

July 6, 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, John Cessna, and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, and Police Chief Craig Bowman were also in attendance. Council Member Patrick Neff was absent along with Public Services Director Brad Foor, Solicitor Dean Crabtree and Tim Copper, PE, Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc.

Will Deshong of the Bedford Gazette was in attendance.

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the June 16, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve the list of bills from June 2, 2020 through July 6, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the July 6, 2020 Treasurers Report. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Police Statistics.

Chief Bowman shared that the Police Department responded to 155 incidents in June 2020 compared to 128 incidents in June 2019. Complaints increased to 51 over 10 complaints in 2019.

Chief Bowman reminded Council of Ordinance 2019-05 – Deposit and Accumulation of Grass Clippings. The ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly cause grass clippings, leaves, or other debris or waste produced in conjunction with yard maintenance or gardening to be deposited on sidewalks, streets, alleys, and public roads of the Borough of Bedford. Chief Bowman noted that he tries to educate property owners of the ordinance when he witnesses an occurrence.

Council Member Rinscheid shared that the Fort Museum was adding exterior lighting directed towards the amphitheater area. Attendance at the Fort Bedford Museum is down 50% over 2019. Garbage can wraps have been added throughout Bedford advertising the Fort Museum. A front-page article in the July 1<sup>st</sup> Bedford Gazette and a story on WTAJ Channel 10 shared that the Museum is seeking 18<sup>th</sup> century artifacts. The Museum is designing a new exhibit that will cover the French and Indian War through the Whiskey Rebellion.

Council Member Turkovich presented the request from the Fall Foliage Committee for the 56th Annual Festival to be held on October 3, 4, 10 and 11, 2020. The Committee is seeking to enlarge the footprint of the festival to allow extra distance between vendors. The additional space would include expansion onto John Street between Richard to Thomas Streets and an

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additional block on Juliana Street to Watson Street. After discussion, the request was tabled. The current orders under Governor Wolf include limiting functions to less than 250 participants.

A request from the Bedford High School Class of 2021 After Prom Committee requested closure of John Street from Bedford to East Streets on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7 pm for Prom Walk Ins. The request was tabled until the July 21, 2020 Council Workshop. Council requested Secretary Geller to seek additional information regarding the event.

Manager Diehl shared that three Applications were approved at the June 25<sup>th</sup> HARB Meeting:

- Six Gun Properties, LLC – Renovation of 200 W. Penn Street (Overhang Tabled)
- Brad Sechler – 227 W. John Street – Replace Shingled Roof with Black Metal Roof
- Richard Wilson – 235 S. Bedford Street - Installation of Privacy Fence

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the applications. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Manager Diehl shared that letters were sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) and/or the Police Department to property owners on Richard, Bedford, and Juliana Streets along with Green Lane.

Manager Diehl shared that employees are updating the Fort Bedford Park with new concrete slabs along with tables, benches, and garbage cans over the next few weeks.

The Fire Department project is nearing completion with a final walk through scheduled for July 15, 2020.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Cessna and carried at 7:36 p.m.

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Borough Secretary