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, and Solicitor Dean Crabtree were also present.

Police Chief Craig Bowman and Tim Cooper, PE of Stiffler McGraw were absent.

Lloyd Road, Cessna Communications, Will Deshong, Bedford Gazette, and HARB Member Jacquie Roach were in attendance.

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the Minutes from the April 5, 2021 Council Meeting and the April 22, 2021 Council Workshop. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the list of bills from April 6, 2021 through May 3, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve the May 3, 2021 Treasurers Report. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Jacquie Roach spoke to Council about enforcing the unwritten rule of HARB applications being turned in on the Friday prior to the scheduled HARB Meeting to allow time for Members to review applications and look at the properties. Mrs. Roach asked that the Ordinance be changed to add the language that applications turned in after or prior to that time not be accepted until the due date. Solicitor Crabtree shared that a decision on HARB applications within 30 days is a state statute and cannot be changed by the Borough via ordinance. Manager Diehl shared that when a property is identified as a safety hazard it is in the best interest of the Borough to act on the application without delay.

Mayor Leibfreid shared the police statistics with Council.

Tim Cooper introduced the subject of the Streetscape Project. Mr. Cooper shared that the latest grants awarded through the DCED and PennDOT Multimodal programs to other municipalities were under a million dollars. Alternatives for breaking down the Streetscape Project into smaller projects to increase the chance of receiving a grant were discussed. Council asked that Proposal B (Richard Street from Penn to Central Way and Pitt Street from Richard to Bedford Street) and as much of Proposal E (Richard Street Bridge to Railroad Street) be considered for submittal.

Council Member Neff shared that the Ordinance Review Committee met to discuss the issue of skate or long boards and would like to amend the Ordinance to not allow use on sidewalks, after dusk or in the Commercial District. The Committee asked Solicitor Crabtree to prepare an amendment to the Ordinance.

The Ordinance Review Committee shared that they discussed allowing property owners to host vendors in response to the request form Dave Heller of Olde Bedford Brewing and Jessica Frye of Wholesome Living. Solicitor Crabtree asked what changes the Committee would like regulated or not regulated in an amended Transient License Ordinance. Manager Diehl noted that the Minutes from a prior Council Meeting where the subject was discussed would be distributed for Council to review.

Manager Diehl shared the following Historic Architecture Review Board (HARB) applications approved at the April 22nd HARB Meeting:

- Kathryn Mason – 242 W. John Street – Enclose Porch
- David Dively – 128 S. Bedford St – Build Storage Building
- Michael Fisher – 223 W. John Street – Replace Shingle Roof w/ black metal, Replace Wood Siding w/ Vinyl.

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the application. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

A HARB application received by Elizabeth Cushwa from 230 E Pitt Street to demolish a carriage house/barn was tabled until the May 18, 2021 Council Workshop.

Manager Diehl shared that letters were sent from the Bedford Police Department to property owners on Penn and Juliana Streets.

Manager Diehl shared that the bid process for paving should start in the 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).

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 Solicitor Crabtree met with Borough personnel to discuss abandoned, vacated, and foreclosed properties along with properties where the owner is deceased, and the properties are overgrown and /or falling into disrepair. A change would need made to the Ordinance for the Police Department to post properties. Chief Bowman has previously suggested that the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) be adopted which would allow easier enforcement.

Manager Diehl initiated a discussion on sidewalk and curb inspections and deterioration. Specifications on sidewalks and curbs should be added to the Ordinance. Council Members Neff and Turkovich noted that they would like the Borough to take over curbing throughout the Borough. Council Members noted that sidewalks should continue to be maintained by property owners. Council Members noted that they would like to see sidewalk inspections completed

more frequently. A tax increase was discussed for the Borough to take over curbing. Manager Diehl noted that she would initiate a meeting to address the sidewalk and curb issue with Chief Bowman and Solicitor Crabtree.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to approve Requisition 13 for the Borough Building Renovation Project in the amount of $299,712.90. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 8:23 p.m.

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Borough Secretary