

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLLCALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Greg Forney (X)
Rose Jackson (X) Beth Skinner (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: President of the Bath Christmas Project Hunter Clark presented the 2021 Christmas Angel Awards (see attached). Gratitude was shown for the dedicated volunteerism of so many in the community. Mr. Clark also explained that a donation paid for the electrical work necessary to bring Christmas lantern decorations to previously unlit areas.
5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR: The Mountain State Cruisers requested a calendar of event 'Cruise-Ins' for 2022 (see attached letter).
MOTION: To approve the Mountain State Cruiser requested calendar of events as presented- Chapman/Webster – Carried.
The annual Cocoa Crawl was held December 3 and the Bath Christmas Parade was on December 4, 2021. Both events were hailed as great successes with appreciation to all volunteers involved.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: No report at this time.
2. PARKS & REC: No report at this time.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: An organizational meeting was held December 2. Members discussed enabling State and Municipal codes, the Bath Comprehensive Plan, developments of community interest and terms of service. The terms of elected officials appointed to the Commission follows their elective terms. Member Larry Landon agreed to a three year term of appointment to the Commission.
MOTION: To appoint Larry Landon to a three year term on the Bath Planning Commission- Skinner/Chapman – Carried.
Members agreed to wait to elect officers until the two remaining seats were filled by Council. The next meeting will be January 6, 2022.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The next meeting is December 22. Pete Brown has submitted the project progress report to the Town office (see attached).
5. STREETSCAPE: The next meeting is December 16. Pete Brown has submitted a progress report on the Streetscape Project and the Berkeley Springs State Park Foundation Project to the Town Office (see attached).
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster, Mayor Merki and interested community members met with Safeco Environmental Project Manager John Ballard at the Depot on November 17. Mr. Ballard's work plan is to have the Haz Mat portion of the project

completed by the end of the year. Recorder Webster is working with the Mills Group to insure bookkeeping understanding and coordination with Clerk Corrick is achieved.

7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: No report at this time.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Webster presented the following reviewed bills for approval:
 - (A) Town of Bath \$52,783.37- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber-Carried.
 - (B) BSWW \$4,073.82- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried.
 - (C) Tree Board \$400.00; Forney/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is December 8. Council woman Skinner reported that arrangements have been made to move cars to enable the removal of hazardous trees from the Old English Cemetery.
11. GRANT: No report at this time.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY: Patrolman Hunter Ray was praised for his assistance with the Drug Take Back Day event by the Substance Abuse Task Force, Life or Drugs and Morgan County Partnership. Council concurred. A grant application for four cameras and four lights for the North Berkeley Park has been submitted. The November Police Report has been submitted (see attached).
13. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that Legion, Rockwell and Blackwell Streets have been paved. The Committee plans future street paving projects for Pratt and Ewing. Safety measures including No Parking signage at the corner of Church and Green Street and shrub removal at the Mercer and Warren Street intersection are planned.
14. ORDINANCE: Ordinance format was discussed for future code changes. A meeting with the Homeless Coalition on concerns and assistance is scheduled for December 8.
15. CEMETERY: No report at this time.
16. WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman reported that Thrasher Engineering has an agreement with the IJDC for the \$264,000 required to satisfy the low bidder's figure to construct Phase IV Waterline Replacement Project. The Request for Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for the Rt. 522 Extension Project has closed and interviews with applicants will be held jointly with the WSPSD.
17. PUBLIC COMMENT: Planning Commission Member Larry Landon reminded Council of the significance of this date as the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.
18. ADJOURN: By Common Consent.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Scott E. Melby

Recorder

Suzanne Webster