October 4, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at the Fire Department Meeting Room with the following Council Members present, Sharon Turkovich, Jeff Rinscheid, William Blackburn, Patrick Neff, and John Cessna. Council President Tim Weaverling and Council Member Kenny Fetterman were absent.

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. Representing Bark Bedford were Brian Pachtman, Haley Feaster, Rylan Schnably, Mary Lorah and Mallory Pachtman. Borough Resident Bill Blackburn was in attendance.

Council Vice President Turkovich called the Meeting to order.,

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Rinscheid, to approve the Minutes from the September 7, 2021 Council Meeting, and the September 21, 2021 Council Workshop. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Blackburn, to approve the list of bills from September 8, 2021 through October 4, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve the October 4, 2021 Treasurers Report. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Mary Lorah shared that Bark Bedford was formed as a nonprofit to make Bedford pet friendly and welcoming to other dog owners. Bark Bedford would like Council to consider the addition of waste stations and garbage cans in additional locations, the addition of a dog run (park) at the Fort Bedford Park and support for the application of grants for the dog run (park). Bark Bedford would like to be a tenant of the Borough and have Borough employees/contractors maintain the run (park) and handle emptying the waste stations. Mr. Cooper noted that DEP may not permit a fence to be installed in the floodplain area of Fort Bedford Park for a dog run/walk. The proposal from Bark Bedford has been forwarded to the Borough Property Committee to discuss prior to the subject returning to Council.

Haley Feaster, Rylan Schnably, Mary Lorah, Brian Pachtman and Mallory Pachtman exited the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Mayor Leibfreid shared the police statistics with Council.

Vice President Turkovich requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a litigation issue.

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Cessna, 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 BTMA on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve:

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

Solicitor Crabtree shared the following on upcoming Zoning Hearings scheduled for October 11, 2021:

- A Zoning Hearing Application from Matthew Deneen, at 311 E. Penn Street, 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 from Jeffrey and Julie Wright, at 232 E. Penn Street, for relief from Chapter 27, Part 2, Section 201(B)(Home Occupation)(9), which prohibits nursery schools or daycare centers.

After discussion, Council declined Solicitor Crabtree's representation at the hearings.

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Blackburn to advertise a Public Hearing for 6:30 pm on November 1, 2021. The meeting will be held to allow public comment on the request of rezoning an area adjoining Walnut Street, Green Lane, South Thomas Street and Broad Street from the R-1 (single family residential) Zoning District to R-3 (multi-family residential) Zone. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Council Member Turkovich shared an event request 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. Council tabled the request pending safety concerns. If additional information is received, Council agreed to consider approving the event via email prior to the event date.

Manager Diehl shared that no Historic Architecture Review Board (HARB) applications were received.

Manager Diehl shared that letters were sent from the Bedford Police Department to property owners on Penn, John, Juliana and Union Streets.

Manager Diehl shared that paving is complete for 2021with a final walk through to occur in the upcoming weeks.

Manager Diehl shared that the Borough Office received the 2021 General Municipal Pension System State Aid via ACH in the amount of $110,742.93 on September 28, 2021.

MMOs payable in 2021 are:

Police Pension Plan	$ 91,909.00
Non-Uniform Pension Plan	$151,754.00
Non-Uniform Cash Balance Plan	$ 2,807.00

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to use $91,909.00 to go towards the Police Pension and the remaining $18,833.93 to go toward the Non-Uniform Pension Plan. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Neff, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to approve Requisition #21 for the Borough Building Renovation Project in the amount of $32,076.91. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (5-0).

Mr. Roach, Mr. Deshong, Resident Bill Blackburn, Chief Bowamn, and Solicitor Crabtree exited the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Council entered Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:42 p.m.

Council exited Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 8:17 p.m.

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Borough Secretary