

Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date with the following Council Members present, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, Bill Blackburn, John Cessna and Patrick Neff. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Public Services Director Brad Foor and Timothy Cooper, P.E. and Russell Greaser, Project Manager, of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc. were present.

Council Member Tim Weaverling, Solicitor Dean Crabtree and Police Chief Craig Bowman were absent.

Council Vice-President Sharon Turkovich called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Eagle Scout, Elijah Miller, was in attendance to share photographs and information on the rehabilitation of the gazebo in the Lutheran Church Square completed as his Eagle Scout project. The Gazebo was originally built in 1986. Mr. Miller replaced some of the railings and stairs. The Gazebo was painted with the exception of the composite flooring. Garden beds were mulched. Council shared their appreciation for the completion of the project.

Mr. Greaser shared renderings for the Borough Building Renovation Project and discussed the project with Council. New items added to the plan include an updated storm water system, increased parking, and an underground storage tank for equipment fuel.

Council Member Kenny Fetterman arrived at 3:24 p.m.

Mr. Greaser shared that now is an ideal time to advertise the project for bids. Contractors are lining up work for the year.

Motion was made by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Rinscheid, to approve advertising the Borough Building Renovation project on February 3, 2020 with bids due by March 3, 2020. A Prebid Meeting will be held on February 12, 2020. Bids will be opened on March 4, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Assistant Borough Secretary joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

Manager Diehl shared that the distribution of the 2020 Committee List will be postponed until the February meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to approve the purchase of a 2020 Police Vehicle in the amount of \$42,610.57 (fully equipped – decals, lights, wrap) and authorizing Borough Secretary, Beverly Geller, to sign necessary paperwork for the purchase. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Manager Diehl distributed a letter and information from Downtown Bedford, Inc. (DBI) seeking a renewal of the agreement with the Borough asking for \$35,000.00 for a five (5) year term. After discussion, a Motion was made by Councilman Fetterman, seconded by Councilman

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Rinscheid, to sign a three (3) year agreement for \$35,000.00 annually with DBI. Motion carried (5-1) with Councilman Neff voting against the agreement. Councilman Neff preferred the annual amount remain at \$30,000.00.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 5:24 p.m.

Borough Secretary