

June 1, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date. The following Council Members were in attendance, Tim Weaverling, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, William Blackburn, and Patrick Neff. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Police Chief Craig Bowman, and Solicitor Dean Crabtree were in attendance. Council Members John Cessna and Kenny Fetterman were absent along with Public Services Director Brad Foor and Tim Copper, PE, Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc.

Members of the Press in attendance included Randy Delozier, Lloyd Roach and Will Deshong.

Cindy Zack was in attendance regarding a Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) application.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 19, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve the list of bills from May 5, 2020 through June 1, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to approve the June 1, 2020 Treasurers Report, the transfer of \$6,525.00 (remaining budgeted balance from Fund 01 to Fund 40 for operating expenses) and Requisition #1-2020 for the Borough Building Renovation Loan in the amount of \$323,300.89. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared parking fine violations are down due to COVID-19.

Chief Bowman shared that the Police Department responded to 163 incidents in May. No fine money has been received from the Magistrate's offices.

Council Member Rinscheid shared appreciation for the Fire and Police Departments in the recent search for Cathy Raley. Mrs. Raley was found safe. Manager Diehl noted that multiple agencies worked together showing that Bedford is a wonderful community. More than 175 individuals assisted in the search. Donations of food and drink were received from individuals and private companies to provide for the search teams.

The discussion of the Borough taking over a section of West Penn Street was tabled until the Council Workshop scheduled for June 16th.

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve Stiffler McGraw's application for a Streetscape Grant through the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for 2.36 Million for Phase IV of the Streetscape and Handicap Ramp Projects. The motion includes approval of Resolution 2020-04. The grant application will ask for waiver of the 30% match with the Borough offering \$100,000.00 (4.07% cost of the

Project). The motion is also to approve Manager Diehl to sign the Funding Commitment Letter and any documentation necessary for the grant application. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve a request from K & W Engineers on behalf of Bedford High School to approve a waiver for the letter of credit or bond, which guarantees completion of the project. The District is a public entity like the Borough, and the waiver will save tax dollars. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Councilman Rinscheid noted that the Heritage Trust Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 and that the Museum is now open seven days a week.

Council Member Turkovich presented the following event requests:

- Request received from DBI to place a Porta John in Central Way close to the Turkovich Building for June through September for Farmers Market patrons.

After discussion regarding safety, the request was tabled until other locations and options are explored.

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Neff, to adopt Ordinance 2020-02, declaring the intent of Bedford Borough to exercise its power of eminent domain to acquire an easement on the property situate at 238 West Penn Street, Bedford, PA for public purposes. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote, Councilman Weaverling – aye, Councilwoman Turkovich – aye, Councilman Neff – aye, Councilman Rinscheid – aye, and Councilman Blackburn – aye.

A request to turn a tennis court at the Greens into a Pickleball court was discussed. An email detailing the sport will be forwarded to Council Members. Manager Diehl noted that costs would be prohibitive to convert a tennis court to a Pickleball court.

Council Member Blackburn shared that the blacktop has been poured in the rear parking lot of the New Fire Department building. The concrete apron is scheduled to be poured on June 8, 2020 and will take three to four weeks to cure.

Manager Diehl shared that Mid-State Construction will take possession of the Borough Building on June 5, 2020 with abatement to take place the week of June 22, 2020. The Fire Department has until June 21, 2020 to vacate the building. Public Works employees have moved to the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants during the construction period.

Manager Diehl shared that two HARB Permit Applications were received. The application from Six Gun Properties for renovation of 200 W. Penn Street was tabled by HARB until the June meeting.

A consensus was not reached by HARB on an application received from Robert and Cindy Zack of 123 E. John Street, to replace the shingled roof of their home with a Rustic Red metal roof and replacement of shutters in the same color. Mrs. Zack noted that she counted 50 metal roofs in

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Bedford with 7 red, 1 purple and 1 blue amongst the count. Mrs. Zack shared that a shingled roof is more costly than metal.

Discussion followed with Solicitor Crabtree noting that more consistent standards need followed and HARB cannot make color suggestions based on personal preference. Council Member Rinscheid asked if there were guidelines on colors. Secretary Geller shared that Office Staff suggest using the Sherwin Williams website which offers a Historic Collection of colors when applicants request guidance.

Manager Diehl noted that training for HARB Members is being identified to define the role of HARB and the basis of how decisions should be made.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Blackburn, to approve the application of Robert and Cindy Zack, to replace the shingled roof with metal in Rustic Red and shutters in the same color. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Manager Diehl shared that letters were sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) and/or the Police Department to property owners on Pitt, John, Preston, Richard, Thomas, Davidson, Bedford, West, Penn, and Juliana Streets along with Clarion Avenue and Central Way.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Neff and carried at 7:50 p.m.

Borough Secretary