

**MINUTES
TOWN OF BATH ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF BATH MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING**

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August 14, 2025

1. Call to Order: By Chairman Kessel at 4:00pm
2. Roll Call of Members- Chairman Ryan Kessel (x) Greg Schene () Rick Weber (x)

Quorum – Yes

Also present: Reba Dalson, Susan Webster

3. Review Minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting of July 17, 2025. Approved by Common Consent.

4. Municipal Sales Tax Update: Prior 1% sales tax ordinance discussed. Noted that the quarterly receipts shows the increased success of the local economy. Determined that the subject is now pertinent to the Finance Committee going forward.

5. Business Permit Parking Discussion: Chairman Kessel raised the matter as to whether business parking permits should move forward. It was determined that there were many complications and that more issues and problems were created by such a process. This included enforcement and fairness matters. The conclusion was to not proceed with a business parking permit process at this time.

6. Vacant Property Registry Discussion: Chairman Kessel raised the matter to address dilapidated and/or vacant buildings in town. It was noted that these properties can result in safety issues, as well as potential vagrancy, drugs, and pest problems. Also, as to visual blight for town residents and visitors. The committee will continue to explore such a residency. And also look to have already-existing ordinances enforced.

7. Election Date Discussion: Chairman Kessel raised the matter to address recently passed state legislation. It was noted that the town's election needed to be changed to an even year by 2032 to align with state-wide elections. Either in May on the primary date or November on the general election date. And that a collaboration with the Morgan County election clerk would be necessary to ensure the election process would be run properly. The pros and cons of the election date and year to make this change were discussed. Chairman Kessel will continue to be in contact with the Secretary of State's office and the Municipal League for best practices on how to move forward on this issue.

8. Next Regular Meeting- September 18, 2025 at 4pm.

9. The meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

Chairman: Ryan K. D.

Date: 9/18/25