

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 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 (A) John Bohrer (X) Rick Weber (A) . Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of April 6, 2021 were approved with one date correction by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Nancy Strine of CDBG and HOME Administrator of the City of Martinsburg Community Development Department requested Council consider a three year Agreement (see attached) supporting the programs of the aforementioned organizations. She also presented a Resolution (see attached) authorizing Bath's participation in the Eastern Panhandle Home Consortium of West Virginia for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.
MOTION: To approve the Agreement as presented by Nancy Strine, HOME and CDBG Administrator- Chapman/Jackson- Carried.
MOTION: To approve Resolution 2021-04-01 authorizing Bath's participation in the Eastern Panhandle Home Consortium for a three year period- Webster/Bohrer-Carried.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor explained the Hancock Elementary and Middle/High School closure issues. Discussion was held on the detrimental effects of such action on the entire area. Recorder Webster read a Resolution of opposition to the closures (see attached) she prepared on the matter.
MOTION: To approve Resolution 2021-04-02 as amended- Bohrer/Chapman-Carried.
The Mayor discussed the Hancock Municipal Election results and his hopes for cooperation and joint ventures to be launched between the communities.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is May 5th.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time. The next meeting is April 21st.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be April 28th. Co-Chairman Pete Brown presented an update to the Town Clerk's office. WV DOH anticipates funding soon.
5. STREETSCAPE: The next meeting is May 20th. Co-chair Pete Brown described a multifaceted event being planned for April 24th including a celebration of the Congress Street Streetscape project. The Committee presented their recommendation in favor of the Town permitting banners on street light poles owned by the Town. Type of banner, hardware, content and other issues will be decided at a later date.
MOTION: To approve the recommendation of the Streetscape Committee to permit the concept of banners on Town owned light poles in Bath- Webster/Jackson- Carried.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported that the DOH has sent the Depot Project to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.

7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is April 27th. David Abruzzi described a petition the group is presenting to tourist based businesses. A request by the Recorder to see the petition for the record was denied.

8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Recorder Webster reported that the time period for Announcements of Candidacy for the Bath Municipal Election on June 8th is closed. She presented the list of Election Officials and Alternates for appointment (see attached).

MOTION: To appoint the Election Officials and Alternates as presented- Chapman/Bohrer-Carried.

The Recorder and Mayor discussed Council's need to respect procedure for citizens of Bath who request time on meeting agendas to discuss issues with Council.

9. FINANCE: In accordance with Code 11-8-14 Chairman Bohrer presented documents for the 2021 Town of Bath Budget in order to Lay the Levy (see attached).

MOTION: To authorize the Laying of the Levy 2021-Bohrer/Chapman-Carried.

Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills for approval:

(A) Town of Bath \$16,524.16- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Chapman --Carried.

(B) BSWW \$22,181.20- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Chapman- Carried.

(C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,500.00- Motion to approve: Bohrer/Chapman- Carried.

10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is April 28th.

11. GRANT: No report at this time.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is May 18th.

(A) Permits: No report at this time.

(B) Police Report: No report at this time.

13. PUBLIC WORKS: The Mayor reported that seasonal work is progressing. A new trash truck driver has been hired.

14. ORDINANCE: Chairman Webster reported that Bath Code Chapter 22-14 and 78-524 must be amended to reflect fine changes with the newly adopted 2021-03-01.

15. CEMETERY: No report at this time.

16. WATER WORKS: The next meeting is May 3rd.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Zahnow explained his disagreement with the street closures for the Farmer's Market and his hope that this event can be moved to the lot behind the Berkeley Depot. He described no issue with the Farmer's Market other than EMS lack of access due to the Fairfax Street closure on Sundays.

18. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Webster - Carried.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Mink

Recorder Suzanne Webster