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Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at 3 p.m. The following Council Members were in attendance, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, Bill Blackburn, John Cessna, and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Public Services Director Brad Foor, Police Chief Craig Bowman, and Police Officer Matthew Haight were also in attendance.

Council Member Patrick Neff and Tim Copper, PE, Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc., Inc. were absent.

Bedford County Commissioners Josh Lang, Barry Dallara and Deb Baughman were in attendance along with Sheriff Wayne Emerick.

Council President Tim Weaverling joined the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

The County Commissioners shared safety concerns at the parking garage brought to light by a risk assessment. Commissioners would like to limit vehicles from overnight parking in the garage that has capability of holding 64 to 66 vehicles. The Commissioners would like the Sheriff's Department to issue parking permits but would like the Bedford Police Department to provide enforcement. The Sheriff's Department could provide parking enforcement, but the citation fee would be \$94.00 which is much higher than a \$20.00 parking ticket through the Borough.

Discussed were the instances of individuals using the garage for the long-term storage of vehicles, parking during emergency snow removal conditions, and parking by individuals who reside in apartments with no off-street parking.

Council Member Weaverling noted that Council's priority is to residents and merchants and all variables must be considered. Council Member Fetterman broached the subject about having a specific number of spaces reserved for public use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a set time limit.

Council will continue to discuss the issue. Sheriff Wayne Emerick and Commissioners Deb Baughman, Barry Dallara and Josh Lang exited the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Additional discussion followed on the parking garage. Police Chief Bowman and Officer Haight exiting the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Mayor Leibfreid proclaimed Saturday, October 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as Trick or Treat night in the Borough.

Manager Diehl entered the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Manager Diehl updated Council that the punch list for the Fire Department is being worked on by Mid-State Construction. Pavement markings for the Fire Department rear parking lot are painted along with the handicapped spaces using Ennis-Flint thermoplastic lines at the front of

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the building. The Borough building work is proceeding with office partitions being constructed along with work on the building addition.

Solicitor Crabtree entered the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Solicitor Crabtree shared that the hearing for the Hollington property easement case has been rescheduled for Friday, September 25th at 9 a.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve Requisition #4-2020 for the Borough Building Renovation Project in the amount of \$184,559.53. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to authorize advertising for Bid Quotations for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with opening at the October meeting, for sludge hauling, ferrous sulfate, and heating oil. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Cessna, authorizing Stiffler McGraw to apply for a Multimodal Grant through PennDOT for the Streetscape Project IV. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Manager Diehl opened discussion on the unveiling of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Saturday, September 12, 2020. It was noted that the unveiling was planned by Dennis Tice and took place without the support of the League of Pretty Good Guys who voted to cancel the unveiling. The crowd was estimated to have 220 to 250 individuals in attendance. Manager Diehl has resigned from the Bedford County Visitors Bureau Board as ex-officio. Council Member John Cessna remains a member of the BCVB Board.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:13 p.m. regarding a legal issue.

Council exited Executive Session at 4:30 p.m.

Council Member Fetterman asked about the installation of a little free library close to the Gazebo in the Lutheran quadrant of the Square. A HARB application will be submitted for consideration at the September 24, 2020 meeting since it will be a permanent structure in the Historic District.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 4:33 p.m.

Borough Secretary