August 17, 2021

Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at 3:00 p.m. at the Bedford Ambulance Training Room. The following Council Members were in attendance, Tim Weaverling, Jeff Rinscheid, Sharon Turkovich, Bill Blackburn, Patrick Neff, and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid and Borough Secretary Beverly Geller were in attendance.

Council Member John Cessna, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Police Chief Craig Bowman, Solicitor Dean Crabtree, and Tim Cooper, P.E. of Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc., Inc. were absent.

Council Member Rinscheid shared that the Heritage Trust submitted a letter to Council asking if funds could be budgeted by the Borough for new windows and insulation of the block house ceiling. After discussion Council asked Borough staff to check to see if American Rescue Plan Act funds can be utilized or if funds can be budgeted for the updates.

Council Member Turkovich shared two event requests:

- Dave Cubbison requested closure of Juliana Street between Penn Street and Vondermith Avenue on Friday, September 10, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the 9/11 Remembrance Ride. The event will occur on the Courthouse steps, but the viewing crowd will be on the street.
- Pink Ribbon Fund Committee requested permission to hold the Pink Ribbon Fund Walk/Run on Saturday, October 16, 2021. The run is to begin at 8 am and the walk at 10 a.m. Walk will begin at the Bedford High School and head north on Bedford Street, west on Pitt Street, south on Juliana Street, east on Simpson and then south on Richard Street to the Shuster Way Heritage Trail.
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Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, approving the events. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Council Member Rinscheid shared a wish list from the Bedford Area School District's Parks and Rec Committee for the Greens including dirt for the infield, a scoreboard, and bleachers. Electric was discussed for the scoreboard. Council asked staff to check prior Minutes about a discussion on electricity for a scoreboard. Council Member Fetterman shared that Dustin Lybarger reached out to him about updating the Greens.

Council Member Neff shared that the Bedford County Commissioners have returned a signed Acknowledgment of Notice and Consent for closure of Lafayette Avenue between Penn Street and Vondersmith Avenue. The closure is to increase safety at the entrance to the Courthouse. The Ordinance has been advertised and will be presented for a vote at the September 7, 2021 Council meeting.

Mayor Leibfreid inquired about the request of Mr. Wilson that parking around the High School be revisited due to safety concerns. Council Member Neff shared that he has scheduled a meeting with Mike Trimeloni, Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, and then the Ordinance Review Committee would meet to discuss the issue.

Secretary Geller shared that the Borough received $2,005.30 from a class action lawsuit for coverage with Highmark Health Insurance during the period of July 1, 2010 to March 21, 2012.

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Council entered Executive Session to discuss litigation at 3:23 p.m.

Council exited Executive Session at 4:01 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 4:01 p.m.

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Borough Secretary