The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at the lower-level Fire Department Meeting Room with the following Council Members present, Tim Weaverling, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, William Blackburn, Patrick Neff, John Cessna, and Kenny Fetterman. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Police Chief Craig Bowman, Solicitor Dean Crabtree, and Tim Cooper, PE of Stiffler McGraw, were also present.

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

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Neff, to approve the Minutes from the August 2, 2021 Council Meeting, with a correction regarding Council Member Cessna and Mr. Cooper's attendance, and the August 17, 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 August 3, 2021 through September 7, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

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

Mayor Leibfreid shared the police statistics with Council. Mayor Leibfreid proclaimed Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 5 to 7 pm as Trick or Treat night in Bedford Borough. The Bedford County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a movie night the same evening which will start at 7 pm.

Mr. Cooper shared that the Streetscape Project IV Grant application was submitted successfully the last week of July. The grant application is under review and Stiffler McGraw has been contacted with questions. The award of grants is not expected until November.

Council Member Turkovich shared the following event requests:

- Request received DBI to extend the Farmers Market on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, from 9 am to 5 pm.
- Request from Bedford High School Homecoming Parade Committee to hold the Parade on Friday, September 24, 2021 beginning at 5:00 pm. Parade will exit the HS parking lot heading west on Watson, north on Juliana, east on John and returning to the HS parking lot.
- Request from Precious Life of Bedford County to hold the Walk for Life on Saturday, September 25, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with an expected completion time of 11:30 a.m. The Walk will utilize the sidewalks. Walk will begin and end at Bedford High School.
- Request from Bedford County Chamber of Commerce for Downtown on the Farm to be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 5pm to 7:30 pm in the Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Squares. Seeking closure of Juliana Street from Central Way to Penn Street from 4 pm to 8pm.

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

Council Member Neff asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-02, an Ordinance of the Borough of Bedford, closing and vacating a portion of Lafayette Avenue between Penn Street and Vondersmith Avenue. Motion was made by Council member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Neff. Motion passed (7-0) by roll call vote – Council Member Weaverling – aye, Council Member Neff – aye, Council Member Turkovich – aye, Council Member Cessna – aye, Council Member Rinscheid – aye, Council Member Fetterman – aye, and Council Member Blackburn – aye.

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Blackburn, to approve the drafting and advertising for an Ordinance change to remove the Handicapped space in front of the home at 311 E Penn Street. The previous owner requested the space, but it is no longer needed. Motion carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Manager Diehl shared that four Historic Architecture Review Board (HARB) applications were approved at the August 26th meeting:

- 111 E. Pitt Street - Robert Turkovich – Add retaining wall, grade and resurface parking lot
- 117-123 S. Richard Street – Shelley Wertz, James Roue - Paint doors black, add awnings
- 109-115 S. Bedford Street – CBB Investment Group, LLC – Paint sections of building currently gray in Still Water. Trim will remain white.
- 342 S. Richard St. – Your Safe Haven – move free standing sign from S. Thomas to new location

and one application was approved via email

- Roof leak at 123 S. Bedford St – Lori Whetstone – Replace brown shingles with brown metal

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

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

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve Requisition #20 for the Borough Building Renovation Project in the amount of $114,176.51. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Fetterman, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMOs):

- 2022 MMO for Non-Uniform Pension Plan is $141,885.17 ---- with $34,471.29 (Borough General Fund 01), $52,497.51 (Borough Water Fund 06) and $53,916.36 (Borough Sewer Fund 08).

- 2022 MMO for the Police Pension Plan of $111,387 --- employee contributions of approximately $14,460 (5% of wages) with the remaining balance of $96,927 to be allocated against the Borough General Fund 01.
- 2022 MMO for the Cash Balance Plan --- $1,443.77. The MMO for the Cash Balance Plan is calculated differently than the pension plan.

Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Turkovich, to advertise for Bid Quotations to be opened at the October Council Meeting for the following items at the Wastewater Treatment Plant: Ferrous Sulfate, Sludge Hauling and Heating Oil. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (7-0).

Manager Diehl shared that a check was received from EMC Insurance Company in the amount of $22,224.75. The dividend is made possible due to the Borough's participation in the Safety Group Insurance Program.

Manager Diehl shared appreciation for the Borough employees during the recent rains that exceeded 6.75 inches ending on September 2nd. The Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators did exceptional jobs during the flooding. It was noted that the recent replacement of storm water boxes by the Public Works Department helped better manage the storm water.

Manager Diehl shared that the Borough along with the Bedford Fire Department and Bedford Ambulance are planning an event on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The event will showcase the new Borough and Fire Department buildings and honor the First Responders. A special brew form Olde Bedford Brewing will be debuted.

Mr. Deshong and Mr. Roach exited the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Council entered Executive Session to discuss litigation and Borough property at 7:24 p.m.

Chief Bowman and Solicitor Crabtree exited Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Council exited Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 7:44 p.m.

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Borough Secretary