

The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met in regular session on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020** in the Township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

Members Present:

Brad Baxter

Robert Sielschott

Members Not Present:

William Degen

Chairman Brad Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the year-end meeting of December 19, 2019 were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

MOTION to close all blanket certificates issued in 2019 effective 12/31/2019.

MOTION to close all purchase orders issued in 2019 effective 12/31/2019.

<u>RESOLUTION 1-7-20-1</u> provides for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, and hereby sets aside appropriated expenditures that are to be made for and during said fiscal year. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 1-7-20-2 approves the expenses of the Trustees and Fiscal Officer to attend the OTA (Ohio Township Association) and NATaT (National Association of Towns and Townships) Conferences and others relating to government matters in 2020. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

<u>RESOLUTION 1-7-20-3</u> authorizes the Allen County Engineer to annually paint railroad and pavement markings in Bath Township and spray roadside brush with recommendation of the Bath Township Road Foreman. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 1-7-20-4 designates the Bath Township Secretary to act as the designee and/or representative of the Bath Township elected officials to attend their behalf the Auditor of State's Records Training. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.



<u>RESOLUTION 1-7-20-5</u> appoints Terry Baldwin and Gary Reynolds to the Fire Fighters Dependents Board, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

<u>RESOLUTION 1-7-20-6</u> approving the proposal and contract with Medical Mutual, as the provider for healthcare/medical insurance and appoints First Insurance Group as the Agent of Record for 2020. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 1-7-20-7 Authorizing the sale of one (1) 1998 United Express Line enclosed trailer, model U816TAT2, to the Beaverdam / Richland Township Fire Department in the amount of \$1,750.00. Discussion: Chief explained this vehicle carried specialized equipment, originally donated to our fire department. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 1-7-20-8 Approving a leave of absence from January 30, 2020 to

January 30, 2021 for Intermittent Firefighter/EMT Angelo Fox due to his deployment to Kuwait with the Ohio Army National Guard. Furthermore, the Board thanks him for his service and wishes him a safe return. Discussion: Angelo has every intention of coming back to pursue a full-time position. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The fiscal officer reported as of December 31, 2019, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,066,943.42; Star Ohio balance \$98,637.78 and Fifth Third balance \$128,959.51 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,294,540.71.

# BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills as follows:

Payroll Total:

\$ 28,880.48

Expenditures/Bills

\$104,217.90

Total

\$133,098.38

Mr. Sielschott moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to pay the **December 31, 2019 and January 8, 2020** bills. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>Fire Department Banquet</u>, Friday, January 10th-Fiscal Officer will speak on behalf of Bath Township.

Ohio Township 2020 Winter Conference and Trade Show: The Ohio Township Association's annual Winter Conference is slated for February 5-8th at the Columbus Convention Center.

### TRUSTEES BUSINESS

Mr. Degen was not present.

Mr. Baxter who is a member of the Developmental Controls reported the committee approved the overlay proposal for the 309 corridor with some recommended changes. Mr. Baxter requested an executive session to "Prepare for, conducting negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment."

Mr. Sielschott discussed contacting Regional Planning to inquire about opening Autumn Ridge subdivision. Tom Mazur stated it is still not in the works.

# **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Road Foreman Denny Wilkins had nothing further to report.

Fire Chief Joe Kitchen reported year to date calls for service are 34. Chief reported for 2019 there were 1,755 calls and for 2018 there were 1,623 calls. Chief and Ken will analyze the data and provide a report later. The Fire Departments Strategic Plan is now available and published on their website.

Zoning/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported for the month of December his total number of zoning certificates were two, he had twenty complaints and twenty-two inquires. Ken reported the house located at 1105 N. Sugar Street has been torn down and a certified letter has been sent to the owners of 613 E. Lane. Ken reported for the month of December he conducted four annual fire inspections, eight requested inspection and performed one follow up inspection.

Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay reported for the month of December the social hall was used eleven times and \$350.00 was taken in.

## **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

There were (4) four from the public in attendance. The following Bath Residents were in attendance at the meeting and voiced concerns/issues:



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- Clarence Roller 3920 E. Bluelick Road inquired if the gas station were to buy an adjacent property would their existing property have to change to the new overlay. Mr. Sielschott responded yes; they would have to change to the new overlay. Mr. Sielschott explained he would have professionals in the field to review plans to ensure they are appropriate. Not only do they have to comply with the township but also utilities, ODOT and more. Clarence inquired what the buffers would look like? Mr. Baxter explained there are several points on buffers in the overlay proposal that are meant to protect the residents in that area.
- Ted Schumacher 3120 Sugar Creek Road asked what if this project flops or diminishes? Mr. Baxter responded that we have minimal investments in this so far but going forward we will not have a large investment. Mr. Sielschott explained we will have more jobs than people are expecting. He also stated they will have a professional review proposals/business plans that the businesses will pay for. Mr. Baxter reported this will give us the potential for new and or better goods and services within the township.
- Lynda Makley 3839 Yale Avenue discussed the many properties that are vacant along the 309 corridor, she feels this will be the answer and an ideal situation to improve it.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **January 21**, **2020 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. and go into executive session at 8:14 p.m. to "Prepare for, conducting negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment." It was determined to end the executive session at 9:40 p.m. no further action was taken.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Brad Baxter, Chairman

Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Office,

Robert Sielschott, Vice Chairman