April 20, 2021

Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at 3:09 p.m. at the Bedford Ambulance Meeting Room. The following Council Members were in attendance, Tim Weaverling, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, Bill Blackburn, and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Assistant Borough Secretary Misty Hizer, and Borough Engineer Timothy Cooper, P.E. of Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc. Inc. were also in attendance.

Council Members John Cessna and Patrick Neff were absent along with Police Chief Craig Bowman and Solicitor Dean Crabtree.

Council Member Rinscheid shared that the Evening Rotary mulched the Fort Bedford Museum the evening of April 19th.

Council Member Turkovich shared the following requests:

- Request from MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers – Presbyterian Church) to use the gazebo on Friday mornings at 10 am in June and July for reading to preschoolers. Readings will last approximately 15 minutes, but gatherings will extend longer for individuals to interact.
- Request from Cornerstone Crossing Psychiatric Rehabilitation, through Bedford-Somerset DBHS, to place green ribbons on the horseheads downtown for Mental Health awareness month (May). Ribbons will be placed April 30th and removed June 28th.

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve the requests with the stipulation that the ribbons be removed by the Cornerstone Crossing Psychiatric Rehabilitation from the horseheads by June 5, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Council Member Rinscheid asked about the meeting with the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA) regarding the roof of the Anderson House. Manager Diehl shared that a leak in the Ashe Gallery is showing through on the ceiling. Quotes for a roof replacement are being sought. Gary Moyer is being asked to assist in completing grant applications to assist in paying for the roof.

Manager Diehl shared that the Borough Building Reno Project is progressing with the interior of the building being completed quicker than the exterior. The large Council table has been installed in Council Chambers. A tour is scheduled for the May 18th Council Workshop. Municipal Authority Members will join Council for the tour. The original completion date was scheduled for April 7th, revised to the end of April and now the end of May. Manager Diehl is predicting the project will not be complete until the end of June.

Council Member Turkovich asked about the riverbank and garbage on the hillside above the Fort Bedford Park. Council Member Turkovich noted that the Park has been busy with individuals fishing, etc. as she passes through the Park on her daily walks. Trash from the businesses above the park is scattered along the hillside. High grass along the riverbank was noted with garbage trapped in the grass. Manager Diehl noted she would reach out to the Public Works Department.

Discussion for a Spring cleanup for downtown was discussed. DBI and Stiffler McGraw were discussed as partners in the cleanup.

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve Requisition #12 for the Borough Building Renovation in the amount of $232,238.41. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Mr. Cooper shared a preliminary plan for additional housing in the Borough. Additional information will be presented at a future meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 4:38 p.m.

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Borough Secretary