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. 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
____ 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)

MINUTES: March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting and March 16, 2021 Workshop Meeting

Approved As Submitted – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Modifications: _____
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BILLS: March 2, 2021 through April 5, 2021

Approved As Submitted – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Modifications: _____
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TREASURER'S REPORT(S): April 5, 2021

Approved As Submitted – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Modifications: _____
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BID OPENING(S): Push Button Crosswalk Project **(**ARLE Grant)

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

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT:

- Monthly Statistics

POLICE CHIEF BOWMAN'S REPORT:

- Discussion on BHS Event Request (below)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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ENGINEER'S REPORT:

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ONGOING COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A Zoning Hearing Application was received for Robert & Mollie Turkovich, at 421 S. Juliana Street. Variance request is for relief from Chapter 27, Part 7, Section 701(E)(2)(b) and 701(E)(3), which requires twelve (12') foot side yard setbacks for the one (1) interior side yard of a corner lot and thirty-five (35') foot rear yard setbacks, respectively, in the R-1 zoning district.

  Does Council have any issues with these requests? If so, would you like Solicitor Crabtree to represent Council at these hearings on April 5, 2021?

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSON:

Bedford Heritage Trust Report – Jeff Rinscheid

- Items at Borough Office – Fort Museum Related

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

- Request from DBI for the Farmers Market in the Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Quadrants of the Square on Wednesdays from 9 am to 1 pm beginning May 19th through September 29, 2021
- Request from DBI to hold sidewalk sales:
  - ✓ May 27 – 31 for Memorial Day
  - ✓ July 1 – 4 for Independence Day
  - ✓ July 25-31 for Fair Week
  - ✓ September 2-6 for Labor Day
  - ✓ October 2 – 10 for Fall Foliage
- Request from Bedford High School Prom Committee for closure of Watson Street between the Bedford Middle School and the Bedford High School for prom walk-ins on April 30, 2021 between 5 and 7 pm.
- Request from Love, INC to hold the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6th at 12 noon in the Lutheran section of the Square along with use of the gazebo. The program should last approximately 60 minutes and would utilize an audio system.

- Request from Bedford County Historical Society for placement of three (3) signs denoting the 250th anniversary of Bedford County. They would be placed on W Pitt Street, S Richard Street and in front of the Courthouse and be in place through November. There will also be other signs outside the Borough.

  Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)

Emergency Preparedness/Response & Safety – Bill Blackburn

Finance, Personnel & Budget – Tim Weaverling

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

  Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)

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

Ordinances Review – Patrick Neff

- Discussion on the use of sidewalks and streets for recreational use

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. Act on recommendations from HARB on Permit Applications:
   Application approved via email:
   - Mari-Pat Beene – 117 S Juliana Street – Replace Wooden Items of Porch, Install Lighting, Replace Porch Roof and Windows, Remove A/C Unit and install glass or solid material in transom – Paint

     Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)

2. Letters sent from the Bedford Police Department went to property owners on Spring, Penn, Juliana, Pitt and Davidson Streets along with Highland Drive.

3. Openings:
   - _____ – H.A.R.B. – 5-Year Term
     (Replacing Bill Blackburn– whose term expires on 06/2022)

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

5. The Borough Planning Commission met on March 18, 2021 and discussed a request from the Bedford Moose Lodge #480 (Lodge) to subdivide the lot shown on the attached Final Subdivision Plan. The applicant requested to divide E.09-E.04-137 into two lots. Subdivision request is for a separate parcel for the existing dwelling and the existing rear parking lot will be consolidated with the Lodge's parcel E.09-E.04-057. The Lodge applied for, and was granted, a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board on February 8, 2021 for relief from the ordinance requirement of a minimum lot area of 9,000 square feet – proposed is 6,457 square feet. The Final Subdivision Plan was prepared by Clark Surveying & Engineering, LLC, dated December 22, 2020; revised March 15, 2021. Tim Cooper, P.E. of Stiffler McGraw, signed the final plan as the Borough Engineer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
ADJOURNMENT: MOTION _____

Reminder(s):

Workshop Session ~ Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting ~ Monday, May 3, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

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)