

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

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Weaverling, to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve the list of bills from June 6, 2017 to July 3, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 3, 2017. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Monthly Police Statistics with Council.

Motion was made by Councilman Wehling, seconded by Councilman Neff to approve the following events:

- Presbyterian Church will be holding their Annual Day Camp Monday July 17th through Wednesday July 19th. The Church is requesting use of the respective quadrant to erect a "Gaga Pit" (hexagonal ring approx. 2 ft high and 8 ft across used for a dodgeball sort of game).
- Chamber of Commerce is requesting the closure of Juliana Street from Central Way to Penn Street and use of the Squares and the Gazebo for National Night Out to be held on Tuesday August 2nd from 6 to 8:30 pm. No Parking Bags to be placed at 2 pm.
- Chamber of Commerce is requesting the closure of Juliana Street from Central Way to Penn Street and use of the Squares and Gazebo for Downtown on the Farm event to be held Thursday, September 7th from 6 to 8:30 pm. Chamber is asking permission to have tractor drawn hayrides (on a route approved by Borough Council) and a small animal petting zoo in the grass by the Gazebo. No Parking Bags to be placed by 2 pm.
- Get Out & Play! Outfitters is planning a leadership outing with the Omni Bedford Springs and requested use of the Gazebo and Lutheran Church Square on Tuesday, July 11th between 5 and 6 pm for games during their exploration of Downtown Bedford.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Councilman Wehling noted that the Bedford Joint Municipal Authority Board will meet to decide if they are ready to submit a grant application for the construction of the Bedford Heritage Trail. The design is not finalized at this point.

Motion was made by Councilman Weaverling, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to advertise the Ordinance amendment to Chapter 7 of the Code, Section 202 in reference to restricting burning to certain days per month rather than the elimination of burning in the borough. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

July 3, 2017

Secretary Geller presented the HARB application of Kenny Fetterman – 126 E Pitt Street – replacement of 2nd floor windows – *Review Board Approved*. Motion was made by Councilman Weaverling, seconded by Councilman Neff, approving the HARB application. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Secretary Geller shared that issues were addressed via letter, by telephone and in-person visits by the Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) – from May 25, 2017 to June 21, 2017 with property owners on N. Richard, S. Richard, W. Pitt, Spring, West, S. Juliana, Thomas, Chamberlain, W. John, E. Penn, Grant and Mann Streets along with Green Lane and Central Way.

Secretary Geller noted that the bi-annual newsletter was mailed on Thursday, June 29, 2017 with copies of the Water Authority's Annual Water Quality Report placed inside of each newsletter.

Secretary Geller shared that during the week of June 12th thru June 16th – the Bedford County Correctional Facility Deputy Warden Jason Moore and Jail Maintenance Supervisor Tony Dixon worked with prisoners Clay Rasp, Shannon Weyant, Brian MacGregor and Tobias Brett to repair the roof of the pavilion at The Green in Bedford Borough. Warden Troy Nelson coordinated this project with Borough Manager Barb Diehl and Borough Council as part of a partnership – giving the prisoners working on the project an opportunity to gain additional skills that can be used after their sentence. The work included replacing the shingles on the pavilion with a new metal roof, resurfacing the picnic tables, staining the picnic tables and pavilion and repairing/painting the dugouts and basketball court.

Councilman Rinscheid worked with prisoners Tobias Brett, Richie Singer and Eric Winters (who were supervised by Lieutenant Jesse Calhoun) to complete an additional project at the Fort Bedford Park. The rear of the property was trimmed, cleared and the complete hillside received a makeover.

This partnership will continue throughout the Summer/Fall as more projects continue. A special thank you to Bo Ford and our Public Works Department for assisting and to all those involved in order to complete these projects.

Councilman Wehling shared that the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission is working on a six-county comprehensive plan from a survey that was completed online. Councilman Wehling suggested that fellow Council Members review the data.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 7:29 p.m.

Borough Secretary