Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at 3:00 p.m. at the Bedford Fire Department Meeting Room. The following Council Members were in attendance, Tim Weaverling, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, John Cessna, and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, and Borough Engineer Timothy Cooper, P.E. of Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc. Inc. were also in attendance.

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

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

Council Member Rinscheid shared that the Fort Bedford Museum will be holding a ribbon cutting for the Indian Eve exhibit on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Motion was made by Council Member Fetterman, seconded by Council Member Turkovich to approve the following DBI events:

- Rock the Block – Thursday, June 17th and Thursday, August 12th – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Independence Day Celebration – Sunday, July 4th
- Costume Promenade – Saturday, October 23rd
- Christmas Family Fun – Saturday, December 4th

Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the request from the Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches to use the Squares for a community-wide Vacation Bible School sponsored by both churches beginning Monday, June 28th through Thursday, July 1st. Request includes closure of Juliana Street between Penn and Central Way beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the request from the Fort Bedford VFW to hold a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 31st in front of the Courthouse beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting approximately 45 minutes. The request includes closure of Juliana Street between Penn and Vondersmith Avenue. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to approve the request of the Fall Foliage Festival Committee, to approve the Festival to be held October 2, 3, 9 and 10, 2021 *without the requested extension along Juliana Street between John Street to Bedford Street*. Motion was carried (4-0) with Council Member Fetterman abstaining as a former member of the Fall Foliage Festival Committee.

Manager Diehl shared that at a special meeting held May 13, 2021 of the Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) the application of Elizabeth Cushwa of 230 E. Pitt was approved to demolish a carriage house/barn. Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by

Council Member Fetterman, to approve the demolition. Motion was carried (4-1) with Council Member Rinscheid voting against the demolition.

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve Requisition #14 for the Borough Building Renovation in the amount of $104,602.09. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Manager Diehl shared that the payouts of budgeted funds to date are 68% of HVAC, 64% of Electrical, 86% of plumbing, and 70 % of General Contracting. Dates for substantial and final completion will be discussed at the Construction Progress Meeting scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Mayor Leibfreid inquired about paving. Manager Diehl shared that an application has been submitted by the Municipal Authority (MABB) for a PA Infrastructure Loan and an answer has not been received regarding the financing. The application is currently in the review stage.

Mr. Cooper shared that the paving area has been adjusted in anticipation of upcoming projects. Streets have been removed because of the High School Renovation Project and an opportunity for a grant to replace older piping by the Municipal Authority. Manager Diehl shared that the June 15, 2021 Council Workshop would be the ideal date to advertise for paving to be completed by the end of October.

Mr. Cooper shared that an answer on which sections to submit for the Streetscape Project will need to be decided in June.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 3:31 p.m.

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Borough Secretary