

# TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER: @ 5:30pm by Mayor
2. ROLL CALL: Scott Merki (X) Susan Webster (X) Chris Chapman (A) Rose Jackson (X) Elizabeth Skinner (X) Greg Forney (X) Rick Weber (X) Quorum present.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2022 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: At this time the Mayor brought forward Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) applicants. There have been five applicants (see attached) for the two vacancies with three of the applicants present at this time. The applicants were permitted to introduce themselves. The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation for the interest shown by the community for these positions and concurred that including the current HLC members for recommendations for appointment was the optimal method for this decision making. Council hopes to meet the two other candidates at the next meeting.
5. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR: None at this time.

## COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BDA): President Alisa Haldeman accompanied BDA applicant Paula Strait. Ms. Strait introduced herself and was welcomed by Council.  
MOTION: To appoint Paula Strait to the BDA- Forney/Skinner- Carried.
2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is August 17, 2022. Those interested in serving on this board are encouraged to submit a volunteer application.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: The next meeting is Sept. 1, 2022. President Landon explained that the working group is continuing to review the Bath Comprehensive Plan and would like to meet with Councilman Chapman concerning water issues.
4. RAIL/TRAIL: The progress report has been submitted to the Town office (see attached). The next meeting is August 31, 2022.
5. STREETSCAPE: Committee Co-Chair Pete Brown has submitted reports to the Town office (see attached).
6. TRAIN DEPOT: The interior rehab construction of the Depot continues. The Owner's meeting was held August 10, 2022 with Building Systems, The Mills Group and Town representatives including members of the HLC. The next Owner's Meeting is August 24 with all of Council invited. The meeting will focus on restoration efforts, project administration and funding. Recorder Webster is developing methods for donation intake including working with a local bank. She asked that Council allow parking for donations to the Depot during the Apple Butter Festival.
7. LANDMARK COMMISSION (HLC): The HLC met on August 11 with current members, Joyce Jones, Ryan Rebant and Zachary Salman present. Topics covered

were reorganization efforts, goals and projects. Officers will be elected and meeting schedule set when the two Commission vacancies are filled.

8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick prepared a request for revision of the approved budget and Resolution 2033-08-03 (see attached) for discussion and consideration.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 2022-08-03 as presented- Weber/Forney- A poll vote of Council was conducted with a unanimously in favor outcome.

9. FINANCE: Chairwoman Webster presented the following bills for approval.  
(a) Town of Bath \$9,791.15- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried  
(b) BSWW \$61,793.24 – Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried  
(c) Cemetery \$3,685.00 – Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried  
(d) Rail/Trail \$144.00- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: The next meeting is August 17 at 4pm.
11. GRANT: Chairman Forney reported that he has met with Region 9 Planning and Development officials and discussed grant opportunities for Bath. Forney plans on being a regular attendee at Region 9 meetings and would like Council to produce a list of projects that he can promote for funding.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY: Chief Link reported that applicants to be Police Officers with the BSPD will be further interviewed and tested. Crosswalks across Washington Street (Rt. 522) are in progress with the WV DOH.
13. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner requested that workers compensation insurance for cemetery employees be included with the policy already in place for Bath employees. This was agreed to by Common Consent. She advised Council that the last mowing of Greenway Cemetery for the season will be near Labor Day, Councilman Weber suggested keeping the option open for additional mowing after Labor Day. Skinner will check with the mowing contractor for price and availability.
14. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the Labor Crew is fully staffed now. Asplundh tree trimmers cut back trees around several electric lines and streets in town which was much appreciated. It was requested that a trash receptacle that had been vandalized be repaired and returned to the first block of N. Washington Street.
15. ORDINANCE: Mayor Merki presented Ordinance 2022-08-02 Amending in part Chapter 42 Historic Preservation for Second and Final Reading (see attached). This amendment brings Chapter 42 into State compliance and revises residency requirements.  
MOTION: To approve Ordinance 2022-08-02 for Second and Final Reading- Webster/Forney- Carried
16. BERKELEY SPRINGS WATER WORKS: Phase IV Water Line Replacement has begun in the Merrywoods area.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Approved by Common Consent.

Attest:

Mayor

Scott E. Merki

Recorder

Suzanne Webster