



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 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.

Guest Speakers: Beth Siebert, Casey Heilman and Haley Belisle from Allen Soil and Water Conservation/Ottawa River presented the current programs available through the Allen Soil and Water Conservation/Ottawa River Coalition. Rain barrel reimbursement program is available again this year. Last year there were two residents of Bath Township that took advantage of the reimbursements. The Ottawa River Clean-up will be held on April 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Volunteer sign-up is available. The “adopt a Roadway” program is available for those wanting to help beautify and maintain cleaning up along roadways.

The previous meeting minutes of January 21, 2020 were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **FISCAL OFFICER’S BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2-4-20-1 reappoints Chris Fultz to the Zoning Commission Board and Lynda Makley to the Zoning Appeals Board with the term ending December 31, 2024.** Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 2-4-20-2 accepting the resignation of full-time firefighter/paramedic Kerby Miller effective 1/30/20.** Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 2-4-20-3 approves Fire Inspector Ken Meyer to attend the Fire Safety Expo Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on March 2nd and 3rd and authorizing the following expenses: hotel, mileage, parking, and meals. Further, acknowledging that the cost of the registration (\$129.00) is being paid for by the Bath Township Fire Department Foundation Inc.** Motion made by Mr. Sielschott, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 2-4-20-4** approves firefighter/paramedic David Maris to attend Flight Medical Provider Course, March 19 - 22, 2020, in Columbus, Ohio, and authorizing the following expenses: hotel, mileage and meals. Further, acknowledging that the cost of the registration (\$397.00) is being paid for by the Bath Township Fire Department Foundation Inc. Discussion: Chief Kitchen explained this is a difficult course that includes testing and exams and was very happy David came to him and requested to attend. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The fiscal officer reported as of January 31, 2020, the checking account balance First National Bank \$1,871,532.89; Star Ohio balance \$98,788.73 and Fifth Third balance \$143,323.76 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,113,645.38.

## **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

### **Breakdown of bills as follows:**

Payroll Total:	\$33,183.90
Expenditures/Bills	\$36,614.44
Total	\$69,798.34

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded the motion to pay the February 4, 2020 bills. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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 requested** an executive session to "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee." Mr. Baxter discussed the new website that will hopefully be up and running by the end of the month, their goal it to have more transparency so residents know what is going on in the township. Mr. Baxter would like to post the minutes and feels this will help keep people informed who are not able to attend the meetings

**Mr. Sielschott** discussed the recycling program that comes to the Township ON the third Thursday of every month from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. He feels it is a very comprehensive program. He also gave a resident Mr. Baldrige's contact information; she would like information on walkways around the school and connecting to the parks.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

**Foreman Denny Wilkins** had nothing further to report.

**Fire Chief Joe Kitchen** reported year to date calls for service are 136. Chief posted a job listing for a full-time position that will run until February 28<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending the OTA Conference Wednesday through Friday of this week.

**Zoning Inspector Ken Meyer** reported in the month of January he had no zoning certificates, two complaints and thirty-three inquiries. There is continued interest in the PUD at 4175 Harding Highway and some interest in 2145 N. Dixie Highway trailer park.

**Fire Inspector Ken Meyer** reported for the month of January he completed sixteen annual fire inspections, no requested inspections and one follow up inspections.

**Assistant Zoning Inspector Scott Campbell** presented the trustees with a packet from the Zoning Commission that contains their ORDER, RPC's recommendations on the PCOD, the actual text of the amendment and maps. The Zoning Commission has recommended the trustees adopt this plan with the changes that are highlighted in the text. The next step will be for the trustees to hold a hearing within the next 30 days. At the conclusion of that public hearing they will have 20 days to take action. Ian Kohli Chair of the Zoning Commission let the trustees know there has been a lot of work put into what was presented to the trustees tonight.

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded a motion to hold a public hearing for Case #107 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Bath Township Zoning Resolution and Zoning Map to create a PCOD – SR 309 Planned Corridor Overlay District on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of Bath Township. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay** reported the hall was used six times in the month of January for rental receipts totaling \$650.00.

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were (10) ten from the public in attendance. The following Bath Residents were in attendance at the meeting and voiced concerns/issues:

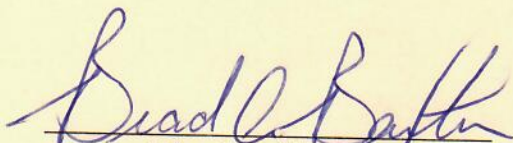
- **Roy Baldrige** 840 Yorkshire Drive CCH association president discussed his video with Activate Allen County that shows the view of the new walking path installed in CCH park and thanked the sponsors. They continue to work on the progress of the bikeway path, CSX will assist them in getting across the railroad track.

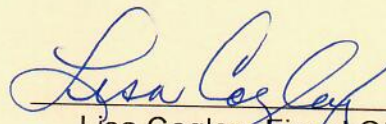
- **Clarence Roller** 3920 E. Bluelick Road discussed the article in the Lima News regarding part of Lost Creek Golf Course being donated to the City of Lima for a park. The trustees stated they were not contacted and did not have any information on it at this time. Mr. Sielschott explained the last in person meeting he had with the City of Lima it was his understanding that there would be a pre annexation agreement before any annexation took place.
- **Ruth Hollenbacher** 150 St. Andrews discussed the 42 acres the City of Lima will be using for wetland and bike path. She also feels the 309 Overlay is a done deal, but let the trustees know they will be doing a referendum. Ruth questioned how they will enforce this Overlay plan due to other issues in the township that have not been able to be enforced.

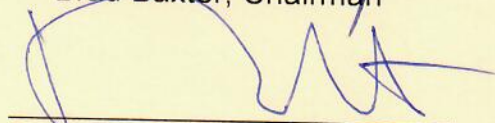
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m. and go into executive session at 8:23 p.m. "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. It was determined to end the executive session at 8:57 p.m. and no action was taken.

Being of no further business, Mr. Sielschott moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

  
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Brad Baxter, Chairman

  
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Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer

  
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Robert Sielschott, Vice Chairman