

February 3, 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 and Patrick Neff. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Assistant Borough Secretary Misty Hizer, Police Chief Craig Bowman, Public Works Director Brad Floor, Solicitor Dean Crabtree and Tim Cooper, P.E. of Stiffler McGraw & Assoc., Inc. were in attendance.

Randy Delozier, Bedford County Free Press, was in attendance along with Margaret Sleaster, Zach Brouse, Esch McCombie and Dennis Tice.

Council Member Kenny Fetterman joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Margaret Sleaster, W. Pitt Street, asked Council to post a space in front of her home as a Handicapped Parking space. The steps descending onto her driveway along the west side of the house are steep and the steps facing the south side or street side are easier to navigate. Mrs. Sleaster noted that health issues have made parking along the street easier for her mobility. Mrs. Sleaster exited the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Zach Brouse spoke to Council about the Tree Commission. Mr. Brouse lives in the Township and although a person must be a resident of the Borough to be on the Tree Commission, he would like to work with the Commission. Mr. Brouse noted that anyone can be hired to trim or remove trees in the Borough, but he is the only licensed service in the area. Mr. Brouse is a Certified Forester and Arborist. Mr. Brouse noted that the trees in the Federal Square could have been treated and did not need to be removed. Manager Diehl noted that the trees in the Square were removed not only for disease but due to concern for the monuments. Mr. Brouse noted that others are not educated on urban forestry and insect and disease, but only know overall forest health. Mr. Brouse will meet with the Tree Commission. Mr. Brouse exited the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Dennis Tice, League of Pretty Good Guys, spoke to Council in regards to the Veterans Walk that was previously presented to Council. The timeline would cover from 1750, prior to the American Revolution, through today. The estimated cost is \$65,000.00 and would differentiate individuals killed in action and veterans. Mr. Tice exited the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Turkovich, to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 21, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Rinscheid, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve the list of bills from January 7, 2020 through February 3, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 3, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

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Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve payment of Requisition # 8 – Building Renovation Project in the amount of \$29,523.75 to Stiffler McGraw for Design Fees, Environmental Investigation and Parking. The money is requisitioned from a Line of Credit. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Police Statistics.

Councilman Rinscheid shared that two (2) sets of artifacts were loaned from the Fort Bedford Museum. One was a WWI Uniform which is on display at the Bedford County Courthouse and another is a 1943 plaque in relation to the radio school that is on display at the Omni Bedford Springs.

President Weaverling requested an Executive Session in regards to personnel.

Manager Diehl asked Council to act on HARB recommendations:

- Rhonda Clark – 203 E. Pitt Street – Installation of Wall Signage – Rhonda J. Clark – Counseling Services
- SKE Signs - Shelly Wertz – 105 S. Richard Street - Update “My Neck of the Woods” signage to “Good to B Home”
- Magpie’s - Myranda Walker – 125 S. Juliana Street - Installation of Wall Signage – “Magpie’s”
- Russ Greaser, Stiffler McGraw & Assoc., Inc. – Bedford Borough – 244 W. Penn Street - Borough Building Renovation (*with two minor changes as discussed – black railing at the rear of the common area and changes to the gable*)

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Neff, to approve HARB’s recommendation. 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 owners on John, Thomas, Union and Juliana Streets, along with Barclay Drive.

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to appoint Diane Ling to fill the vacancy on HARB left by Mr. Cessna’s resignation. The appointment would be for the remainder of the five-year term ending 06-2024. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Mr. Rinscheid, seconded by Mr. Cessna, to approve Resolution 2020-01 making an irrevocable election to adopt an alternative amortization period for amortizing the unfunded actuarial accrued liability effective January 1, 2019. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Council entered Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. with Attorney Esch McCombie in attendance.

Mr. Rinscheid exited the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Esch McCombie exited the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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Council exited Executive Session at 9:02 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 9:02 p.m.

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Borough Secretary