

January 6, 2020

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

Gwendolyn Ray, Jeff Wright, Jay Cessna, Cessna Communications and Randy Delozier, Bedford County Free Press, were in attendance.

Mayor Leibfreid led new Council Member Kenny Fetterman and re-elected Council Members Tim Weaverling and Patrick Neff in their Oath of Office.

Mayor Leibfreid called the Meeting to Order at 7:08 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Neff, to elect Councilman Weaverling as Council President. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilman Weaverling, to elect Councilwoman Turkovich as Council Vice President. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Mayor Leibfreid turned the Meeting over to Councilman Weaverling.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilwoman Turkovich, to elect Councilman Neff as President Pro Tempore. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to make the following appointments:

- Borough Solicitor – Dean Crabtree
- Borough Secretary – Beverly Geller
- Assistant Borough Secretary – Misty Hizer
- Borough Treasurer – Barbara E. Diehl
- Assistant Borough Treasurer – Beverly Geller
- Borough Manager and Borough Secretary as Right-to-Know Officers
- Vacancy Board - Council & Solicitor (If solicitor is a resident of the Borough). Solicitor to be chairperson of Board.
- Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Pension Plan and Fund (Heretofore the Borough Secretary.)

Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilwoman Turkovich, to designate the following depositories:

- “First National Bank of PA” as the depository for the Borough General Fund and the Water/Sewer Operating Fund Checking Accounts.

- “Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust” (PLGIT) as the depository for the Liquid Fuels Fund Checking Account.
- “Altoona First” as the depository for the Capital Reserve Fund Checking Account.
- “Hometown Bank” as the depository for the Fort Bedford Museum Operating Fund Checking Account.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, authorizing Office Staff to pay: payroll, invoices coming due between meetings and invoices on which a discount could be obtained if paid between meetings. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the list of bills from January 1, 2020 through January 6, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 6, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve payment of Requisition # 7 – Building Renovation Project in the amount of \$14,060.34 to Stiffler McGraw for ADA Design Fees, Environmental Investigation, Parking and Salt Shed Design. The money is requisitioned form a Line of Credit. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Solicitor Crabtree shared that a Zoning Hearing Application was received for the Bedford Area School District (BASD) at 330 E. John Street. Variance request is for relief from the following:

1. Chapter 27, Part 3, Section 301(D)(4), requires a twenty (20’) foot setback on accessory structures erected within a front yard. BASD would like to erect bleachers, permanent stairs, ADA compliant ramping and a chiller cooling tower with a setback of less than twenty (20’) feet.
2. Chapter 27, Part 3, Section 301(D)(6), requires the maximum height of fencing be no greater than three and one half (3.5’) feet. BASD would like to erect screening/fencing, in excess of the maximum height requirement, for a chiller cooling tower and retaining wall.
3. Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 701(B)(4), requires the height of a building to not exceed thirty-five (35’) feet. BASD would like to erect a new gymnasium/building expansion with a proposed height of forty (40’) feet.
4. Chapter 27, Part 17, Section 1701(A)(2), requires net parking space per vehicle to be no less than nine (9’) feet wide and twenty (20’) feet long. BASD would like to add parking spaces that are nine (9’) feet wide and eighteen (18’) feet long.
5. Chapter 27, Part 17, Section 1701(B)(5), requires one (1) parking space for each five (5) seats provided for public or private assembly. BASD does not have the real property available to accommodate these requirements.
6. Chapter 27, Part 19, Section 1901(A)(2&3), requires driveways be no closer to each other than twelve (12’) feet and cannot exceed thirty-five (35’) feet in width. Additionally, driveway flares cannot cross an extended side property line. BASD is requesting a larger radius for bus maneuvering.

7. Chapter 27, Part 19, Section 1901(A)(5), requires driveways be no closer than ten (10') feet to the point of intersection of two property lines. BASD is requesting the access drives to be closer than ten (10') feet to the adjacent property line.

Council Members did not request that Solicitor Crabtree represent Council for the January 13, 2020 Zoning Hearing.

Manager Diehl asked Council to consider acting on HARB recommendations:

- FNB – Lighted Sign was approved, South facing Sign is denied until brought to current size. ***Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to approve HARB's recommendation. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).***
- Bedford Area School District – Demolition of house at 306 E. John Street approved, Construction is not approved at this time. (Approved 4-2 with J. Roach and J. Wright voting against the demolition).
- Bedford Area School District – 330 E. John Street –proposed work to the existing Bedford High School will include replacing the sidewalk along E. John Street, and resetting the concrete wall caps at the cafeteria entrance after removal to install stainless steel flashing. Along with this, the existing brick, limestone cornices and cast stone wall caps will be cleaned and repointed. The parapet walls above the cornice and roof at the Gymnasium front entrance portico is bowing so it is to be replaced. The work will also include painting all wood construction, including columns (white) as well as replacing the existing failing areaways. New guardrails will be installed at these replaced areaways. In addition, the cupola at the roof will be replaced due to its poor condition. The gabled roofs are proposed to be replaced with new faux-slate shingles to mimic the existing roof. *Cupola is to be an exact replica of the existing cupola.*

After discussion, Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve HARB's recommendation. Motion was carried (6-0) with Councilman Neff abstaining as an employee of the School District.

Request from the Bedford Joint Municipal Authority: Due to issues with easements, they have revised the alignment to eliminate Cumberland Run crossing and instead route the trail from West St., to Pitt St., and to Davidson St. Wehling & Sell to further discuss with Bedford Borough. Brian Smith will review with PennDOT. This route will connect the trail to Pitt St./Route 30 which is Bike PA Routes G and S Bike. Sell made the motion to amend the alignment, pending Bedford Borough approval. ***Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Rinscheid, to approve the amendment. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).***

Manager Diehl shared that letters were sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) or the Police Department to property owner on John, King, S. Richard, Spring, Barclay and Juliana Streets.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to extend the agreement with the Bedford Heritage Trust for one year. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

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Council entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Council exited Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilwoman Turkovich, to advertise for a position in the Police Department. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 8:07 p.m.

Borough Secretary