

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLLCALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (A) Rose Jackson (A) Elizabeth Skinner (A) John Bohrer (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of April 20, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: No one at this time.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mayor announced that the Warm Springs Watershed agreement presentation will be conducted at the Morgan County Commission meeting of May 5, 2021. Council is welcome to attend. The Make It Shine community clean-up will be Saturday, May 8, 2021 beginning at 9am at Town Hall.  
The Mayor made suggestions for July and August Council meeting date changes. The meeting date changes to July 13, July 27, August 10 and August 24 were accepted by Common Consent.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is May 5th. Chief Tony Link was presented to Council for appointment to the Authority.  
MOTION: To appoint Chief of Police Tony Link to the Bath Development Authority- Webster/Weber- Carried.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time. The next meeting is May 19th. Seasonal activities are underway.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Recorder Webster reported that a group headed by Councilman Chris Chapman has formed to begin to explore the possibilities of expanding the Town boundaries through annexation. It was discussed that a formal study would be helpful in determining the financial and operational needs of the Town and methods by which these needs may be met through annexation of property currently outside of Town in Morgan County. Councilman Chapman will contact West Virginia University Extension Agent Cindy Smalley to find out if the University can assist with such a study.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. Co-Chairman Pete Brown presented an update to the Town Clerk's office. Work on the Land Use Covenant amendment to the deed from CSX to the Town for the Depot Lot is complete.
5. STREETSCAPE: The next meeting is May 20th. Co-chair Pete Brown has provided the Town office with his activity report. The multifaceted event held by the Streetscape Committee on April 24<sup>th</sup> on Congress Street was hailed as a success and appreciation was expressed for the efforts of the Committee in its production.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster reported that the DOH has sent the Depot Project



- to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. Nothing further to report.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: The next meeting is May 25<sup>th</sup>. David Abruzzi reported to Council that out of 232 Municipalities in West Virginia 15 of those have Certificates of Appropriateness for the regulation of property. The Mayor suggested further meetings on the issue of Bath moving forward with approval of Certificates of Appropriateness to regulate property. It was agreed to have a Special Meeting of Council on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to discuss the proposal. A second Special Meeting of Council will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for a Council vote on the matter.  
A request to see the petition the group is circulating was denied.
  8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick told Council that the Uniform Drawing of Ballot Position was held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion that the new election calendar seems to be working out well.
  9. FINANCE: The next meeting is May 18 at 8:30am. Chairman Bohrer presented the following bills for approval:
    - (A) Town of Bath \$720.77- Motion to approve: Borher/Weber –Carried.
    - (B) BSWW \$4,061.08- Motion to approve: Borher/Weber- Carried.
    - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$3,085.00- Motion to approve: Borher/Weber- Carried.
    - (D) Tree Board \$140.00- Motion to approve: Borher/Weber- Carried.
  10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is May 26<sup>th</sup>. The situation with the Olde English Cemetery fallen tree is with legal Counsel.
  11. GRANT: No report at this time.
  12. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - (A) Permits: No report at this time.
    - (B) Police Report: No report at this time.
  13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the Mayor presented his favorable opinion to the Committee on the 2016 Kenworth diesel trash truck that the Mayor and Crew Leader Rodney Steiner went to see in Breezewood, PA. The price of \$95,500.00 can be met using \$70,000 from the Depreciation Account and \$25,500.00 from the Town savings account.  
MOTION: To authorize the Mayor to purchase the Kenworth trash truck up to \$95,500.00 as presented- Webster/Weber- Carried.  
The Chairman reminded Council of the previously approved paving schedule for the 2020 Fiscal Year.
  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. Committee member Weber offered to create an accurate chart of fine fees. The Committee discussed the Morgan County Planning Commission methods of building permitting, forms, codes and inspection. The Morgan County Planning Commission advises building permit applicants to adhere to the West Virginia Building Code and Morgan County does not employ an inspector.
  15. CEMETERY: No report at this time.
  16. WATER WORKS: The next meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  17. MOTION TO AJOURN: Approved by Common Consent.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Parks

Recorder Suzanne Webster