September 21, 2021

Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at 3:00 p.m., in the Bedford Fire Department's Meeting Room. The following Council Members were in attendance, Tim Weaverling, Jeff Rinscheid, Sharon Turkovich, and Bill Blackburn. Borough Manager Barbara Diehl and Assistant Borough Secretary Misty Hizer were also in attendance.

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

Visitors in attendance included Lloyd Roach, of Bedford County Speaks and Will Deshong, of The Bedford Gazette.

Council Member Rinscheid shared that the Heritage Trust has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

Council Member Turkovich shared three event requests:

- Request for closure of Penn Street between Thomas and West Street, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Thursday, October 28, 2021, for a First Responders event. Event is slated to begin at 4:30 p.m., with the Borough, Fire Department and Ambulance participating.
- Bedford Elks is requesting that the 2021 Halloween Parade be held on Monday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. A rain date of Wednesday, October 27th is requested. Parade will begin forming at 6:30 p.m. at the east end of town, with an expected end time of 9:15 p.m. Parade will travel west on Pitt Street, then south on Juliana Street to the Courthouse. Fire Department and EMA will provide additional lighting.
- Request from United Way of Bedford County for placement of their Campaign Progress Thermometer close to the Post Office from October 2021 to April 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Blackburn, approving the events. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (4-0).

Council Member Weaverling noted substantial completion of the new Borough building is slated for September 24, 2021 for issuance of an occupancy permit. Manager Diehl added that parking lines to the rear parking area will be added this week, while painting and furniture delivery will occur the week of September 27, 2021. The October meeting will be held in the Bedford Fire Department's meeting room.

Council Member Turkovich inquired about cleanup of the Fort Bedford Park due to Tropical Storm Ida. Manager Diehl stated the Public Works Department is currently working on the clean up and restoration of the park in anticipation of the upcoming Fall Foliage Festival. Manager Diehl also noted that the Borough needs to coordinate maintenance of the Fort Bedford Museum with the Heritage Trust so that it is ready for Fall Foliage.

Manager Diehl updated Council on the status of the current paving project. The project was originally scheduled to be completed in October, after Fall Foliage. Due to New Enterprise Stone and Lime being ahead of schedule, the project is currently on track to be completed prior to the first weekend in October.

Council Member Fetterman joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Manager Diehl also updated Council on the progress of the Borough Building renovation. A tentative move in date of October 4th has been established and some finishing touches need to be completed.

Manager Diehl informed Council that PENNDOT has begun accepting Multimodal grant applications, with a due date of November 5, 2021. The Streetscape IV Project would fit the eligible list of projects. The grant asks for a 30% match, but a waiver can be requested. A grant application, in the amount of $863,468, with a $30,000 Borough match, was submitted by Stiffler McGraw to DCED in July.

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Blackburn, to approve submission of a Multimodal grant application. Motion carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Council Member Weaverling inquired about the responsibility of the maintenance of the trail, as there is heavy vegetation overgrowth impeding line of sight. Manager Diehl noted maintenance is split between Bedford Borough and Bedford Township, per a joint maintenance agreement. Council Member Turkovich also inquired about the type of gravel that was placed on the trail and if there are any plans to change it, as it is too coarse.

Council Member Neff joined the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Mr. Roach mentioned a press release he received regarding state funding available for bridges and asked if the Borough has any bridges that would be eligible. Manager Diehl stated she would look into it.

Council entered Executive Session to discuss litigation at 3:27 p.m.

Council exited Executive Session at 3:43 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 3:43 p.m.

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Borough Secretary