

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLL CALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (X) Rose Jackson (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) Greg Forney (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2022 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: Doug Waugh, Jan Knight and Mike Dorrell attended to inform Council that they had gotten the survey done for the Town's alley adjoining their properties in the Church Street area. They were instructed to contact the Morgan County Tax Assessor's office for an assessment of the alley value for Council's consideration in selling the property to them. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.
5. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR: The 2022 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Berkeley and Morgan County Municipal Adoption Resolution No. 2022-04-01 (attached) was presented to Council. Discussion was held.
MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2022-04-01 as presented – Jackson/Chapman-Carried.
The Poppy Project dates changed to installation on May 26 and removal on May 31.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: No report at this time.
2. PARKS & REC: Next meeting is April 20, 2022. Melissa Bartley has resigned from this board. Appreciation was shown for her participation and attentiveness to her duties. The Town requests those who may be interested in this position to complete a volunteer form found on the Town website or in the office.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: The next regular meeting is May 5 at 5pm. President Landon explained that the Commission's main goals for the community are holistic in nature such as updating the comprehensive plan.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: Committee Co-Chairman Pete Brown has submitted progress reports to the Town office. Recorder Webster informed Council that she and Morgan County Commissioner Bill Clark had been working on a grant application to Senator Capito's office for over \$1,000,000 for the improvement and use of the NBRT trailhead.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee Co-Chair Pete Brown has submitted reports to the Town office. Rebecca MacLeod attended the Finance Committee meeting to detail funding needs of Phase V.
6. TRAIN DEPOT: Recorder Webster advised Council that a meeting was convened to

review the single bid received for the Depot Interior Rehab project. Attending were the contractor, Tim Johnson of Building Systems, Jim King of the Mills Group, Dave O'Connell and Steve Keith of the Bath Planning Commission, Town Clerk Corrick, WV House of Delegate Finance Chair Eric Householder and Recorder Webster. Amendments were possible which accounted for a reduction in the bid price to \$224,250. The Town has an available balance of grant funds available of approximately \$217,000. The \$7,000.00 shortfall will be applied for using HB 4566 at the suggestion of Delegate Householder.

7. LANDMARK COMMISSION: No report at this time.
8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Recorder Webster advised Council she was unable to work on ordinances due to time spent on grants and projects.
9. FINANCE: Chairwoman Webster presented the following bills for approval.
 - (a) Town of Bath \$15,312.13- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried
 - (b) BS Water \$59,252.99- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried
 - (c) Greenway Cemetery \$1,986.00 – Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- CarriedThe Finance Committee was asked to review options for new printer service for the Town office and the BSPD.

MOTION: To accept the proposal from Document Solutions for printer services- Webster/Forney. Discussion was held with concurrence to withdraw the motion.

MOTION: To rescind motion to accept the proposal from Document Solutions for printer service until further review- Webster/Forney – Carried.
10. TREE BOARD: Councilwoman Skinner reported that the Arbor Day celebration was successful with a tree planting in the BSSP. A Bradford Pear tree was removed on N. Washington St.
11. PUBLIC SAFETY: Chief Link suggested selling the 2012 Dodge Charger due to mechanical issues. Council concurred.
12. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the snow this past week was unwelcome, but handled well by the Town Crew. Seasonal work continues.
13. ORDINANCE: No report at this time.
 14. CEMETERY: Chairwoman Skinner presented legal documents prepared by Town Attorney Richard Gay for the annexation of the Olde English Cemetery. The first was Resolution 2022-04-02 outlining the Town's desire to follow this course of action.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2022-04-02 as presented- Skinner/Jackson-Carried.

Skinner provided the Application to Annex the Olde English Cemetery to be presented to the Morgan County Commission.

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and Recorder to sign the Application to Annex the Olde English Cemetery- Skinner/Chapman- Carried.

Skinner presented the Petition Requesting Annexation for discussion.

MOTION: To authorize the Mayor and Recorder to sign the Petition Requesting Annexation of the Olde English Cemetery- Skinner/Jackson- Carried.

Mowing has started in Greenway Cemetery.
15. GRANT: Nothing further.
16. BERKELEY SPRINGS WATER WORKS: Chairman Chapman discussed difficulties in

receiving materials for the Waterline Replacement Project Phase IV. It is anticipated that the project will start in late June.

Chapman reported on the Waterline Extension Project and Water Committee concerns on aspects of the Professional Engineering Report. Clarification of figures and seeking a second water source is not clearly addressed in the report. Next meeting is May 2 at 4:30.

10.MOTION TO ADJOURN: Approved by Common Consent.

Attest:

Mayor Scott E. Muhl

Recorder Suzanne Webster