

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 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 February 2, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Charlie Willard attended to discuss the Olde English Cemetery property and his adjoining property.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Quitclaim Deed for the Olde English Cemetery property and the accompanying Resolution 2021-02-01 (see attachments) which permits the Quitclaim Deed transfer to occur was presented for decision.
MOTION: To approve Resolution 2021-02-01 as presented- Weber/Bohrer- Carried.
MOTION: To approve the Quitclaim Deed for the Olde English Cemetery as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign the same- Chapman/Weber- Carried.
The Mayor reported that there is progress with the N. Washington Street lighting, parking meter and planter box which were damaged in a vehicle accident recently.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is March 3rd.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time. The next meeting is February 17th.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting is February 24th. Co Chairman Pete Brown reported on progress and submitted such to the Town Office.
5. STREETSCAPE: The next meeting is February 18th. Co-Chairman Pete Brown advised Council of funding concerns with the repair of the planters and future projects. Report has been submitted to the Town Office.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported that she and Chairman McCracken are drafting a letter to the WV DOH concerning the Depot project's progress.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is March 23rd.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reminded all that the Hotel/Motel Fund grant application deadline is February 28th.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$14,444.34- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber –Carried
 - (B) BSWW \$17,178.91- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
 - (C) NBRT \$2,023.81- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The Council approved by Common Consent the \$3,000.00 bid from Tree Works to remove certain dangerous trees from the Olde English Cemetery.
11. GRANT: No report at this time.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY:

(A)Permits: No report at this time.

(B)Police Report: Chief Link reported on progress with the new CAD radio system. He advised Council on the repair and possible purchase of vehicles. He is considering hiring part time officers.

Councilman Weber requested that the Ordinance Committee revise the parking ordinances and will present the Public Safety Committee suggestions.

13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that one of the recent hires has left Town employ. A new salt spreader has been purchased. Appreciation was shown for the Labor Crew's efforts during recent storms.
14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that the Committee attended the Building Code Agency meeting to garner information on the implementation and enforcement of current and future building codes. Agency member and Town Engineer Jeff Gola will supply guidance to Bath from other West Virginia communities. The Committee will also attend the next Landmark Commission meeting to explain Town positions on proposed ordinances.
15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported on efforts with Town Attorney Richard Gay to clarify and possibly petition to amend the Trust which holds Greenway Cemetery assets. She is also working with the Town Attorney to amend the current corporation bylaws.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman explained that the recent mainline break was caused by a fiber optic line repair or replacement accident. The BSWW mainline was repaired quickly with minimal disruption of service. He 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 Suzanne J. Webster