

TOWN OF BATH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

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: Councilman Rick Weber & Clerk Sharron Corrick
3. Finance Committee Minutes of September 5, 2021 were accepted by Common Consent.
4. The Town of Bath and BSWW bills were reviewed and accepted for presentation to the Bath Council for approval to pay.
5. Town Clerk Corrick reported that in the future she planned to make available the entire fiscal year's budget comparison to date for Finance Committee meetings. Budget comparisons will also be prepared for each of the Town's standing Committee's meetings to assist them in their awareness of funds available for decision making.
Concern was voiced over rising costs of goods, services and employee compensation.
6. Town financial concerns of Council included:
 - a. The cancellation of the Apple Butter Festival is a hardship to Town businesses, citizens and the Town in general. The Committee was apprised of the intention of some to set up booths, have yard sales and other forms of private commercial activity. The Committee consensus was that as long as business or other licensing or permitting were obtained and laws obeyed this activity was acceptable.
 - b. The Depot rehabilitation bids for the Haz Mat work were opened by Committee Chair John McCracken and Susan Webster. They concluded that there is an apparent qualified low bidder, but announcement of such should be delayed until the Mills Group and WV DOH have had an opportunity to review the bids.
 - c. The WV Auditor's training is October 26th with sign up until October 18th.
 - d. Chairman Webster relayed her communication with HLC Treasurer Ryan Rebant. The reimbursement process is in motion and the Town office should receive the HLC reimbursement of \$11,000.00 within a couple weeks.
 - e. Cemetery Chairman Skinner expressed gratitude for the volunteers, Town and BSWW employees who worked the tree planting in Greenway Cemetery recently. The cemeteries benefit greatly by these volunteers and staff.
 - f. Discussion was held concerning the use of the Federal ARPA funds awarded to the Town. Several ideas were presented including assisting Town project's matching fund requirements, employee bonuses and other qualifying needs.
7. The next Finances Committee meetings will be October 18 and October 19.
8. Adjournment by common consent.

Attest:

Chairman



Date

10-18-2021