

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLLCALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) Greg Forney (A) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Bath Tree Board Member Kate Lehman requested that Council approve the Tree Board to move forward with a Division of Forestry Grant application. The Board was encouraged to apply by the Division of Forestry to replace certain invasive trees within the main thoroughfare of Town. The amount to be applied for will be no more than \$10,450.00 and any match will be satisfied by in-kind contributions so no Town expense is expected.  
MOTION: To approve the Bath Tree Board request to apply for the Division of Forestry Grant as presented- Webster/Weber- Carried.
5. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR: Appreciation was expressed for the diligence and industry shown by Bath employees during recent and ongoing inclement weather.

The Mayor read an email by Marianna Ruggiero which requested permission to allow Warm Springs Middle School students to use the Fairfax Green for a Poppy Project during the 2022 Memorial Day weekend. The project is fully funded and supported by several other community organizations.

MOTION: To approve the Poppy Project as proposed by Marianna Ruggiero with the stipulation that at the project's end the poppies, stems and any other materials are removed so as not to interfere with mowing and property maintenance- Chapman/Jackson- Carried.

Recorder Webster reported on her actions on the north Wilkes Street paving project. Thrasher Engineering Project Manager Randy Watson visited the site and has provided a preliminary cost estimate of \$250,000.00. Webster has sent Daryl Cowles, Governor Justice's Representative in the Panhandle, all information provided her. Mr. Cowles has moved the request to the Governor's Office for consideration.

Recorder Webster also showed Mr. Watson the WV DOH poorly maintained cross streets of Mercer and Union. Watson will provide a preliminary estimate for that work also.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Next meeting is February 2, 2022 at 4:30pm. No report at this time.

2. PARKS & REC: Next meeting is January 19, 2022. No report at this time.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Next meeting is February 3, 2022. A Volunteer Application for membership to the Planning Commission has been received from Town resident Dave O'Connel. Discussion was held.  
MOTION: To appoint Dave O'Connel to the Bath Planning Commission- Webster/Chapman- Carried.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Progress reports have been submitted to the Town office.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee Co-Chair Pete Brown requested that the Committee be able to advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Contract for Engineering Services. The WV DOH has asked that the Town obtain a contract for upcoming Streetscape Project design. The first Streetscape design task has been funded by a TA Design Grant. Common Consent on the action was given by Council.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster advised Council that the Haz Mat work on the Depot will begin on February 7. The Pre-bid Construction meeting for the Interior Rehab of the Depot will be February 17 at 10am.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reported that the Hotel/Motel Grant applications are available and are due by February 28. Applicants are requested to provide Council with the applicable code sections that enables the legal funding of their projects.
9. FINANCE: Chairman Webster presented the following bills for approval.
  - (a) Town of Bath \$11,052.23- Motion to approve: Weber/Chapman –Carried
  - (b) BS Water \$6,089.21- Motion to approve: Weber/Chapman – Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Next meeting is February 16. Nothing further.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: Chief Link reported that the street camera grant applications are in progress.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reiterated praise for snow removal efforts of Bath staff.
13. ORDINANCE: No report at this time.
14. CEMETERY: Chairwoman Skinner requested that the 'Make It Shine' program be added to the next agenda.
15. GRANT: No report at this time.
16. BERKELEY SPRINGS WATER WORKS: The next meeting is February 7 at 4:30pm.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Approved by Common Consent.

Attest:

Mayor

Scott E. Webb

Recorder

Suzanne Webster