

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF BATH ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 11, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman at 4:00pm
2. ROLL CALL: Chairman Greg Schene (X) Mary Lynn Hickey (X) Susan Webster (X)

Quorum – Yes

Also present – Mayor Scott Merki, Kate Lehman

3. Ordinance Committee Minutes of July 18, 2023 were approved by Common Consent.

4. Kate Lehman, Tree Board, provided a review of updates and changes to the current Ordinance. This was presented to the Ordinance committee and forwarded to Recorder Webster to be formatted and adopted. Miss Lehman also shared plans on restoration of deforested areas and damage caused as a result of the US-555 Bypass. Lehman also shared the financial value and ecological value of Historic trees on town property for the purpose of treating this town asset as both a critical natural resource and significant financial asset. The current value of the Town of Bath Historic trees, based on our recent tree inventory report, is estimated at \$2 million to \$3 million dollars.

5. Councilwoman Mary Hickey provided the current status of the Town of Bath Human Resources Policy. A more detailed update is planned for the September 20, 2023 Ordinance Committee meeting.

6. Committee Chairman Greg Schene provided an update of the planned residential townhouse community on N. Wilkes Street. Shenandoah Valley Properties, LLC is the property developer and plans have been submitted to the State of West Virginia for review. A scheduled site visit with the property developer and Town of Bath officials is under discussion.

7. Committee Chairman Schene provided an update on his visit to Shepherdstown and subsequent meetings with Shepherdstown officials Mayor Jim Auxer, Zoning Administrator Andy Beall and Water Superintendent Frank Welch. A variety of topics were discussed including Zoning advantages and disadvantages, Home Rule, water and town revenue

opportunities, residential development forecasting and building permitting fees and processing.

8. Mayor Scott Merki called for the reinstatement of Building Permits in the Town of Bath post Covid. Mayor Merki also called for the creation of Stop Work Orders for projects initiated without proper permitting. Stop Work Orders to be enforced by Town of Bath Law Enforcement,

9. The next meeting date is September 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Center.

10. Adjourn

Chairman  \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9-20-23 \_\_\_\_\_