

Borough Council

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date with the following Council Members present, Dean Lemley, James Wehling, John Cessna, William Blackburn and Patrick Neff. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Junior Council Person Michaela Musselman and Solicitor Dean Crabtree were also present. Council Members Tim Weaverling, Jeff Rinscheid and Police Chief Jim Sigler were absent.

Tonya Grimes, DBI, spoke in regards to adding a Rock the Block event to be scheduled for June 15, 2017 from 6 to 9 pm. The event would include a band performing in the middle of the Penn Street and Juliana Street intersection. Event will be held on the Lutheran and Presbyterian Quadrants of the Square along with the use of Gazebo. DBI is requesting the closing of Penn Street from the Presbyterian Church to the Lutheran Church along with the closing of Juliana Street from the south side of Central Way through the intersection of Penn Street from 4 to 10 pm. DBI is requesting a letter from the Borough to enable procurement of a Special Event Liquor License.

Gwendolyn Ray spoke in regards to Egolf Park. Mrs. Ray shared that the park was booked for eighteen functions in 2016 including 10 family reunions and 2 high school class reunions. Electric was added to the pavilion in 2016. A 2017 project will be adding a serving table. Councilman Lemley stated that the Park looks great and is very well maintained.

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the list of bills from November 8 through December 5, 2016. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 5, 2016. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Monthly Police Statistics with Council.

Councilman Cessna presented the following Event Requests:

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Wehling, to approve the request from Downtown Bedford, Inc. for the Rock the Block event on June 15, 2017. Motion was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Councilman Neff noted that the Bedford Heritage Trust held a Colonial Cookie Christmas event on December 3, 2016. The event was well attended. Fort Bedford Museum will be winterized with the Flag moved to the Borough Office on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Wehling shared that a Rustic Trail Walk would be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> from Old Bedford Village to the Route 30 Underpass. The approximate 3-mile walk will highlight the planned extension of the current trail to Old Bedford Village.

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to grant permission for Solicitor Crabtree to prepare and advertise the change to Chapter 7 Fire Prevention and Fire Protection, (referenced on page 7-7), §202 Regulations in regards to open burning with language which would exclude recreational use (grills, fire pits, etc.). Chapter 10 HEALTH & SAFETY, Noise Ordinance (Referenced on pages 10-16 and 10-17), §306 Noise Limitations would only change to clarify the Ordinance in regards to waste haulers. Solicitor Crabtree clarified that waste haulers will not be restricted with time limitations. Motion was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Manager Diehl presented the HARB Permit Applications:

- 233 E John Street - Carol French - tabled during the November 7, 2016 meeting. ---Removing Vinyl Siding/repairing clapboard/ repainting – *Concept is Review Board Approved – Specific Colors must be submitted for approval*
- 126 S West Street – Kenny Fetterman – Priming and Painting of House – *Review Board Approved*
- 130 W Vondersmith Avenue – Sheldon Benton – Bedford Ambulance - Replacement of 3 Windows – *Review Board Approved*

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Wehling, to approve the HARB applications. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Manager Diehl shared that letter(s) were sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) – from October 28, 2016 through November 23, 2016 went to property owners on W. Pitt Street, E. Pitt Street, Central Way, Barclay Street, Spring Street, Chamberlain Street and Echo Vale Drive.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to authorize the advertisement of the 2017 Real Estate Tax Levy Ordinance at 3.9 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0). Councilman Wehling shared that the Borough has no reserves and that repairs to the Borough Building and the new street paving equipment are needed. Councilman Wehling also shared that with the uncertainty of union contracts and cost in living and wage increases, he is hoping that no additional increase is required in the next three years.

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to tentatively approve the Budget for the 2017 Fiscal Year.

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| GENERAL FUND         | \$1,259,585.00        |
| SEWER FUND           | \$ 704,870.00         |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUND | \$ 102,710.00         |
| LIQUID FUELS FUND    | \$ 37,350.00          |
| FORT MUSEUM FUND     | \$ 30,890.00          |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>  | <b>\$2,135,405.00</b> |

Motion was approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

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Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Greg Martell, who resigned after 18 years as a member and most recently as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman on the Bedford Borough Water Authority. Mr. Martell served from September 1, 1998 to November 21, 2016. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Manager Diehl noted appreciation for Sally Frear for organizing the cleanup of leaves and the Boy Scouts for raking the leaves in the Cemetery on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Diehl reminded Council that a Year-End Council Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 22, 2016.

Manager Diehl noted appreciation for Juli Dull and Jim Gonsman (Juli's Wearable Arts) for generously decorating and donating their time/resources to decorate the Anderson House for the Christmas Season.

Council entered into Executive Session to discuss Union Contract Negotiations at 7:26 pm.

Council exited Executive Session at 8:26 pm.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 8:26 p.m.

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Borough Secretary