

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, and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Police Chief Craig Bowman and Solicitor Dean Crabtree were also in attendance. Public Services Director Brad Foor, and Tim Cooper, PE, Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc. were absent.

Will Deshong, Bedford Gazette, and Lloyd Roach, Cessna Communications, were in attendance along with Barbara Loshaw.

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve corrected Minutes of the August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with the addition of the word “proposed” in regards to Council not offering objections to a “proposed” Zoning Ordinance change for Bed and Breakfasts. The August 18, 2020 Council Workshop Minutes were approved as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Blackburn, to approve the list of bills from August 4, 2020 through September 8, 2020. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve the September 8, 2020 Treasurers Report. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the Police Statistics. Police Chief Bowman shared information listing a breakdown of incidents and complaints. There were 160 complaints/incidents in August which included assisting other police departments 20 times.

Solicitor Crabtree shared that a Zoning Hearing Application was received from Timothy Horn, owner of 223 Ritchey Avenue. The variance request is for relief from Chapter 27, Part 3, Section 301(D)(4)(c)(2), which requires a rear yard setback of five (5') feet and Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 701(F), which limits total lot coverage by buildings to 30%. The proposed garage would create an insufficient rear yard setback of three (3') feet and 37% lot coverage. No Council Member asked that Solicitor Crabtree be present at the Zoning Hearing.

Council Member Turkovich shared that the Bedford Elks released an email on September 2, 2020 cancelling the Halloween Parade due to COVID – 19.

Council Member Turkovich presented the following event requests:

- The Bedford County Sestercentennial (250th) Anniversary Committee is requesting closure of S. Juliana Street between Penn and Vondersmith from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 for a kickoff ceremony to be held on the Courthouse steps with 15 to 50 individuals expected to attend.
- The Bedford County Sestercentennial (250th) Anniversary Committee is requesting closure of S Juliana Street between Penn and Vondersmith from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a grand opening ceremony on Saturday, May 1, 2021 to be held in the Courthouse courtyard with 60 to 100 individuals expected to attend.

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve the events. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Council President Weaverling shared that Downtown Bedford, Inc (DBI) was awarded a Keystone Communities Grant through DCED in the amount of \$350,000.00. The anchor grant money will be issued to the Dalesmen Distillery. The funds will be repaid by the Dalesmen to DBI who can use the funds to assist other downtown businesses.

Council Member Patrick Neff joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Council Member John Cessna joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Council Member Neff shared that there are no new updates from the Ordinance Review Committee. Appropriate language is required prior to advertising the Ordinance. Discussion followed regarding manager/owner availability for the Bed & Breakfasts and possibly limiting the number of establishments. Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve Solicitor Crabtree to authorize drafting of the Ordinance change and advertising the change. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Manager Diehl shared the following applications approved at the August 27, 2020 HARB Meeting:

- Charlotte Gearhart-Wallace –123 W. John St – Replace Metal Roof with Charcoal Gray Metal Roof
- Tiffany Whitfield – 133A W. Pitt Street – Install Signage
- Barbara Loshaw – 301 W. Pitt Street – Erect Stockade Style Fence Along 10 Ft Alley
- Kathleen Kepner – 205 W. John Street – Replace shingled roof sections with red metal to match upper roof

Motion was made by Council Member Fetterman, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the applications. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Blackburn, to approve Requisition #3A-2020 for the Borough Building Renovation Project in the amount of \$112,491.45. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Manager Diehl shared that the Fire Department and Contractors are working on punch list items for the Fire Department Building Project. There were 180 items on the punch list with 140 items completed. Demolition has been completed on the Borough Building and construction of partitions for offices has begun.

Manager Diehl shared that letters were sent from Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance, Inc. (PMCA) and/or the Police Department to property owners on Spring, W. Pitt, N. Davidson, and S. Richard Streets.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the following plans:

- Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan - \$151,754.00 (\$36,420.96 Borough, \$56,148.98 Water, and \$59,184.06 Sewer)

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- Police Pension Plan - \$191,186.00 (Approximate employee contribution of \$10,760.00 with remainder from General Fund 1 in the amount of \$180,426.00)
- Non-Uniform Cash Balance Plan - \$2,806.56 (Admin Charge of \$20.00 per member with the remainder an estimated amount for budgeting purposes only for employer match).

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

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Cessna and carried at 7:37 p.m.

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Borough Secretary