

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 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 5, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Town of Bath Tree Board members Kate Lehman and Lance Strait provided Council with their opinion on solutions for the Olde English Cemetery tree removal liability issue. Council had requested this help at the January 5th meeting during Council's discussion of a \$28,000.00 bid to remove thirty trees from the cemetery.
After consideration of the Tree Board members' suggestions Council agreed to seek other tree removal companies' bids with the Board's assistance with arrangements.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor presented a request from the Mountain State Cruisers for "Cruise-In" dates including certain street closures during the upcoming season (see attached).
MOTION: To approve dates for Mountain State Cruiser's "Cruise-In" events as presented- Webster/Weber- Motion carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Sandy Spanaule of Platinum PR along with BDA member Cindy Bodin presented the Northside Depot Neighborhood Playbook (see attached). This study and report was funded by the Focus Grant with the intent of spurring improvement and investment in the north end area of the Town of Bath. Discussion was held and appreciation expressed for the time and effort required in producing this study. Related future activity is anticipated.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Co-Chair Pete Brown presented advancement of the project. The WV DOH is receptive to the remediation of the trail head to be handled locally. The next meeting will be scheduled in February.
5. STREETSCAPE: Co-Chair Brown presented the status of Phase 4A to the Town office. The next meeting will be January 21 and will focus on the future of the Streetscape program including funding challenges.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported that she has sent project information and documents to Senator Trump, Senator Craig Blair and the Governor's Eastern Panhandle Representative, Daryl Cowles, for their assistance in advancing the project.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reported that the Hotel/Motel Grant

applications are due February 28, 2021.

9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$16,044.40- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$36,933.99- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (C) NBRT \$2,323.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Nothing further 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 Mayor with a letter of agreement between the Town of Bath and the Chief concerning current and future care and custody of the K-9 officer (see attached).

MOTION: To accept the Chief's letter and conditions therein as presented- Chapman/Jackson- Motion carried.

Chief Link reported that he has completed the update of the Standard Operating Procedure regulations for the BSPD. He discussed the need for a new handicap ramp for the south side of the Municipal Center and new Officer training and progress.
13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the position of truck driver is still open.
14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster presented for second and final 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 second and final reading - Webster/Weber- Motion carried.
15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported that the Committee is continuing amendment work on the maintenance corporation's bylaws.
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 E. Webb

Recorder Susan Webster