October 19, 2021

Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date at 3:00 p.m., in the recently remodeled Borough Municipal Building. The following Council Members were in attendance, Tim Weaverling, Jeff Rinscheid, Sharon Turkovich, Kenny Fetterman, and Bill Blackburn. Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Mayor William Leibfreid, and Tim Cooper, P. E. of Stiffler, McGraw & Assoc., Inc were in attendance.

Council Member Patrick Neff, Police Chief Craig Bowman, and Solicitor Dean Crabtree 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, October 20, 2021.

Council Member Turkovich shared two event requests:

- Salvation Army (Bedford Service Unit) is requesting approval to conduct the 'bell ringing kettle drive' in the downtown area at the corner of Pitt and Juliana Streets. Ringing will begin Black Friday, November 26th, then each Saturday through December 18th.
- Request from Bedford American Legion to hold a Veterans Day Service in front of the Courthouse on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Request is for the closure of Juliana Street between Penn and John Streets from 10:00 am to 11:30 am with the service to begin at 11:00 am.

Motion was made by Council Member Blackburn seconded by Council Member Cessna, approving the events. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

A brief discussion on American Recovery Plan Act - ARPA funds was entered. Discussion included that the funds could be used for storm water projects. During Tropical Storm Ida, the Fire Department answered 80 calls. It was also noted that other municipalities were asking the federal government to allow the funds to be used for projects not on the original list.

The Property, Infrastructure, Equipment and Parks and Rec Committee is meeting on Friday, October 22nd at 11 am to discuss the proposal from Bark Bedford.

Motion was made by Council Member Turkovich, seconded by Council Member Fetterman, to approve Ordinance 2021-03 to remove a Handicapped space closest to 311 E Penn Street. Motion passed (6-0) by roll call vote – Council Member Weaverling – 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 Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to remove the Alcohol Policy for Bedford Borough properties. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Rinscheid, seconded by Council Member Cessna, to lift the Open Container Ordinance for the First Responders' Event and Open House scheduled for October 28, 2021. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Motion was made by Council Member Cessna, seconded by Council Member Blackburn to approve Resolution 2021-04 for the Disposition of Records. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (6-0).

Manager Diehl shared that an invitation for the First Responders' Event and Open House was provided to each Council Member. The event is October 28th from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Tours of the Bedford Ambulance, Bedford Fire Department and the Borough Municipal Building will be offered.

Council Member Neff joined the meeting at 3:23 pm.

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

Mr. Cooper exited Executive Session at 4:19 pm.

Council exited Executive Session at 4:44 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 4:44 p.m.

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Borough Secretary