

Borough Council

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date with the following Council Members present, Tim Weaverling, Jim Wehling, John Cessna, Jeff Rinscheid, 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. Councilman Dean Lemley and Police Chief Jim Sigler were absent.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Wehling, to approve the Minutes of the May 1, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the list of bills from May 2, 2017 to June 5, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 5, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

One bid was received from George Beckett & Sons for the Borough Building Trussed Roof Overlay with Metal Roofing in the amount of \$72,365.00. One additional contractor inspected the existing roof as stated in the bid requirement, but did not submit a bid. Councilman Rinscheid noted that Cook Construction was suggesting a Kevlar coating that offered a warranty for 10 to 18 years, but Kevin Cook did not inspect the roof or submit a bid. Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to award the project to George Beckett & Sons in the amount of \$72,365.00. Motion was approved by unanimous vote (6-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Monthly Police Statistics with Council.

Councilman Wehling noted that the Bedford Joint Municipal Authority submitted a grant application for the next phase of the Bedford Heritage Trail construction. Councilman Wehling noted the grant application in the amount of \$250,000 was for the design and construction of the trail to Old Bedford Village and Friendship Village. Mayor Leibfreid expressed appreciation for Councilman Wehling's dedication to the Heritage Trail project for the last 7 to 8 years.

Councilman Weaverling presented a Resolution of Respect for Sarah Louise (Sally) Frear. Ms. Frear who passed away on May 24, 2017, was an active part of the community who devoted time to the Memorial Park Conservancy, the restoration of the Civil War Soldiers Monument and the betterment of the Borough. Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to approve the Resolution of Respect. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Rinscheid, to approve payment of the \$7,200.00 invoice for trees removed/trimmed within the Bedford Memorial Cemetery. Contributions towards this \$11,300 project were given by Charlie's Tree Service (\$2100) as well as the Memorial Park Conservancy (\$2000). The Park was temporarily closed until the work

was completed. The Cemetery was re-opened to the public on Friday, May 26, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Councilman Rinscheid noted that volunteers are trimming trees along the Fort Bedford Park. The trimming is to eliminate hiding places for illicit activities in the Park.

Councilman Wehling presented Ordinances from other municipalities in regards to burning. A general consensus is to restrict burning to certain days per month rather than eliminate burning. The Ordinance Review Committee will continue to discuss and present a recommendation.

Councilman Wehling shared that the Tree Commission plans to divide the Borough into shares and look at identifying trees that need attention or removal.

Manager Diehl presented the following HARB applications:

- Chamber of Commerce – 203 S Juliana Street – Move Signage from current office to Russell House – *Review Board Approved*
- Mari-Pat Beene (Pigeon Hill Studios)– 115 S Juliana Street – Permanent Sign – *Review Board Approved*
- Brad Koontz – 336 E Pitt Street – Replace Gutters, Downspout, Replace Parking Pad, Recap Masonry Tops, Replace Porch Soffit, Fascia, Ceiling and Posts – Same Color. Posts changed from oversized Wood to smaller Metal Round – *Review Board Approved*
- Village News – 110 S Juliana Street – Replace Slate Façade – *Review Board Approved*
- SAMA / Bedford Borough – 137 E Pitt Street - *Review Board Approved*
- National Museum of the American Coverlet – Melissa Zonger – 322 S Juliana Street - Paint – *Review Board Approved*

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Cessna, approving the HARB applications. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Manager Diehl reported that letters were sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) from April 27, 2017 to May 24, 2017 to property owners / tenants on Preston, Spring, W Pitt, Chamberlain, W John, E Penn, S Juliana Streets and Green Lane.

Manager Diehl noted that the Borough Planning Commission met on Thursday, May 18th in regards to a request from Connie Amick to divide E9-D4-220 into two lots. Lot 1 to be combined with existing E9-D4-227 and the residual of E9-D4-220 to be a standalone Lot 2.

*Motion by Mrs. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, to approve the sub-division on the current lot mentioned above. The FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN presented on May 18<sup>th</sup> was prepared by Andrew Ebersole, Land Surveyor at Keller Engineers, Inc. - dated April 25, 2017. Motion approved by unanimous vote (3-0).*

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Wehling, to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Council entered Executive Session at 7:23 pm to discuss Personnel Matters and Borough Property.

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Council exited Executive Session at 7:39 pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to authorize \$2,500.00 to repair the shelter at the Green and utilize the offer of Bedford County to provide assistance for the repairs. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 7:40 pm.

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Borough Secretary