

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLLCALL: 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 December 15, 2020 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None at this time.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation to the Christmas Project Committee for their dedication and efforts in decorating the Town of Bath festively during the Holiday season.  
The Mayor presented an update on progress with the Olde English Cemetery. The survey of the property has been completed which allows the Town to move forward with acquiring a quick claim deed to the property. The Mayor also met with Jim Davison Landscaping and Tree Service at the property to review the condition of many old and dangerous trees which need to be removed. An estimate of \$28,000.00 has been received from this company for consideration. Advice on this matter will be sought from the Town of Bath Tree board and Cacapon Institute.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is January 6, 2021.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Co-Chair Brown has submitted a progress report to the Town office.
5. STREETSCAPE: Co-Chair Brown presented the status of Phase 4A to the Town office.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Project information and documents will be sent to Senator Trump for his assistance.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick informed Council that due to mail service unreliability of late receipt of bills and notices to customers has been delayed. She asked that customers be patient while the office addresses these issues.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:
  - (A) Town of Bath \$16,222.59- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber -Carried
  - (B) BSWW \$3,002.91- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
  - (C) NBRT \$850.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
  - (D) Streetscape \$1,100.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
  - (E) Hotel/Motel Fund Distribution \$22,400.81: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: No report at this time.
11. GRANT: No report at this time.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

(A) Permits: No report at this time.

(B) Police Report: Chief Link presented the BSPD December 2020 activity report.

Receipt of new radios for the Department is being worked out. Efforts are being made to make the 2012 Dodge Charger police vehicle road worthy.

13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that interviews for Labor Crew have been conducted and that Mark Maconaughey and Roger Kerns have been hired. The Committee wants to investigate selling unusable vehicles and other scrap to metal recycling.

14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster presented for first reading Special Ordinance 2021-01-01 (see attached). This ordinance pertains to the transfer of property from the Town of Bath to the WV DOH for the bypass project.

MOTION: To approve Special Ordinance 2021-01-01 for first reading - Webster/Weber- Motion carried.

Chairman Webster informed Council that the Committee wishes to meet with the Building Code Agency and the Town of Bath Historic Landmark Commission to review building code implications and possibilities for Class IV communities in West Virginia.

15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported that the Committee is continuing amendment work on the maintenance corporation's bylaws. She also informed Council of Kate Lehman's resignation from the maintenance corporation.

16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman informed Council that Morgan County Commissioner Sean Forney attended the last Committee meeting to renew discussion of the BSWW involvement in a future Rt. 522 water line extension project. The Commissioner informed the Committee that there are grant possibilities available. Council reiterated their position that they were not in favor of the project if it threatened water service or rate increases. Finding an alternate source of water was encouraged. The committee is continuing the search for a company to paint the Fairview Drive water tank. Acquiring the ROWs necessary for the Phase IV Water Line Replacement Project is ongoing.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Mub

Recorder Susany Webster