

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, John Cessna, Jeff Rinscheid, William Blackburn and Patrick Neff. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Solicitor Dean Crabtree and Junior Council Person Michaela Musselman were also present. Council Member Jim Wehling and Police Chief Jim Sigler were absent.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilman Weaverling, to approve the list of bills from February 7, 2017 through March 6, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Weaverling, to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 6, 2017 and the transfer of \$30,890.00 from Fund 01 to Fund 40 for operating expenses of insurance, contracted mowing and payment to Hometown Bank on the reducing line of credit and the transfer of \$51,355.00 from Fund 01 to Fund 31 (half of the annual total) needed for the year. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Jacquie Roach, 120 W. Watson Street, spoke to Council about the request from residents to vacate a portion of Lafayette Avenue. Mrs. Roach asked to speak at the hearing and noted that she objected to the closing of the Avenue. Council decided to hold the hearing prior to the April 3, 2017 Council Meeting at 6:45 pm.

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Monthly Police Statistics with Council.

Councilman Cessna shared the following event requests:

A request from The League of Pretty Good Guys for approval to donate and install a complete new flag set for the Veterans Memorial on the corner of Penn and Juliana Streets. The existing flags are all 3' x 5' and would be replaced with new 3' x 5' nylon flags that would hold up to permanent outdoor use. The flags would include an American Flag, POW/MIA Flag (to be flown under the American Flag), PA Flag and Military Service Flags (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, USAF, Coast Guard). Motion was made by Councilman Weaverling, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the donation. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Weaverling, seconded by Councilman Rinscheid, to approve a request from the Bedford County Veterans Office to hold a service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Thursday March 30, 2017 at 11:00 am for National Vietnam Veteran's Welcome Home Day. The Veterans Association is asking that Juliana Street be closed from Vondersmith Avenue to Penn Street. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve a request from Leah Pepple of the Bedford Rotary Club to clean-up Fort Bedford Park by picking up trash and cleaning up the playground equipment and benches on Monday, May 22, 2017 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. The Rotary Club has scheduled June 19, 2017 as a rain date. Motion was approved by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Weaverling, to approve a request from the 2017 Chamber Leadership Class to hold an event in the Fort Bedford Park on Friday, June 9th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. The request includes closure of Fort Bedford Drive during this event (with no vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic only) as well as barricades placed at entrance to the Fort from West Street (off Pitt Street) and Thomas Street (off Pitt Street). Requested time for street closure would be from 4pm until 10pm. *Barricades are requested at the bottom of Juliana Street nearest the Fort entrance – so as not to block traffic to/from the rear of the buildings and the bank drive-thru entrance/exit.* This event would entail having DJ Shane Imler provide 70's, 80's & 90's music for a throwback dance as well as a few food vendors to provide food/drinks. Porta-johns and garbage cans will be taken care of as well as a secured sponsor (Aerial Communications) to cover any additional cost with police patrol for this event. Motion was approved by unanimous vote (6-0).

Councilman Neff shared that the 2nd Annual Rebels & Rye Event will be held at Omni Bedford Springs on April 8, 2017. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and proceeds benefit the Bedford Heritage Trust.

Councilman Lemley requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the Uniform Union Contract.

Manager Diehl presented the following HARB applications:

- Perry Wellington – 127 E. Pitt Street – Replace Signage - *Review Board Approved*
- Rica Patterson – 109 S. Juliana Street – Remove, clean and replace top 10 courses of Brick – *Review Board Approved*
- Dorothy Fazenbaker – 109 W. Pitt Street – Signage on Balcony “Yarn Knitch” – *Review Board Approved*

Mrs. Roach noted that she sits on the HARB Board and abstained on voting for the Fazenbaker, 109 W. Pitt Street, “Yarn Knitch” sign because she was unsure the signage met the size requirements of the Ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, approving the HARB applications including the “Yarn Knitch” signage contingent upon verifying that it does meet the size requirements under the Ordinance. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0). Councilman Lemley noted that the Perry Wellington signage request at 127 E. Pitt Street was for his business, therefore abstaining.

Manager Diehl reported that letters were sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) from January 31, 2017 to February 27, 2017 to property owners on East and West Pitt Streets.

Manager Diehl reminded Council Members to complete and return their Statement of Financial Interest Forms.

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Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Rinscheid, to approve a Proclamation recognizing April 2017 as 'Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month' across our Commonwealth, an initiative supported by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center celebrating its 45th year of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Manager Diehl noted that on March 1st the Borough Office received the 2017 Liquid Fuels check in the amount of \$101,149.¹⁵ and the Road Turnback Annual Maintenance check in the amount of \$200.00, a difference of \$2,099.15 over the budgeted amount (liquid fuels of \$99,050.00 and turn back of \$200.00).

Manager Diehl updated Council on the COSTARS Salt Contract information:

2012-2013 Contract Year - Used 325 Ton	Contract Price-\$71.45/Ton	Total Est. Exp. - \$23,221.25/yr.
2013-2014 Contract Year - Used 475 Ton	Contract Price-\$69.51/Ton	Total Est. Exp. - \$33,017.25/yr.
2014-2015 Contract Year - Used 425 Ton	Contract Price-\$73.01/Ton	Total Est. Exp. - \$31,029.25/yr.
2015-2016 Contract Year - Used 250 Ton	Contract Price-\$75.48/Ton	Total Est. Exp. - \$18,870.00/yr.

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2016-2017 Contract Year - Used 220 Ton	Contract Price-\$64.85/Ton	Total Est. Exp. - \$14,267.00/yr.
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Manager Diehl introduced the subject of updating the Codified Ordinance Book. The last print was November 1, 2001. The cost of updating the Codified Ordinance Book will be researched.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:23 pm to discuss the Uniform Union Contract.

Council exited Executive Session at 7:49 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve the Uniform Employee Labor Agreement as negotiated and finalized on Thursday, February 23, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 7:49 pm.

Borough Secretary