

August 3, 2020

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BEDFORD
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

____ T. WEAVERLING, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ P. NEFF, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ S. TURKOVICH, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ J. CESSNA, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ J. RINSCHIED, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ W. BLACKBURN, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ K. FETTERMAN, COUNCIL MEMBER

____ W. LEIBFREID, MAYOR
____ B. DIEHL, MANAGER/TREASURER
____ B. GELLER, BOROUGH SECRETARY
____ M. HIZER, ASST. BOROUGH SECRETARY
____ B. FOOR, PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR
____ C. BOWMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE
____ D. CRABTREE, SOLICITOR
____ J. DAMGAARD, ESQUIRE
____ T. COOPER, ENGINEER/SMAI

OTHERS PRESENT:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER (President Weaverling)

MINUTES: July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting and July 21, 2020 Workshop Meeting

Approved As Submitted – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

Modifications: _____

BILLS: July 7, 2020 through August 3, 2020

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Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

Modifications: _____

TREASURER’S REPORT(S): August 3, 2020

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Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

Modifications: _____

BID OPENING(S): NONE

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VISITORS RECOGNIZED: *3 TO 5 MINUTES SPEAKING TIME PER VISITOR/TOPIC*

NAME:

Ron Ebert & Sandy Detwiler
Dave & Holly Howsare

TOPIC:

Fall Foliage Festival
R1 Zoning – Bed & Breakfast

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT’S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF BOWMAN’S REPORT:

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

ONGOING COUNCIL BUSINESS:

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSON:

Bedford Heritage Trust Report – Jeff Rinscheid

DBI + Event + Sign Request(s) – Sharon Turkovich

- *(Tabled during the July Meeting)* - Request from Fall Foliage for the 56th Annual Festival on October 3, 4, 10 and 11, 2020. Seeking to enlarge the footprint of the festival to allow extra distance between vendors – John Street between Richard to Thomas Streets and additional block on Juliana Street to Watson Street.

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)

- *Further discussion on event request approved during the May 4, 2020 Council Meeting*
Request from the League of Pretty Good Guys for the Vietnam War Monument Dedication on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Setup will begin at 8:30 am with the ceremony beginning at 11 am. Requesting street closures between 8:00 am to 1:30 pm for Penn Street between Huntingdon and Lafayette Avenues and Juliana Street between Penn and John Streets. Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches have approved the date.

Emergency Preparedness/Response & Safety – Bill Blackburn

Finance, Personnel & Budget – Tim Weaverling

- Recommendation for Matthew Haight to be hired as full-time Police Patrol Officer, pending satisfactory completion of background check and psychological/physical examinations.

Motion _____ Second _____

- *Request for Executive Session (Personnel)*

Borough Property, Infrastructure, Equipment & Parks/Rec – John Cessna

- Discussion on request from BJMA (Shuster Way Heritage Trail) for borough to contribute 1/3 of the expense for the bridge inspections along the trail. Bridges to be inspected every five years (2020 marks five years since the trail was built). Quotes were received and the lowest proposal was at a cost of \$2000 (not publicly reviewed yet). Bedford Township has offered to pay for 1/3 of the expense (\$667). Inspections anticipated to occur in the Fall with payment due at that time.

Ordinances Review – Patrick Neff

- Committee met earlier today to discuss recodification of ordinances

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Act on recommendations from HARB on approved Permit Applications:

- Gary Ickes – Demolition of rear portion of Ickes Drug building, make parking lot – 122 S Juliana St
- Steven Karns – 153 W John Street – Enclose Side Porch, New Roof, Install Siding
- Kenneth Davidson – 132 S East Street - Front Porch- Remove Brick and Concrete Steps, Add Concrete Steps with White Vinyl Railing. Back Porch– Pour Concrete over existing steps and add white vinyl railing
- Doyle’s Flower Shop – 203 E Pitt Street – Signage at new location
- Ray & Robin Arnold – 328 E Penn Street - Replace Shingled Roof on House, Carport and Garage with Black textured Metal
- Chris Taylor/ Winners Luck – 112 N Richard Street - Signage
- Juli’s Wearable Art – 100 E Pitt Street – Signage, Paint – Expand to Pinnacle Computers location
- Pinnacle Computer – 102 E Pitt Street – Signage, Paint – Move to former Deepwood Gallery
- Dino Saracino – 339 S Richard Street – Repaint House – White, Alabaster, Sage Green and two shades of Gray

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

2. Update on Fire Department Building Project – Borough Renovation Project
 - Fire Department and contractors working on punch list items (final certificate of occupancy has not been issued)
 - Borough building in demolition stage
 - Salvaged copper to owner (exceeded budget)
 - Water Plant Communication System – secured and box built to protect equipment to prevent unplanned loss of power
 - Addition on rear of building to begin later this week. The Borough contracted with CME to provide Quality Assurance/Quality Control Special Inspection services (visual observations, field and laboratory soils and concrete/grout testing, soils and aggregates laboratory, placement testing and required structural steel inspection. *Required third-party company.*
3. Letters sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) and the Bedford Police Departments – went to property owners on West and Pitt Streets.
4. Our monthly contribution to the Bedford Ambulance is \$1500 (housing our police department and administrative offices). For the 2021 Budget – we will need to budget for this amount to continue through project completion (*anticipated to be March 2021*).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION _____

Reminder(s):

Council Workshop ~ Tuesday, August 18th at 3pm ~ Bedford Ambulance Meeting Room

Council Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 8th at 7pm ~ Bedford Ambulance Meeting Room