

Borough Council

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

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to make the following appointments:

- Borough Solicitor – Dean Crabtree
 - Borough Secretary – Beverly Geller
 - Assistant Borough Secretary – Misty Hizer
 - Borough Treasurer – Barbara E. Diehl
 - Assistant Borough Treasurer – Beverly Geller
 - Borough Manager and Borough Secretary as Right-to-Know Officers
 - Vacancy Board - Council & Solicitor (If solicitor is a resident of the Borough). Solicitor to be chairperson of Board.
 - Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Pension Plan and Fund – Beverly Geller
- Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilman Wehling, to designate the following depositories:

- “First National Bank of PA” as the depository for the Borough General Fund and the Sewer Operating Fund Checking Account.
- “Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust” (PLGIT) as the depository for the Liquid Fuels Fund Checking Account.
- “BB & T” as the depository for the Capital Reserve Fund Checking Account.
- “Hometown Bank” as the depository for the Fort Bedford Museum Operating Fund Checking Account.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Wehling, to authorize payment of certain obligations between meetings - payroll, invoices coming due between meetings and invoices on which a discount could be obtained if paid between meetings. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Weaverling, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting and the December 22, 2016 Year-End Meeting. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to approve the list of bills from December 6, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 22, 2016 and December 31, 2016. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Stephen McNamara spoke to Council about the Borough Real Estate tax increase from 3.0 mills to 3.9 mills. Mr. McNamara shared with Council that his cost of living increase was 2% and his spouse had a 3% increase and did not think it was fair for the taxes to increase 30%. Mr. McNamara suggested that the Borough eliminate the Police Department to cut costs.

Mr. Wehling recognized Will Bohn who was in attendance. Mr. Bohn is working on an Eagle Scout project.

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Monthly Police Statistics with Council.

Councilman Wehling suggested changing the language on proposed Ordinance 2017-xx to include --- "Commercial trash collection shall be unlawful from 9 P.M. to 4 A.M. of the following day." This would be additional to the advertised Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Bedford, Chapter 10, Health and Safety, Section 306(4) (5).

4. Equipment Noise. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any pile driver, shovel, hammer, derrick, hoist, tractor, roller or other mechanical equipment operated by fuel or electric power, from 9 P.M. to 6 A.M. of the following day, except for emergency work on public improvements, work of public utilities or municipal services or commercial trash collection.

5. Noise in Handling Refuse Cans. No person shall make any unnecessary noise in the handling of ash, trash or garbage cans, dumpsters or other trash or garbage receptacles, either in loading or unloading, whether full or empty.

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to advertise the Ordinance with the additional language. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Rinscheid, to adopt Ordinance 2017-01 to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Bedford, Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 3, Section 301A (7) (b) (4) to read as follows (prohibiting):

4. All trailer coaches, trailer camps, mobile homes and mobile home parks; or any manufactured or modular homes with a roof pitch less than 7/12 (7 inches vertical rise over 12 horizontal inches).

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote, Councilman Lemley – aye, Councilman Weaverling – aye, Councilman Wehling – aye, Councilman Cessna – aye, Councilman Neff – aye, Councilman Rinscheid – aye, and Councilman Blackburn – aye.

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Councilman Neff noted that the Bedford Heritage Trust will hold the first meeting of 2017 on January 12, 2017 in the Reagan Room, A Side, at the Omni Bedford Springs at 5:30 pm.

Councilman Wehling noted that the BJMA has received a notice of termination for the stream crossing permit. Receipt of the permit is approval to maintain what is already in place.

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Weaverling, to approve Resolution No. 01-2017 changing employee status and benefits for Non-Union, Full-Time employees. (*Superintendents will now be exempt positions and the amount of days per year will decrease for sick/vacation leave*). Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Secretary Geller presented one HARB Permit Application:

- Bedford Borough Building – 244 W Penn Street – Metal Roof Replacement – *Review Board Approved*

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the HARB application. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Secretary Geller shared that a letter was sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) – from November 29, 2016 through December 29, 2016 to a property owner on N. Chamberlain Street.

Secretary Geller shared that the South-Central Counties Boroughs' Association Quarterly Meeting will be hosted by the Borough of Hollidaysburg on January 26, 2017 at the American Legion Social Hall at Legion Park. Speakers will be discussing issues related to trash collection, illegal dumping and how it affects municipalities.

Council entered into Executive Session to discuss Union Contract Negotiations at 7:29 pm.

Councilman Rinscheid exited the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Council exited Executive Session at 8:13 pm.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 8:13 pm.

Borough Secretary