

MINUTES

TOWN OF BATH ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman at 4:00pm
2. ROLL CALL: Chairman Ryan Kessel (x) Greg Schene (x) Rick Weber (x)

Quorum: Yes

Also present: N/A

3. Review of Minutes: Ordinance Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2025 were approved by prior Committee Chair Schene.
4. Current projects were discussed including the 1% Municipal Sales and Use Tax. The Town of Bath is expecting the second disbursement from the West Virginia Department of Taxation for the period ending June 30, 2025. The disbursement is expected to be received soon. The GIS mapping will be updated to ensure that new businesses are also participating.
5. The Facade Improvement Initiative was discussed. The Town is awaiting a decision from the Morgan County Commission to receive additional funds to further support the project. This should be completed by early August.
6. A vacant and uninhabitable building registry was discussed. This potential ordinance would allow the Town to identify vacant and/or uninhabitable properties and charge a fee for being on the registry. This would be an incentive to fix/rehabilitate buildings so that they would not be a nuisance and unsafe property.
7. A goal for the term is to address parking issues. A potential parking permit system was discussed, specifically for dedicated parking for businesses both for metered and unmetered spaces.
8. The Chairman provided a legislative update on recently passed state statutes. It was noted that the state code was amended to require local elections, such as the date of the Town's election, to be moved to the general election date in November rather than the current June date. The Town must pass an ordinance in within effective by July 1, 2032 to make this change. A preliminary discussion followed on how and when to implement the ordinance.

9. The next Ordinance meeting date is August 14, 2025 at 4:00pm in the Municipal Center. This is a change from the regular meeting date to accommodate the committee members' schedule.

10. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Chairman: *Ryrtkul*

Date: 8/14/2025