January 4, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held via Zoom on the above date with the following Council Members present, Tim Weaverling, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, John Cessna, William Blackburn, Patrick Neff and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Assistant Borough Secretary Misty Hizer, Police Chief Craig Bowman, Solicitor Dean Crabtree and Tim Cooper, P.E. of Stiffler McGraw were also in attendance. Public Services Director Brad Foor was absent.

Marcia Rogish, Lloyd Road, Bedford County Speaks and Will Deshong, Bedford Gazette, were also in attendance.

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to make the following appointments, depository designations and payment of certain obligations between meetings:

Appointments

- Borough Solicitor – Dean Crabtree
- Borough Secretary – Beverly Geller
- Assistant Borough Secretary – Misty Hizer
- Borough Treasurer – Barbara E. Diehl
- Assistant Borough Treasurer – Beverly Geller
- Borough Manager and Borough Secretary as Right-to-Know Officers
- Vacancy Board - Council & Solicitor (If solicitor is a resident of the Borough). Solicitor to be chairperson of Board.
- Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Pension Plan and Fund (Heretofore the Borough Secretary.)

Depository Designations

- "First National Bank of PA" as the depository for the Borough General Fund and Water/Sewer Operating Fund Checking Accounts.
- "Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust" (PLGIT) as the depository for the Liquid Fuels Fund Checking Account.
- "Altoona First" as the depository for the Capital Reserve Fund Checking Account.
- "Hometown Bank" as the depository for the Fort Bedford Museum Operating Fund Checking Account.

Payment of Certain Obligations Between Meetings

- Borough Council authorizes the Office Staff to pay the following: payroll, invoices coming due between meetings and invoices on which a discount could be obtained if paid between meetings.

Motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote (7-0), Council Member Weaverling – aye, Council Member Neff – aye, Council Member Turkovich -aye, Council Member Cessna – aye, Council Member Rinscheid – aye, Council Member Blackburn – aye, Council Member Fetterman – aye.

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to approve the following Minutes, Bills and Treasurer's Report(s):

Minutes

- December 7, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes
- December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected to remove the word "unanimous" from page three, seventh paragraph.
- December 22, 2020 Year-End Council Meeting Minutes from Zoom

Bills

- December 8, 2020 through January 4, 2021

Treasurer's Report(s)

- January 4, 2021

Motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote (7-0), Council Member Weaverling – aye, Council Member Neff – aye, Council Member Turkovich -aye, Council Member Cessna – aye, Council Member Rinscheid – aye, Council Member Blackburn – aye, Council Member Fetterman – aye.

Mayor Leibfreid expressed condolences to President Weaverling on the passing of his mother.

Chief Bowman noted the police statistics were not yet available, but would be emailed to council the next day.

President Weaverling noted there were minor changes made to the Committee List at the end of 2020 and if there were no further changes, the existing Committee List will carry forward and apply for 2021.

President Weaverling expressed condolences to Tim Cooper, P.E on the passing of his wife.

Mr. Cooper updated Council on the upcoming 2021 paving and ADA ramp project. The design phase is complete and Mr. Cooper will follow up with Manager Diehl to keep the project moving forward. Mr. Cooper stated the project will come back to Council next month for approval to advertise for bids. Liquid Fuels funds will be utilized for the Borough's portion of the project.

Council Member Turkovich shared an event request from Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life seeking approval for Bedford Area March for Life scheduled on January 29, 2021. The event will begin at the Bedford Fairgrounds at 11:30 a.m. watching the National March for Life live-streamed from Washington, D.C. Following the live-stream, participants will walk single file through Bedford to the Lutheran Church square for a short ceremony. Applicant is seeking use of the gazebo for the 120 anticipated participants.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the Bedford County Citizens Concerned for Human Life event, as presented, provided the applicant and attendees follow CDC guidelines. Motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote

(7-0), Council Member Weaverling – aye, Council Member Neff – aye, Council Member Turkovich -aye, Council Member Cessna – aye, Council Member Rinscheid – aye, Council Member Blackburn – aye, Council Member Fetterman – aye.

Manager Diehl requested approval of a HARB application for Bella Terra Vineyards signage.

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the Bella Terra Vineyards signage. Motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote (7-0), Council Member Weaverling – aye, Council Member Neff – aye, Council Member Turkovich -aye, Council Member Cessna – aye, Council Member Rinscheid – aye, Council Member Blackburn – aye, Council Member Fetterman – aye.

Council Member Blackburn updated Council on the Bedford Fire Department (BFD) Renovation Project. BFD is currently accepting bids to finish the mezzanine area and basement. Manager Diehl added that the Borough Renovation Project is moving along and she would like to do a walk through at the January 2021 workshop session.

Manager Diehl noted there were no letters sent from the Bedford Police Department.

Manager Diehl reminded Council that Dean Lemley's term on the Civil Service Commission expired November 2020 and that Mr. Lemley would like Council to find a replacement for him.

President Weaverling reminded Council that 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.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 7:21 p.m.

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Borough Secretary