

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLL CALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Greg Forney (X) Rose Jackson (A) Beth Skinner (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 26, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: President of the Town of Bath Tree Board Kate Lehman requested Council's support in pursuing a grant to survey the Town's trees. She explained the rationale and financial planning for the venture.
MOTION: To approve the Town of Bath Tree Board's pursuit of grant opportunities for a Town tree survey- Skinner/Chapman- Carried.
Chuck Hampe of the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Committee informed Council of the dedication ceremony for the Memorial planned for September 18th and asked that State Route 522 be shut down in Town during the event. He suggested that traffic be rerouted onto Green and Mercer Streets. The Mayor advised him that the Town does not have the authority to close a state highway and directed him to the WV DOH.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: Daughters of the American Revolution Ye Town of Bath Chapter Regent Colleen Stotler and membership presented Council with their Constitution Week Proclamation for consideration (see attached).
MOTION: To approve the DAR Constitution Week Proclamation as presented- Webster/Weber- Carried.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: The next meeting is August 4th.
2. PARKS & REC: The Morgan County Back to School Bash will be held on August 21st at the Warm Springs Middle School. The next meeting is August 18th.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: No report at this time.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting will be August 25th. Progress report was submitted.
5. STREETSCAPE: The next meeting is August 19. Progress report was submitted. The previously approved Resolution 2021-08-02 was presented for signature.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: No report at this time.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: No report at this time.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Webster presented the following bills for approval:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$9,124.71- Motion to approve: Webster/Forney- Carried.
 - (B) BSWW \$3,483.14- Motion to approve: Webster/Forney- Carried.
 - (C) Greenway Cemetery \$1,565.00- Motion to approve: Webster/Forney- Carried.
 - (D) Rail/Trail \$1,220.61- Motion to approve: Webster/Forney- Carried.
10. TREE BOARD: Nothing further.

11. GRANT: Councilman Forney reported that he had recently received the Bath Historic District Resurvey and that he will review it along with all associated grant documents and invoices.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY: The next meeting is August 28. No report at this time.
(A)Permits: No report at this time.
(B)Police Report: No report at this time.
13. PUBLIC WORKS: American Rescue Plan funds are being considered for repaving of Pratt, St. George and Kent Streets. Current paving plans include Blackwell, Rockwell and Legion Streets. Chairman Weber informed Council that containment blocks are to be delivered to the Depot Lot for the storage of winter road salt.
14. ORDINANCE: Recorder Webster presented Ordinance 2021-07-01 for second and final reading.
MOTION: To approve 2021-07-01 for Second Reading- Webster/Weber- Carried.
15. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner reported on seasonal work at Greenway Cemetery. The Committee is continuing study of the proper use of Cemetery funds as stipulated in financial documents and the cemetery corporation bylaws.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that the Committee met with Ron Martin of Morgan Wireless Communications to discuss the tower agreement that the BSWW has with this company. It has been decided that the agreement will continue, but will be amended for reconsideration in conjunction with Council election terms. The first extension of the agreement began on July 1, 2021 and will continue for two years. Council was informed of two employee resignation from the BSWW.
The waterline replacement project is progressing and will begin within the next couple months.
17. ADJOURN: By Common Consent.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Mark

Recorder Webster