

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

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 January 19, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Hunter Clark, President of the Christmas Project Committee, presented Council with the organization's meeting schedule for 2021. He also requested that the Town allow the Committee to move the yellow building from the Berkeley Depot lot to the county owned property which houses the Blue Ridge Community Technical College. The Christmas Project Committee wants to use the building for a workshop and storage. During discussion it was decided that the Mayor would first speak with the donator of the building, Gary Sieck, while Clark would approach the Morgan County authorities on possible placement of the building. Melissa Schod, Coordinator of the Community Garden, requested permission to use the property adjoining Town Hall as the Community Garden for the upcoming 2021 season. She explained issues of 2020 that prevented the garden from attaining its full potential. Discussion centered on the Council's concern in the group's reorganization to properly maintain and utilize the Town's property. The Council approved the Schod's request for the 2021 season through Common Consent.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor commended the Labor Crew and Town staff for working together to clear the Town during the recent snow storms.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Lisa Stine, President of BDA, presented Benjamin Stevens for appointment to the Authority.  
MOTION: To appoint Benjamin Stevens to the BDA- Weber/Bohrer-Carried.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time. The next meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: No report at this time. The next meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup>.
5. STREETScape: Council discussed issues concerning corrective repair of recently installed planter boxes and vehicle accident damage to Streetscape improvements on N. Washington Street. The next meeting is February 18<sup>th</sup>.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported that from appearances attention is being given to the Depot project by the WV DOH. She will keep Council apprised of such.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: Councilwoman Jackson presented Council with a request to reappoint Donna Hoffman to the Bath Historic Landmark Commission.  
MOTION: To appoint Donna Hoffman to the Bath Historic Landmark Commission- Weber/Jackson- Carried.

8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick presented the holiday schedule of Bath for 2021 for approval.  
MOTION: To approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule- Chapman/Jackson- Carried.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:
  - (A) Town of Bath \$10,935.20- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
  - (B) BSWW \$2,958.10- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
  - (C) NBRT \$1,875.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Resolution efforts toward the Willard property fallen tree issue were discussed. The bid from Tree Works for the removal of the most dangerous trees from the Olde English Cemetery will be on the next Town Council agenda.
11. GRANT: No report at this time.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY:
  - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
  - (B) Police Report: Chief Link presented the January BSPD activity report. Patrolman Gray is doing well. Patrolman Stotler has resigned. The Committee will decide further action.
13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the recent hires have left the Town's employ. The Committee interviewed applicants for these positions and hired three to begin work soon. Efforts are continuing to purchase a new garbage truck and to maintain existing vehicles. Weber explained the need for the community to understand the importance of keeping drains clear of snow to lessen the possibility of flooding. Mention in this regard was made of drains surrounding the Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Weber requested that the Mayor send a letter to this organization emphasizing this issue.
14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that the Committee will attend the next Building Code Agency meeting to garner information on the implementation and enforcement of current and future building codes. The Committee will also attend the next Landmark Commission meeting to explain Town positions on proposed ordinances.
15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported on efforts to complete the Corporation's bylaw revision. She has submitted the Corporation's Hotel/Motel Grant application.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman informed Council that acquiring the ROWs necessary for the Phase IV Water Line Replacement Project is ongoing.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster – Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott C. Mink

Recorder Susan J. Leeb