The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held 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, Police Chief Craig Bowman, Solicitor Dean Crabtree and Tim Cooper, P.E. of Stiffler McGraw were also present.

Lloyd Road, Cessna Communications, and Will Deshong, Bedford Gazette, were also in attendance.

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the Minutes from the March 1, 2021 Council Meeting and the March 16, 2021 Council Workshop. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the list of bills from March 2, 2021 through April 5, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve the April 5, 2021 Treasurers Report. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Mr. Cooper opened the one bid received from Schultheis Electric for the Push Button Crosswalk Project (ARLE Grant). The bid was submitted in the amount of $40,925.00. Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Neff, to accept the bid upon Stiffler McGraw reviewing the bid. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Mayor Leibfreid shared the police statistics with Council.

Chief Bowman introduced discussion on the Bedford High School Prom Committee request to close Watson Street from Ritchey Avenue/East Street to Arandale Street. The concern for closing the street is limiting Meadowbrook Terrace to one entrance for the approximate 100 homes and response time in an emergency.

Mr. Cooper shared that the Bedford School District has submitted a third set of plans for the Renovation Project and that all his concerns were addressed, and questions answered in the current submittal. Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve Stiffler McGraw signing off on the Bedford School District Project. Motion carried (5-1-1) with Council Member Turkovich voting against the project and Council Member Neff abstaining as an employee of the Bedford School District.

Solicitor Crabtree shared that a Zoning Hearing Application was received for Robert & Mollie Turkovich, at 421 S. Juliana Street. The 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. Council did not request Solicitor Crabtree to represent the Borough at the hearing.

Council Member Rinscheid shared he and Jennifer Judd went through the Fort Museum information that was given to the Borough and being stored in two filing cabinets. Council Member Rinscheid described the articles as duplicates of items already at the Museum, copies of Gazette articles, index cards someone copied by hand, older office equipment manuals, etc. Council Member Rinscheid asked permission to donate any item that could be used for genealogy research to the Bedford County Historical Society, dispose of the copies of the Bedford Gazette and handwritten copies and move any information of value to the Fort Museum. It was noted that there were multiple sets of the inventory binders. Motion was made by Council Member Fetterman, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the disposition of the items from the Fort Museum as presented by Council Member Rinscheid. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Council Member Turkovich shared the following:

- 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 was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve the events with the caveat that the Prom Committee staff the barricades so that the street can be cleared and opened immediately in the event of an emergency. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to approve the hiring of Troy Nelson as a full-time Police Patrol Officer, pending satisfactory completion of a background check and psychological/physical examinations. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Multiple calls have been received by Office Staff and the Police Department regarding skate/long boards being ridden in the Borough. Solicitor Crabtree noted that the current Ordinance restricts skateboarding in the Business District and is unenforceable as written. The Business District was redefined when the Zoning Ordinance was updated. Chief Bowman noted

he has concerns for both property owners and the long/skate boarders and would like clarification.

Discussion followed regarding banning all skate/long boards from all sidewalks and from sunset to sunrise. The Ordinance Review Committee will work on updating the Ordinance to present to Council.

Manager Diehl shared one HARB application was approved via email for Mari-Pat Beene for 117 S. Juliana Street. The project includes replacing wooden items, installing lighting, replacing the porch roof and windows, removing the AC unit, and installing glass or solid material in transom along with painting the building. Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve the application. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Manager Diehl shared that the bid process for paving should start in the very near future. The Municipal Authority is scheduled to pave multiple streets as one of the last steps of the CSO Removal project and the Borough will have four (4) streets to pave in 2021. Discussion on financing the project followed with Mr. Cooper suggesting using the Liquid Fuels funds as collateral to help secure the loan through PA Infrastructure Bank. Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve using the Liquid Fuels Funds as collateral for the loan through PA Infrastructure Bank. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

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

Manager Diehl reminded Council that a replacement for Bill Blackburn on HARB is being sought. The HARB term expires 06/2022.

Manager Diehl shared that 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. Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the subdivision. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 8:05 p.m.

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Borough Secretary