



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **September 3, 2024**, in the Township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

**Members Present:** Brad Baxter  
Mike Meeks  
Lisa Fillhart

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with Trustee Baxter leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting were received and reviewed as were the minutes from public hearings in zoning case numbers 116 & 117's. Trustee Baxter moved to approve them as written and Trustee Fillhart seconding the motion. With both trustees voting yes, the motion was approved. Trustee Meeks abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**The following resolutions were taken up by the Trustees:**

**RESOLUTION 9-3-24-1:** *Authorizing the change in employment status for Jake Durham from full-time Firefighter/EMT Basic to intermittent Level II Firefighter / EMT Basic / Engineer at a rate of \$18.35/hour effective; September 16, 2024.*

- Trustee Baxter gave an explanation that Mr. Durham had agreed to work full time while on summer break from college and was now returning to school.
- Trustee Baxter moved to approve the resolution, the motion was seconded by Trustee Fillhart. With all three trustees voting yes, the resolution was approved.

**RESOLUTION 9-3-24-2:** *Declaring the property owned by Travis and Elizabeth White, located at 5496 Sandusky Road, in Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio, a nuisance.*

- Zoning Inspector Ken Meyer gave an history of his efforts to work with the property owner to resolve the zoning related concerns.
- Trustee Baxter moved to approve the resolution and trustee Fillhart seconded the motion. With all three trustees voting yes, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 9-3-24-3:** *Declaring the property owned by 1590 Northwest LLC. Located at 2317 Harding Highway in Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio, a nuisance.*

- Zoning Inspector Ken Meyer gave an history of his efforts to work with the property owner to resolve the zoning related concerns.
- Trustee Fillhart moved to approve the resolution and trustee Baxter seconded the motion. With all three trustees voting yes, the resolution was adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Account balances as of **August 19, 2024**

First National Bank - Main	\$2,838,428.85
STAR Ohio Investment	\$110,486.00
<b>Total - All Accounts</b>	<b>\$2,948,914.85</b>

**ARP FUNDS:**

The ARP Funding Balances are as follows:

**Total Funds Received:** \$993,592.50  
**Total Funds Disbursed:** \$856,377.86

**Total Funds Reserved:**

- Fire Hydrant Replacement \$2,132.65
- Reserved Fire Dept Payroll \$3,663.72

**Total Available/Remaining Bal \$137,214.64**

**ADVANCES:**

- **From General Fund to Fire Fund: \$26,180.13**

**Recent Expenditure Report:**  
**(Warrants & EFT's Paid Since Last Meeting)**

Payroll Total for 9.4.24	\$28,615.27
Bills Paid or Scheduled through 9.3.24	\$27,260.49
<b>Total Amount of All Payables</b>	<b>\$55,875.76</b>

**Financial Reports Provided to Trustees:**  
**[As of 9.2.2024]**

- **Payment Listing(s)**
- **Fund Status**
- **Revenue Status**
- **Cash Flow Detail by Fund**

Trustee Baxter acknowledged receiving the listed reports.

Trustee Fillhart moved to approve the financial report and to authorize the payment of the bills scheduled through 9.3.24 as well as the 9.4.24 payroll. Trustee Baxter seconded the motion. With all three trustees voting yes, the motion was approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Trustee Fillhart announced that Trick or Treat in Bath Township will be October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Trustee Baxter announced that should there be inclement weather or some other cancellation, the township would follow the city of Lima's lead regarding a date and time for reschedule.
- The fiscal officer advised that the township had received official notice from Rachael Gilroy, Allen County Auditor regarding the tentative 2024 triennial updated property values.
- The fiscal officer advised that the Allen County Township Association Fall Banquet will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- The fiscal officer advised that he had received a text message request from Stolly Insurance requesting to bid for our property/casualty needs. Trustee Meeks advised that he felt doing so was a good idea. Trustees Baxter and Fillhart agreed and stated that we would request a quote. Trustee Baxter added that the township is currently with Webb Insurance and that we have received good service from them so far but in the interest of fairness and good stewardship of the taxpayer's money, we should periodically look at additional quotes.
- The fiscal officer advised that we received a notice from OJDfs – Unemployment regarding our quarterly unemployment tax return. He will look into this and respond as appropriate.

