

TOWN OF BATH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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 February 21, 2023 were approved by Common Consent.
4. PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: No one at this time.
5. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR: Councilwoman Skinner has signed up the Town of Bath and Greenway Cemetery to participate in the WV DEP Make It Shine cleanup program. Saturday, April 1 is the scheduled date with April 15 as the rain date. An invitation has been received for a talk by Dr. Randall Gooden, professor of history at Clayton State University, on the Union League raid in Berkeley Springs in 1864. The talk will be on March 16 in the Morgan County Commission Room.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

1. BATH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BDA): The next meeting is April 5 in the County Commission Room.
 2. PARKS & REC: The next meeting is March 15 in the Courthouse.
 3. PLANNING COMMISSION (PC): The next meeting is March 2, 2023. The Comprehensive Plan Assessment sub-committee meets weekly. President Landon reported that the Commission is considering various possible meeting topics.
 4. RAIL/TRAIL: The progress report has been submitted to the Town office (attached). Recorder Webster reported that she and Morgan County Commissioner Clark are compiling documents and information to apply for earmark grants from Senators Manchin and Capito for the Trail Head project. She has written letters to each of the Senators explaining the collaborative efforts of the Town and County on this project and requesting their assistance in the applications' success. By Common Consent Council concurred with sending the letters.
 5. STREETScape: Committee Co-Chair Pete Brown has submitted reports including recent positive advancement of the project to the Town office (attached).
 6. TRAIN DEPOT: Chairman Webster reported that work progress continues on the interior rehab of the Depot. She is working with community members on a grand opening celebration in late spring.
 7. LANDMARK COMMISSION (HLC): President John Mason advised that the next meeting of the HLC will be April 20, at 2pm and that previously reported projects are advancing. He has met with Town legal counsel.
 8. CLERK/RECORDER REPORT: Clerk Corrick reported that the FY 2024 Budget Meetings were on schedule and continuing. She presented 2023 Budget Revision Resolution 2023-03-01 with explanation (attached).
- MOTION: To approve 2023 Budget Revision Resolution 2023-03-01 as presented-

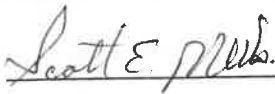
Webster/Skinner- Carried unanimously.

Recorder Webster explained that the recent train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio should cause concern because the same dangerous chemicals in that disaster travel through Bath in trucks regularly. The Town would be justified in seeking relief by at least having knowledge of local hazardous chemical travel schedules. Exploring WV Home Rule options may provide greater self-determination in the matter.

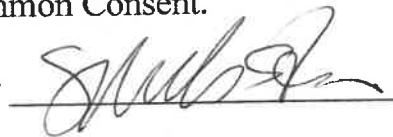
9. FINANCE: Chairwoman Webster delivered the following bills for approval.
 - (a) Town of Bath \$15,733.85- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried
 - (b) BSWW \$14,514.30 – Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried
 - (c) Greenway Cemetery \$1,366.00- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber-Carried
 - (d) Tree Board \$2,100.00 (reimbursable)- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried
 - (e) Streetscapes- Motion to approve: Forney/Weber- Carried
10. TREE BOARD: Councilwoman Skinner reported that the Tree Board has received the Tree Survey Grant and they hope to have the work completed by September.
11. GRANT: No report at this time.
12. PUBLIC SAFETY: The new Town of Bath Chief of Police William Carper introduced himself to Council and was welcomed by all. The next Public Safety meeting will be March 21 at 4:45pm.
13. CEMETERY: Chairman Skinner was pleased to announced that the application she submitted to the Morgan County Commission for \$30,000.00 for the repair of the Greenway mausoleum was awarded from County Hotel/Motel funds. This completes the matching funds required by an anonymous benefactor who has delivered a check for \$25,000.00 to Town Hall. Having these funds in hand enables Skinner to begin this necessary project. Letters of gratitude will be sent to the donors. Thanks, was also extended to Pete Brown for his initial work with design and estimate for application presentation. Percy Renovations has been contracted for the mowing of Greenway Cemetery for the upcoming season.
14. PUBLIC WORKS: Chairman Weber reported that the recently purchased used F250 will be picked up soon. Weber presented his paving schedule for Bath as follows: FY 2024- Green Street from Fairfax to Rt. 9 at \$52,000.00; FY 2024- Mercer Street from Fairfax to Rt. 9 at \$52,000.00; FY 2026- Green Street from Rt. 9 to Fairfax Street and Green Street to Independence Street at a combined total of \$52,000.00
15. ORDINANCE: Councilman Chapman related the work on the employee manual is continuing. The Committee has provided Tree Board member Kate Lehman with their comments on the proposed amendments to the Bath Tree Ordinance.
16. BERKELEY SPRINGS WATER WORKS: The Water Line Extension Project is moving forward. The resurfacing of Cornelius Avenue is included in this project. The BSWW is actively seeking Class I and Class II Operators and applications have been submitted.
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Approved by Common Consent.

Attest:

Mayor



Recorder



BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FOR FY 23

Hotel Motel Funds March 01 @ 3:30am

Revenue & Public Works March 08 @ 3:30pm

Town & Misc. March 09 @ 8:30am

Public Safety March 10 @ 4:45 pm

Overview March 21 @ 4:00 pm