

TOWN OF BATH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman at 3:30pm.
2. ROLL CALL: Susan Webster (X) Beth Skinner (X) Greg Forney (A) Quorum - Yes
Also present: Councilmen Rick Weber and Clerk Corrick
3. Finance Committee Minutes of January 18, 2022 were approved by Common Consent.
4. Town of Bath and BSWW bills were reviewed with the assistance of Clerk Corrick and accepted to move forward to Council for approval.
5. The Clerk's report and budget comparison were presented with the following items for the Committee's review and/or direction.
 - a. Differential pay compensation was discussed for employees who produced extraordinary effort and industry during the recent inclement weather over the holiday weekend. The suggestion was met with agreement and will be handled internally through the Public Works budget.
 - b. The Audit report was discussed with thoughts shared on ways to improve efficiency and segregation of duties in the BSWW and Bath operations. It was concurred that clarification of job responsibility and the Town's role and benefits as owner of the BSWW must be addressed with the Water Committee.
 - c. Cemetery Chairwoman Skinner reminded the FC of financial issues of the Town cemeteries. These issues include confusion caused by and loss of income due to Greenway not having a gravedigger employed at present, seasonal mowing costs, mausoleum repair, advancement of the Home Rule proposal for the sale of unused cemetery property, the petition to the Morgan County Circuit Court concerning the perpetual care account and equipment availability among others.
 - d. Clerk Corrick presented internal budget revisions which included the substantial raise of the Hotel/Motel tax revenue along with other accounts. The Hotel Motel Grant Fund applications will be due by February 28.
6. Chairwoman Webster updated those present on the progress on the Depot project. The Haz Mat work is to begin on February 7. The pre-bid construction meeting for the interior rehab portion of the project will be February 17 at 10am.
7. The north end of Wilkes Street rehabilitation project was updated by Chairwoman Webster. She met with Thrasher Engineering Project Manager Randy Watson on site and reported that his preliminary cost estimate on the work is \$250,000. Webster has given this information to the Eastern Panhandle Representative of the Governor's Office, Daryl Cowles. Cowles has moved the information into the Governor's Office for consideration. Webster also showed Randy Watson the poor drainage and general disrepair of the cross streets of Mercer and Union. He will produce a cost estimate for that work also.
8. Town financial concerns of Council: Nothing further.
9. Next meeting – February 14, 2022 at 4:00pm.
10. Adjourn

Attest:

Chairman Susan Webster Date 2-14-22