## **TRUSTEES BUSINESS**

### **Mr. Baxter**

- Mr. Baxter provided more detailed information regarding the need to replace the roof on the township house as well as the HVAC system. Quotes were reviewed for both projects. A discussion was held with all three trustees agreeing to review the quotes further and to pass the appropriate resolutions to proceed at the next meeting. Funding both projects from ARP funds was discussed.
- A motion was made by Mr. Baxter to authorize the fiscal officer to create an ARP project to cover expenses related to the roof repair. Seconded by Mike Meeks. With all three trustees voting yes, the motion was approved.
- A motion was made by Mr. Baxter to authorize the fiscal officer to create an ARP project to cover expenses related to the HVAC replacement. Seconded by Lisa Fillhart. With all three trustees voting yes, the motion was approved.
- Mr. Baxter addressed rumors posted to social media that the Trustees were trying to change the zoning in Lost Creek sub-division. This is not accurate and Trustee Baxter explained the rights of any property owner to petition, and repeatedly petition for a zoning change. A good discussion was held on the needs of, and ways to protect the interests of the property owners in Lost Creek.

### **Mr. Meeks**

- Mr. Meeks advised that he will be attending an update meeting regarding the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Bluelick Road and SR 65 on September 17th.

### **Mrs. Fillhart**

- Mrs. Fillhart made some remarks regarding the announced closing of the Dana Plant.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### **Road Superintendent: Gary Jay**

- Mr. Jay reported that paving has been completed on Neubrecht & Roush Roads and stripping the new pavement will be completed most likely tomorrow.

#### **Fire Department: Chief Kitchen**

- Chief Kitchen was on vacation and Mr. Baxter reported calls for service totaled 963 to date.

#### **Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector: Ken Meyer**

- Submitted his report in writing, a copy of which is attached to the meeting agenda. See said report for a statistical breakdown of zoning & inspection related activities.
- Requested a public hearing be set for case #118. Trustee Baxter announced the hearing would be October 1, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

#### **Social Hall: Tammy Jay**

- No report

#### **Law Enforcement: ACSO Deputy Derrik Bargainer**

- No report

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Attendance included 10 members of the public and 7 township employees/officials for a total of 17.
- Mary McCort of 325 Bryn Mawr advised that she believes the township will be losing 7K and Bath Schools will be losing 47K due to the closing of Dana.
- Jim Fisher of 2716 Lost Creek Blvd. advised that he attended the recent zoning board meeting for case #118, that traffic and speeding in Lost Creek continues to be an issue of concern, and that the township needs better zoning rules.
- Dawn Miller of 701 Mt. Holyoke advised that a 3-way stop sign is needed on Lost Creek Blvd. She also participated in the conversation regarding case #118.
- Scott Campbell, Bath Township Zoning Clerk spoke on information that the AEDG is advising that they are putting housing in the Port Authority land that used to be the old county home and advised that this is not zoned for housing. He further made comments about the need to consider changes to Lost Creek in order to protect it in the long term.

- Linda Makely of 3839 Yale stated that she believed that COVID and a misunderstanding of the previous overlay attempt in Lost Creek influenced its referendum and she encouraged the trustees to keep a future overlay attempt on the top of their list.
- Clearance Roller of 3920 E. Bluelick spoke on the need to update our long-term plan and the township's zoning rules overall and suggested that any future attempts to rezone parcels that abut R1, R2, or R3 should automatically require an overlay.
- Berlin Carroll of 900 Fenway, speaking as a resident and not as the township's fiscal officer, spoke on the symbiotic relationship of Lost Creek & Country Club Hills/Twin Lakes, especially considering the future potential for these neighborhoods to connect on Canyon. He also spoke of the similarities and concerns they share such as abutting Harding Highway and most importantly, of the importance of protecting both neighborhoods through appropriate zoning of the parcels that abut Harding Highway. He explained how the appropriate zoning controls/changes could serve to improve property values and protect both neighborhoods into the future. He further encouraged the trustees to engage the residents of Lost Creek in a further dialog to hear and consider their concerns, needs, and wants for improvements that would enhance the quality of life in Lost Creek for its residents.

#### Executive Session

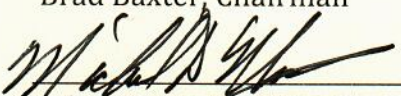
- No executive sessions were conducted during this meeting.

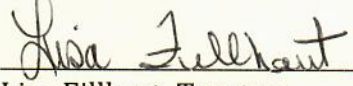
#### Additional Business & Announcements


- The trustees announced that a public meeting will be held in case number #118 on Tuesday October 1, 2024 at 5:30 PM.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **September 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM** in the Township Boardroom.

Being no further business to come before the board, trustee Fillhart moved, and trustee Baxter seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. With no further discussion and both trustees voting yes, the motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Brad Baxter, Chairman

  
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Mike Meeks, Vice Chairman

  
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Lisa Fillhart, Trustee

  
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Berlin Carroll, Fiscal Officer