Lisa Stine reported on the progress of the Focus Grant.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is December 16th at 7pm.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission is currently comprised of the Mayor and Council of Bath. Town of Bath residents are encouraged to consider membership on this Commission.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Co-Chair Pete Brown reported that there has still been no response to the letter sent to the WV DOH by the Mayor and Commission President Joel Tuttle.
5. STREETScape: Committee Co-chair Pete Brown presented the status of Phase 4A (see attached).
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Project information and documents are being gathered for Senator Trump's assistance effort.
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 \$8,505.90- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
(B) BSWW \$991.73- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
(C) NBRT \$354.36- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is December 16th. The Board is waiting for the Old English Cemetery’s scheduled survey to occur.
11. GRANT: No report at this time.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is December 15th.
(A) Permits: No report at this time.
(B) Police Report: Chief Link presented the November Police Report. He advised that the new officers are preparing to attend the State Police Academy.
13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber discussed a pile of dirt obstructing traffic on Hagman Street and contacting the property owners to remove it. He advised on street improvements for 2021, including the paving of Congress Street and speed bump installation on Market Street. The Labor Crew is prepared for the winter season.
14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster presented for first reading Special Ordinance 2020-12-01 (see attached). The ordinance amending the municipal election calendar was given to Council at the November 17th meeting for their consideration and study.
MOTION: To approve Special Ordinance 2020-12-01 for first reading - Webster/Weber- Motion carried.
The second reading and final approval is scheduled for the next regular meeting of Council on December 15th.
15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported work continues on amendments to the bylaws of the Cemetery Management and Maintenance Corporation. Administrative tasks are progressing.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman encouraged property owners who have received notification of the required right of ways through their property to respond to the BSWW. The public meeting that was held on November 12th produced some success, but several more ROWs are needed for Phase IV of the Water Line Replacement Project to proceed.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Weber

Recorder Susan Webster