



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **January 17, 2023**, in the Township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

Members Present: Brad Baxter
Mike Meeks
Joe Patton

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

The minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2022, were approved as presented.
Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

Ohio Liquor Control Renewal Request from R&R Takhar Operations at 4170 N West St pending decision regarding hearing. Motion made by Mr. Baxter and seconded by Mr. Meeks to not have a hearing. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 1-17-23-1: Hereby accepting the resignation of Dalton Jones as an intermittent Level II Firefighter/Basic EMT effective 1/3/23. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Patton and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 1-17-23-2: Hereby authorizing Fire Inspector Ken Meyer to attend the 2023 Fire Safety Expo in Columbus, Ohio on February 27th and 28th and approving the following expenses: lodging, parking, mileage, and meals. Further, recognizing that the registration fee of \$149.00 has been paid for by the Bath Township Fire Department Foundation. Discussion: This is the 18th year for this Expo, this also keeps Ken's certifications up to date. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Patton and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 1-17-23-3: Hereby authorizing 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. Discussion: This resolution is passed on a yearly basis. Motion made by Mr. Meeks seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of January 16, 2023, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,639,023.58; Star Ohio balance \$101,121.80 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,740,145.38.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills for approval:

Payroll Total:	\$ 53,126.98
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 53,890.79
Total	\$107,017.77

Mr. Patton moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to pay the January 18, 2023, bills in the amount of \$107,017.77. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote .

Reports Emailed to Trustees: Payment Listing 1/16/23, Fund Status 1/16/23, Revenue Status 1/16/23.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

<u>ARP FUNDS:</u>	
The ARP Funding Balances are as follows:	
Total Funds Received (2021):	\$496,457.46
Total Funds Received (2022)	\$497,135.04
Total Funds Disbursed:	\$249,510.76
Total Available/Remaining Balance	\$744,081.74

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Baxter reported we have been without two deputies and are looking at different options for what shifts are covered. Mr. Baxter requested an executive session to "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public employee."

Mr. Meeks had nothing to report.

Mr. Patton reported the Sheriff's Department levy takes in approximately \$205,000 a year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Superintendent Gary Jay Gary reported on a fire hydrant that was a hit and run on Reservoir Road. He has been working with the Water District and their insurance will pay for the hydrant and installation. Mr. Baxter asked Gary to follow up on our Certification of Township Road Mileage

Chief Kitchen reported 60 calls for service year to date. Chief Kitchen discussed levy options and provided documents regarding area townships. Chief also provided charts regarding calls for 2022, average response time was 6 minutes and 28 seconds and average out the door was 1 minute and 27 seconds. Current shifts are 3 full time and 1 part time employee. Chief also discussed Allen County Mutual Aid contract.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported for the month of December there were zero certificates, zero complaints and thirty-four inquiries. Ken received interest on the purchase of a hotel property. Ken had thirteen annual fire inspections, two follow up, one CPR class and one fire safety class. There will be an Organizational meeting on January 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay had nothing to report.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were (8) eight from the public in attendance. Liz Ebbing 1382 Fetter Road asked when Sugar Street Railroad will be repaired and who was in charge of it. Tom Burden 1710 Lutz Road asked if Scott Campbell completed recommendations regarding zoning changes for solar farm. Clarence Roller 3920 E. Bluelick Road discussed lawyers on retainer, and that we may want to consider this since we have solar, zoning and other projects in the works. He stated our budget is not going to get any better.

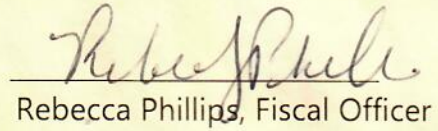
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **February 7, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Patton seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. and go into executive session at 8:22 p.m. "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public employee." It was determined to end the executive session at 8:25 p.m. Upon returning to the regular meeting:

Mr. Baxter made a motion and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to appoint Dean Edwards as a member of the Zoning Commission. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion. to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.


Brad Baxter, Chairman


Rebecca Phillips, Fiscal Officer


Joe Patton, Vice Chairman


Mike Meeks, Trustee