

The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met in an electronic format via GoToMeeting on **Tuesday**, **April 7**, **2020**. A notice of the electronic meeting was posted on the township website, posted on the township office door entrances, and was also posted in the newspaper for township residents.

Members Present:

**Brad Baxter** 

Robert Sielschott William Degen

Chairman Brad Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2020 were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

# FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

Reports provided to Trustees: Payment Listing Dated 4/8/20, Fund Status, Fund Summary, Cash Summary by Fund, Copy of Auditors Certificate of Estimated Resources.

RESOLUTION 4-7-20-1 Accepting the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Office of Budget Commission, Allen County Ohio. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 4-7-20-2 authorizes Allen County Engineer to proceed with the Bath Township 2020 Road Program in the amount of \$132,656.54 with the township portion to be \$ 123,521.42 and the county portion to be \$9,135.12. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of March 31, 2020, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,350,156.10; Star Ohio balance \$99,038.34 and Fifth Third balance \$222,685.36 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,671,879.80.

# **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Breakdown of bills as follows:

Payroll Total: \$31,080.95 Expenditures/Bills \$73,833.36 Total \$104,914.31

Mr. Baxter moved and Mr. Degen seconded the motion to pay the April 8, 2020 bills. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Fiscal officer reported that the following two upcoming events have been detailed in previous meetings, however, due to the current State of Ohio StayAtHome order, there have been no communications received if the events have been cancelled.

Adopt-A-Roadway (or park or Neighborhood)-sponsored by the Allen Soil & Water Conservation District and City of Lima. Looking for volunteers to pick up litter from streets and parks inside the City of Lima. They provide supplies, signage, safety equipment, trash bags, and trash pick-up. Fiscal officer has the application if anyone is interested.

Ottawa River Clean Up-Saturday April 25th from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. Sign in at the American Red Cross at 610 S. Collett Street. Volunteers are needed for this event.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio Dept. of Transportation-Informative letter pertaining to the construction project of installing roundabouts at SR 309/Thayer Road and SR 309/Napoleon Road. Construction will be scheduled for 2022. A project website will be available for viewing as final design and construction information become available.

### TRUSTEES BUSINESS

**Mr. Degen** reported that SR81/Sandusky Road bridge will be closing for 90 days for bridge deck repair. The expected closure is anticipated for project start as of April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Degen also reported that he spoke with Bryon Rhodes of Allen County Engineers office, and Degen Excavating has 20 ton on salt that will be donated to Bath Township and will be stored by the engineers office for

our use as needed. Trustee Degen also reported that with the Stay at Home order currently in place, the township road department as well as the Township Secretary have been paid during this time. He also recommends that with the extension mandated by the State that we continue the employees paid time off through 4/30/2020. Motion made by Mr. Sielschott, seconded by Mr. Degen and passed by unanimous roll call vote. Further discussion detailed that if the township has a pressing need for the Road Department to be working, that will be done at the discretion of the Road Supervisor.

Mr. Baxter commented that the recent technology changes in the phone system and computer access, etc. have afforded the township to remain available to the township residents and residents have commented that they appreciated that they are still able to speak with a township employee when needed. These technology changes that we have been working toward have been a positive benefit for our township during this StayAtHome Order.

Mr. Sielschott inquired to the Zoning Inspector if he had been contacted by an interested party as to the township property located at Reservoir Rd/Metzger Road. Mr. Meyer confirmed he had been contacted. Trustee Sielschott also reported that the RPC approved the variance request for the property located on SR 81. This property is not a variance that could be approved by the township, as it is a county entrance/exit issue.

# DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Foreman Denny Wilkins reported that due to the StayAtHome order, recycling for the month of April has been cancelled. Mr. Wilkins also reported that he has received a copy of the proposed Road Program/Striping & Paving proposal from the County. There was discussion related to the quality of the stone/chip product used last year and the Trustees agreed that the quality of the product was not as expected, and while they will continue with the program this year, they will evaluate it again after completion as to whether they continue with the program. Mr. Degen made a motion to approve the township portion of the program, at \$123,530.02 as Resolution 4-7-20-2 The county portion is \$9,135.12, for a total value of \$132,665.14. Mr. Wilkin reported that the value of the township portion will likely be reduced by approximately \$13,000 due to Hot Mix and Birm Stone being eliminated from the quote. Motion was seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Fire Chief Joe Kitchen reported year to date calls for service are 408, and that number is far below the normal due to the Covid-19 issue. Chief reported he has been very focused on the Covid issue. They currently have enough PPE to get thru for a few more weeks. He has placed an order for additional product and unfortunately, the pricing of the items is extremely high due to the current situation. Chief Kitchen did remark that during this crisis several partnerships have resulted with assorted community

members/companies resulting in positive benefits to the township as well as the county. Some of the those companies include Proctor & Gamble, Ford UAW volunteers, and The United Way.

Chief Kitchen reported that he has received award notification of a fire grant in the amount of \$46,000. They have already received the grant equipment and invoice and asked the Fiscal Officer to be looking for the deposit to our bank account soon. Chief Kitchen also reported that he feels there is a litter/refuse issue in the township that needs to be addressed and wondered if there is a volunteer group that could be utilized to clean some of it up. NO decision was reached on this issue. Trustee Baxter complimented the Fire Department on their handling of the current Covid Issue, and their commitment of staying in touch with the community.

Zoning/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported that during the Covid issue, that zoning issues have declined and detailed the current issues. He reported that he did receive a request to rezone the property at Reservoir & Metzger Road and has forwarded the information to Mr. Campbell and Ian Kohli. Chief Kitchen reported that he was contacted by the company regarding Fire Issues related to the property.

Mr. Meyer further reported that 2 cases for the Zoning Board of Appeals have been delayed due to the StayAtHome order and additionally there are 2 properties that previously were required to be demolished, however, the properties have had no action taken. The Trustees determined that due to the Covid Issue, they will take no further action and give the property owners additional time to complete the action once the order has been removed.

**Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay** reported that she has received phone calls inquiring as to the removal of residual stone in some of the subdivisions. This is related to winter road programs and she informed the callers that the County would be addressing these issues.

# **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

There were (1) one from the public in attendance. No issues presented by the public in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **April 21**, **2020 at 7:00 p.m.** in electronic format via GoToMeeting.

Being of no further business, Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Brad Baxter, Chairman

Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer

Robert Sielschott, Vice Chairman

William Degen, Trustee