COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BEDFORD
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

____ T. WEAVERLING, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ P. NEFF, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ S. TURKOVICH, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ J. CESSNA, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ J. RINSCHEID, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ W. BLACKBURN, COUNCIL MEMBER
____ K. FETTERMAN, COUNCIL MEMBER

____ W. LEIBFREID, MAYOR
____ B. DIEHL, MANAGER/TREASURER
____ B. GELLER, BOROUGH SECRETARY
____ M. HIZER, ASST. BOROUGH SECRETARY
____ C. BOWMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE
____ D. CRABTREE, SOLICITOR
____ T. COOPER, ENGINEER/SMAI

OTHERS PRESENT: _____
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
CALL MEETING TO ORDER **(President Weaverling)**

MINUTES: September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting and September 21, 2021 Workshop Meeting

Approved As Submitted – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Modifications: _____
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BILLS: September 8, 2021 through October 4, 2021

Approved As Submitted – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Modifications: _____
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TREASURER'S REPORT(S): October 4, 2021

Approved As Submitted – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Approved As Corrected – Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)
Modifications: _____
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BID OPENING(S):

VISITORS RECOGNIZED: *3 TO 5 MINUTES SPEAKING TIME PER VISITOR/TOPIC*

- Bark Bedford – Mary Lorah

MAYOR/POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT:

- Monthly Statistics

POLICE CHIEF BOWMAN'S REPORT:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Request Executive Session (Litigation Issue)
- Motion to approve and authorize Mayor Leibfreid and Council President Weaverling to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bedford (MABB) and the Bedford Township Municipal Authority (BTMA). *MABB approved the agreement during a joint meeting with the township on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.*

  Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- Seeking approval for:
  - Resolution 2021-03 – Requesting a Multimodal Transportation Grant from PennDOT for the Streetscape – Phase IV Project in the amount of $863,468.00
  - Approving Manager Diehl and Secretary Geller to execute all documents and agreements
  - Manager Diehl to sign the Funding Commitment Letter for the Multimodal Transportation Grant

  Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

ONGOING COUNCIL BUSINESS:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- A Zoning Hearing Application was received for Matthew Deneen, at 311 E. Penn Street. Variance request is for relief from Chapter 27, Part 19, Section 1901(A)(5), which requires driveways to be no closer than ten (10') feet to the point of intersection of two property lines at any corner as measured along the property line in the R-1 zoning district.
- A Zoning Hearing Application was received from Jeffrey and Julie Wright, at 232 E. Penn Street. Variance request if for relief from Chapter 27, Part 2, Section 201(B)(Home Occupation)(9), which prohibits nursery schools or daycare centers.

  Does Council have any issues with these requests? If so, would you like Solicitor Crabtree to represent Council at these hearings on October 11, 2021?

COMMITTEE REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSON:

Bedford Heritage Trust Report – Jeff Rinscheid

DBI + Event + Sign Request(s) – Sharon Turkovich

- Request received for a Hayride sponsored by the Bedford United Methodist Church to be held on October 17, 2021, beginning at 132 East John Street at 2 p.m. using a tractor and wagon to travel County Home Road and then return to the Church.

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

Emergency Preparedness/Response & Safety – Bill Blackburn

Finance, Personnel & Budget – Tim Weaverling

Borough Property, Infrastructure, Equipment & Parks/Rec – John Cessna

Ordinances Review – Patrick Neff

- Advertisement to remove a Handicapped space in front of 311 E. Penn Street has been forwarded to the Bedford Gazette and the Ordinance will be added to the October 19th Workshop for Council to take action.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:

1. No HARB applications were received.

2. Letters sent from the Bedford Police Department went to property owners on Penn, John, Juliana, and Union Streets.

3. Paving is complete for 2021. A final walk through will occur in the upcoming weeks.

4. On September 28, 2021, the Borough Office received the 2021 General Municipal Pension System State Aid via ACH in the amount of $110,742.93.

   Prior Years – 2020 - $113,248.16 ($99,387.00 to Police, $13,861.16 to Non-Uniform)
   2019 - $76,807.48 ($76,807.48 to Police, $0 to Non-Uniform)
   2018 - $89,003.38 ($34,272.98 to Police, $54,730.40 to Non-Uniform)
   2017 - $87,176.81 ($35,775.93 to Police, $51,400.88 to Non-Uniform)
   2016 - $78,743.63 ($39,273.74 to Police, $39,469.89 to Non-Uniform)

   The 2021 Police Pension Plan MMO is $91,909.00
   (estimated with employee contribution factored in/actual total is $102,669)

   The 2021 Non-Uniform Pension Plan MMO is $151,754.00
   Borough - $38,640.25 (25%)
   Water - $57,187.57 (37%)
   Sewer - $58,733.18 (38%)

*2021 MMO for the Cash Balance Plan --- $2,807.00. The MMO for the Cash Balance Plan is calculated differently than the pension plan. An estimate of the contracted employer contribution is for budgeting purposes only. Administrative Charges of $20.00 per member is the only MMO amount paid. The contracted employer contribution is remitted monthly along with the employee withholdings. Current invoice reflects an amount due of $20.00.

Council needs to decide how to apply the State Aid check. The deficit of $132,940.07 must be paid to the Municipal Pensions by December 31, 2021.

Amount to go to 2021 Police Pension Plan _____ $91,909.00 (Manager Recommended)
Amount to go to 2021 Non-Uniform Pension _____ $18,833.93 (Manager Recommended)

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - _____)

5. Motion to approve Requisition #21 (Renovation Project Loan) in the amount of $32,076.91 (details on Requisition).

   Motion _____ Second _____ Vote (____ - ____)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
ADJOURNMENT: MOTION _____

Reminder(s):

Workshop Session ~ Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting ~ Monday, November 1, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Reminder – No Workshop Meeting in November
Budget Meeting ~ Monday, November 22nd @ 3:00 p.m.