Town of Bath Public Safety Committee Agenda

October 11, 2023, at 4:00pm

Town of Bath Municipal Center

1. Meeting called to order by Scott Merki
2. Members in attendance:

Commissioner Scott Merki

Chief Wm Carper

Greg Schene

Sandra Venuto

Mary Lynn Hickey

Elizabeth Skinner

1. Quorum – Yes
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting - Yes
3. Meeting Items covered this week:
   1. Overview of past items:
      1. Next meeting put WV DOH Letter feedback on agenda.
      2. Parking in the incorrect direction update – warnings were being given, noticeable improvements around the town. Lines need to be painted by the fire hydrant on Wilkes Street for parking issues. Depot/Wilkes intersection has large grade and a blind spot, red lines being drawn up on curb opposite was brought up to allow for better turning on the corner.
   2. New items:
      1. Budget for Police Department
         1. Pricing for Parking Citations was discussed as the Town of Bath has not raised prices for many years and many towns around the area charge more per citation.
         2. The number of meters around the Town of Bath was asked by Councilman Greg Schene including the total, broken, and empty poles. Pricing for buying additional meters was given by Chief Carper including how and where to buy the additional meters which ranged from auction sites to new model pricing.
         3. Where to implement additional meters was discussed including on the right-side of Independence Street and Congress Street.
         4. Meter programs such as Passport and Park Mobile were discussed. A cost/benefit analysis will be done to determine if the programs will help the town. They are looking to have a demo of the meter program.
         5. The ideal budget vs the current budget for optimal public safety was discussed including personnel and salaries.
         6. Hotel/Motel allocation was discussed briefly in reference to the safety needs of the town and tourism.
         7. Having a Magistrate for the Town of Bath was discussed as well as updating any Ordinances that are needed for having a magistrate.
         8. The Police Department is continuing to search for another Parking Enforcement Officer.
4. Adjourned