

February 18, 2020

Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date with the following Council Members present, Tim Weaverling, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, Bill Blackburn, Patrick Neff and Kenny Fetterman. Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Manager, Misty Hizer, Assistant Borough Secretary, Public Services Director Brad Foor and Timothy Cooper, P.E., of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc. were also present.

Council Member John Cessna, Solicitor Dean Crabtree and Police Chief Craig Bowman were absent.

Council President Tim Weaverling called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

Mr. Cooper noted the Bedford Fire Department's build project is moving along. The Borough Building Renovation went out to bid, with bids due March 3, 2020 and a bid opening date of March 4, 2020 at the Bedford Ambulance Building. A pre-bid meeting was held for interested contractors on February 12, 2020, which included a tour of the building. An addendum answering all questions was sent out to contractors February 18, 2020.

Mr. Cooper briefed Council on the meeting with Christine Hollington and her Attorney Ethan Wilt regarding her property at 238 W. Penn Street and the request for a temporary construction easement for erection of a salt shed and retaining wall.

Mr. Cooper also updated Council on the CSO project. Kukurin is ready to install a storm sewer in W. Central Way at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Manager Diehl noted funds will be charged to the Borough Building Renovation project.

Council Member Patrick Neff joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Mayor William Leibfreid joined the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

Expected visitors Bill Kurtycz and Dave Heller were not present, however, Manager Diehl received notification from Mr. Heller that he would not be able to attend.

Mr. Cooper briefed Council on the solar panel project. Manager Diehl noted Attorney Rodney Rose would be providing more information at a later date.

Manager Diehl shared that the Bedford Police Department has temporarily relocated to the Bedford Ambulance Service Building effective February 17, 2020. Lois Frederick and the Bedford Area Ambulance gave permission to remove one (1) tree and three (3) shrubs, as well as clean up the embankment, for safety purposes. The Bedford Borough sign is to be relocated. Bedford Borough Administrative Offices are tentatively scheduled to relocate the 2nd or 3rd week of March.

Council Member Rinscheid revisited the need for agreements/easements for a potential amphitheater and walkway with landowners at the eastern end of Fort Bedford Park. A meeting with landowners was recommended, with the Parks and Rec Committee hosting.

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Manager Diehl shared concerns about HARB members meeting with individuals regarding zoning and HARB issues without the entire HARB advisory board's knowledge. Manager Diehl suggested Solicitor Crabtree attend a future HARB meeting to define roles and responsibilities.

Council President Weaverling updated Council on the meeting with the Dalesmen regarding their renovation of the old Ford garage. The Dalesmen plan to apply for a distillery/brewery license and are currently in discussions with the PLCB. Manager Diehl mentioned the Dalesmen's concern about deliveries and the possibility of a temporary easement to house heavy equipment.

Public Services Director Foor stated the new bollards at the corner of Pitt and Richard are holding up.

Mr. Cooper and Public Services Director Foor exited the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Council Member Rinscheid inquired as to how much parking is the Borough's responsibility due to the addition of the Dalesmen Distillery and existing downtown businesses. Manager Diehl shared the Borough needs to look at enhancing parking and the need for public restrooms. Local businesses have looked into purchasing the former Ressler's location without success.

Mayor Leibfreid voiced concerns about the lack of a DBI five-year plan and suggested a simple plan be formulated to get started. Council Member Turkovich shared that Mary with PDC offered their assistance in formulating a five-year plan.

Council entered an executive session regarding personnel at 4:12 p.m.

Borough Secretary Beverly Geller joined the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Borough Secretary Beverly Geller and Assistant Borough Secretary Misty Hizer exited the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Council exited executive session at 4:52 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the proposed settlement agreement of \$12,500 for Officer Ric Kinsinger, as negotiated during a meeting held at the PA Department of Labor & Industry's Altoona Field Office on Wednesday, February 18, 2020 with Mediating Judge Michael Hetrick. Motion was carried by a vote of (5-1), with Council Member Rinscheid abstaining due to personal reasons.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 4:53 p.m.

Borough Secretary