

**TOWN OF BATH FINANCE/GRANT
COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman at 4:00pm.
2. ROLL CALL: Susan Webster (X) Beth Skinner (X) Greg Forney (A) Quorum – Yes
Also present: Councilman Rick Weber
3. Finance Committee Minutes of February 7, 2023 were approved by Common Consent.
4. Grant Review Reports:
 - a. Streetscape, NBRT : See attached updates. WV DOH Project Manager Kyle Oliver was in Bath on February 16, 2023 to meet with the Streetscape, R/T, Berkeley Springs State Park and Depot committees to inspect the projects. Chairwoman Webster, Streetscape and R/T Co-Chair Rebecca MacLeod and Berkeley Springs State Park Foundation President Pete Gordon guided Project Manager Oliver through the projects' progress and future plans.
 - b. Depot: Webster reported that progress is ongoing with the interior rehabilitation of the Depot. It has come to her attention that the sanding and finishing of the hardwood flooring portions of the Depot were not part of the original interior rehab design. A preliminary cost estimate of this work is \$7,500.00 and will have to be borne by Town. She also presented a letter she has written to Senator Manchin (attached) requesting his intervention in the described TE matching fund grant issue that has caused an unexpected financial burden.
5. Clerk Corrick's report, budget comparison, account balances and payroll information were reviewed and accepted with clarifications.
6. Town financial concerns of Council:
 - a. Councilman Weber explained a concern of the Public Works Committee. At present overtime snow removal pay is a flat \$20.00 per hour for all Labor Crew employees working the cleanup. It was requested that in place of that pay scale that those employees be paid \$10.00 per hour more in addition to their regular hourly wage. After discussion the request was granted.
 - b. Clerk Corrick presented her request for write-offs for bills that have become uncollectable due to various reasons. The bills were reviewed and the request was granted.
7. The BSWW and Town of Bath bills were reviewed and will be presented to Council for approval.
8. The next regular meeting will be March 7, 2023 at 4:00pm.
9. Adjourn

Chairman



Date

3-21-23

Mayor
Scott Merki

Recorder
Susan J. Webster



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The Honorable U. S. Senator Joe Manchin III
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

March 2, 2023

Re: Morgan County Commission Congressional Discretionary Fund Request Support Letter

Dear Senator Manchin,

The Morgan County Commission in partnership with the Town of Bath has been working to build the North Berkeley Rail Trail. The trail head is the Historic Berkeley Depot (1915) and surrounding property on the north end of Bath. This area is the center and focal point of our North End Revitalization Project and enjoys the hard work, imagination and devotion of many residents of Bath and Morgan County.

Senator Manchin, as Governor of West Virginia you began the effort to persuade the CSX Corporation to donate a three acre lot behind the Town of Bath's Historic Train Depot to our Town. Your success in this endeavor has been of great benefit to our Town and we are forever grateful.

As Mayor of the Town of Bath I present to you that our support for the Morgan County Congressional Discretionary Fund request to complete the trail head and recreation area cannot be overstated. We believe that these funds will be repaid by the economic, historic, health, recreation and cultural development and advancement of Morgan County and the Town of Bath.

We ask you to shepherd the Morgan County request through to our goal of revitalizing and developing an exciting gateway to our Wild and Wonderful State of West Virginia.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication to the citizens of the Town of Bath, Morgan County and the Great State of West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Scott Merki
Mayor, Town of Bath