

MINUTES
TOWN OF BATH ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

June 26, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman at 4:00pm
2. ROLL CALL: Chairman Greg Schene (X) Mary Lynn Hickey (X) Susan Webster (X)

Quorum: Yes

Also present:

3. Review of Minutes: Ordinance Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2025 were approved by Common Consent.

4. Chairman Schene provided an update on the current status of the 1% Municipal Sales and Use Tax. The Town of Bath is expecting a second disbursement from the West Virginia Department of Taxation for the period ending June 30, 2025. This disbursement is expected to be received by July 31, 2025.

5. Chairman Schene shared more information on the Façade Improvement Initiative. The proposed 50/50 Façade Program would allow local businesses and property owners to apply for matching funds, covering 50% of the total cost of approved exterior improvements, with the remaining 50% funded by the property owner. Eligible projects may include painting, signage, storefront restorations, lighting, and other enhancements that contribute to the beautification of the Town. The Town is awaiting a decision from the Morgan County Commission to receive additional Hotel/Motel dollars to further support this project. The County Commission is scheduled to meet on July 16, 2025. The Town of Bath has committed \$5,000 from local Hotel/Motel tax funds to this initiative with an additional funding commitment of \$4,500 provided by Travel Berkeley Springs and special 0% financing available through CNB Bank. The date that applications will be made available is scheduled for August 15, 2025.

6. Chairman Schene introduced a potential Ordinance to create a Water Fund Investment Trust. The trust is a dedicated financial plan design to surplus water revenues for long-term benefit. It is used by municipalities to secure financial stability, improve infrastructure and serve future generations without needing to constantly raise water rates. More information will be presented at the next Ordinance meeting.

7. The next Ordinance meeting date is July 13, 2025 at 4:00 pm in the Municipal Center.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Chairman:  _____

Date: 7-22-25 _____