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

Join Zoom Meeting (Video & Audio Option):
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86244080239?pwd=ZmxhL2lHMHBOWndmUTBZcWtJZ3Y1dz09
Meeting ID: 862 4408 0239 * Passcode: 950005

Call in Information: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 862 4408 0239 * Passcode: 950005

PRESENT:

____ T. WEAVERLING, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ P. NEFF, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ S. TURKOVICH, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ J. CESSNA, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ J. RINSCHEID, 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
____ T. COOPER, ENGINEER/SMAI

OTHERS PRESENT: _____
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL MEETING TO ORDER (President Weaverling)

Approval of:

MINUTES: January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting and January 19, 2021 Workshop Meeting
BILLS: January 5, 2021 through February 1, 2021
TREASURER'S REPORT(S): February 1, 2021

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	Nay	
____	____	T. Weaverling, Council Member
____	____	P. Neff, Council Member
____	____	S. Turkovich, Council Member
____	____	J. Cessna, Council Member
____	____	J. Rinscheid, Council Member
____	____	W. Blackburn, Council Member
____	____	K. Fetterman, Council Member

____ ____ Vote Tally

BID OPENING(S): NONE

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

NAME:	TOPIC:
Sarah Garcia	Citizens Against Trash
Derron Peterson	Skate Park

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT:

- Monthly Statistics

POLICE CHIEF BOWMAN'S REPORT:

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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ONGOING COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Zoning Hearing Applications were received for the following:

  - *William Weyant, owner of 419 W. Penn Street Extension.* Variance request is for relief from Chapter 27, Part 8, Section 801(E)(2)(a), which requires twelve (12') foot side yard setbacks for interior lots in the R-2 zoning district. Mr. Weyant would like to replace the existing bedroom and bathroom with a larger ADA compliant bedroom and bathroom for the applicant's mother. The proposed enlargement would create an insufficient side yard setback of seven (7') feet.
  - *Bedford Moose Lodge #480, owner of 221 E. Penn Street.* Variance request is for relief from Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 701(C), which requires the lot area per dwelling unit to not be less than 9,000 square feet in the R-1 zoning district. The Moose would like to subdivide the property into two separate parcels; however, the proposed subdivision would create an insufficient minimum lot size of 6,457 square feet for the parcel containing the dwelling.
  - *Jeremy Mock, owner of 233 E. Simpson Street.* Variance request is for relief from Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 701(E)(3), which requires a minimum rear yard depth of thirty-five (35') feet in the R-1 zoning district. Mr. Mock would like to construct an outdoor living space on an existing concrete pad; however, the proposed structure would create an insufficient rear yard setback of ten (10') feet.

Does Council have any issues with these requests? If so, would you like Solicitor Crabtree to represent Council at these hearings on February 8, 2021?

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSON:

Bedford Heritage Trust Report – Jeff Rinscheid

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

- Requests from Bedford County Sestercentennial Committee
  - to hold a parade on Saturday, September 11, 2021 with parade forming at 2pm with an anticipated end time at 3pm.
  - to hold a tree dedication on Saturday, April 30, 2021 in Memorial Park Cemetery with approximately 10 individuals in attendance.
  - the addition of a 21-gun salute to the already approved kickoff ceremony on Saturday, May 1st.

Motion _____ Second _____

Roll Call Vote:

Aye	Nay	
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____	____	S. Turkovich, Council Member
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____	____	J. Rinscheid, Council Member
____	____	W. Blackburn, Council Member
____	____	K. Fetterman, Council Member

____ ____ Vote Tally

Emergency Preparedness/Response & Safety – Bill Blackburn

Finance, Personnel & Budget – Tim Weaverling

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

- Motion to approve the following work to be completed by Zac Brouse (Brouse Forestry & Tree Care) in the amount not to exceed $3,500.00 – for the Square Tree Assessment (below):

Presbyterian Square:

- Pruning of (2) Honey Locust Trees (removal of all dead/dying branches and removal of branches on wires)
- Removal of (1) Sugar Maple (tree is dying and has a lot of dead branches and crown decline)
- Pruning of (2) Sugar Maple Trees (removal of dead tree top and dead/dying branches)
- Removal of (1) Flowering Dogwood (small tree to be replaced with new, White Fir to be used as new Town Christmas Tree)

Lutheran Square:

- Pruning/Crown Raise of Norway Maple by Gazebo
- Light Pruning of Norway Maple by Man on the Monument
- Medium Pruning of Norway Maple by the Parrish House

Post Office (Federal) Square:

- All trees need Root Collar Excavation
- Dogwood needs removed and replaced
- Mulberry Tree (nearest Post Office) needs heavy pruning
- Existing Stump needs ground or removed

Work above does not include the cost of planting new trees. Per the January 19, 2021 Council Minutes – Mr. Brouse offered to donate, plant, and maintain the new White Fir Town Christmas Tree.

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____ ____ Vote Tally

Ordinances Review – Patrick Neff

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Act on recommendations from HARB on Permit Applications:
   Applications approved:
   - Brian Burke – 329 E Pitt Street – Replace Asphalt Roof with Black Metal
   - Mari-Pat Beene / Pigeon Hill Properties – 115 S Juliana Street – Replace 2 double hung vinyl windows on second floor bay windows with 2 vinyl casement and fixed transom windows, Installation of signage on east side of building noting parking for museum.
   - Bedford Area School District – Plan for 306 E John Street – Parking area

   Application tabled:
   - Mari-Pat Beene/ Pigeon Hill Properties – 117 S Juliana Street – Façade Improvement – Paint Building, New Exterior Lights, Awnings

   Motion _____ Second _____

   Roll Call Vote:

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____ ____ Vote Tally

2. Update on Fire Department Building Project – Borough Renovation Project

3. Fort Bedford Museum – letter to Bedford Heritage Trust (extending agreement for one year)

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4. Letters sent from the Bedford Police Department went to property owners on S Juliana, Spring, W John, W Pitt Streets and W Central Way.

5. <u>Re-Appointment -</u>

   Sean Bardell – Historic Architectural Review Board – 5-Year Term
   Melissa Jacobs – Borough Planning Commission – 4-Year Term

   <u>Appointments -</u>

   Bill Blackburn – Civil Service Commission – 5-Year Term
   (Replacing Dean Lemley– whose term expired on 11/2020)

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   ____ ____ Vote Tally

   <u>Reminder -</u>
   - *Bill Blackburn – H.A.R.B. – 5-Year Term (Expires on 06/2022)*
     Bill would like Council to find a replacement for him.

6. Collection of the 2021 Statement of Financial Interests Form.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION _____

Reminder(s):

Workshop Session ~ Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 3 p.m.
Next Council Meeting ~ Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 7:00pm

DUE TO COVID, WHEN NECESSARY – MEETINGS WILL BE DONE BY TELECONFERENCE. Access to each teleconference will be provided to all media outlets, and residents can also join the teleconference by utilizing the telephone number and access code published on the borough's website (www.bedboro.com) for each meeting.

REMINDER – Council Meetings will be held at the Bedford Ambulance Building – Meeting Room until Renovation Project is Complete (Anticipated for June 2021)
(From Vondersmith - Entrance will be on the left side of the building)
(walk back to rear deck, enter door into meeting room)