**Bath Development Authority Minutes**

Hybrid – County Courthouse Berkeley Springs

Wednesday April 5th 2023, 4:30p.m.

1. Since the President Lisa Stine, and VP Stevens were not available, Bill Clark Secretary welcomed members and guests. He then called the meeting to Order. Roll Call: A quorum of members present were: Nikki Cowles (Z), Bill Clark, Susan Webster, Cindy Bodin & Chris Chapman,

Not present: Tony Link, Oscar Robles, Abby Wood, Alisa Stine Meghan Bauman, Chris Bauman, Ben Stevens & Paula Strait

Bill Acknowledge that there was some confusion in the agenda that may have caused at least 2 members from attending. Bill also talked about two people with interest in being members.

Visitors: Lyn Goodwin, Larry Landon, Claire and Greg Shien

2. The agenda and minutes from February, 2023 were approved Susan Webster motion, seconded by Nikki Cowles and carried.

3. With no Treasurer present, the balance of the current Treasury was reported ending January 30, 2023. The balance is $3425.78. The financial report was approved on a Susan Webster motion, seconded by Cindy Bodin motion and carried. The town did not award any funding to this group from BDA request for funds. Bill stated he understood, but was extremely disappointed that the town did not grant funding to its own Authority. There was a discussion about getting in line for any carryover funding.

4. Meeting visitors updates- Larry Landon reminded the board about the need to have updates from the BDA and the planning commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Lyn Goodwin told the members about the MARC meetings being held in MD and the survey online. She agreed to send the email notice to the email list. Both Susan and Bill had attended the Zoom meeting held last month. Greg Shien attended with interest and felt the work of the BDA is important and feels even more effort is needed. The Bath history should be of more significance and capitalized on for visitors.

5. There was no Sand Box meeting update.

6.  Under the Committee reports. Susan stated The Discover Your Home Town event will be the Depot grand opening event and any member wishing to assist is invited to join her.

Selfie Project Bill Clark stated that the committee has met again and we now have 25411 bags to offer to the first 5 completing the selfie scavenger hunt. Chris C suggested including the library. Bill Stated we still need to gain permissions and a rack card.

Bill also reported that the Am-bathador event will fall in line with the Selfie work.

Discussion about bringing USDA and SBDC for a business session partnering with MCEDA and BDA

Bill also mentioned he had developed the RFP for the website and will send to several web developers for pricing and proposals.

7.Bill talked about the CDS request for the trail and the bypass. Susan talked about Wilkes Street paving project.

8. Social Media has been slow and there are a few buildings for sale.

9. Membership –– There has been more interest from folks wishing to join the board. We have some non-participating members that could be replaced.

10. There was a discussion about the need for officers and the June election

11.Next meeting: Wednesday May 3rd at 4:30 pm.

13. Adjourned at 5:45 pm