

The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met in an electronic format via GoToMeeting on **Tuesday**, **October 6**, **2020**. A notice of the electronic meeting was posted on the township website as well as posted on the township office door entrance.

Members Present:

Brad Baxter

Robert Sielschott William Degen

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

The minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2020 are approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 10-6-20-1 providing notice concerning structurally defective, insecure, or unsafe structures; and declaring the property owned by Edward Blue at 1899 East Bluelick Road in Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio, a nuisance. Discussion: The Health Department has condemned the property unfit for habitation, the northwest corner of the foundation has caved in. He also has 2-3 cars chained to a concrete pillar. Ken will go talk to him about everything on the property and demolishing the house. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-6-20-2 adopting proposed amendment to the Bath Township zoning map. Specifically, rezoning parcel 37-3400-01-001.000 (185 North Mumaugh Road, Lima, Oh 45801) from R-1 residential district to B-1 local business district. Discussion: Property is a great plan and concedes with the 2040 long range plan of Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Baxter reported that the zoning board did recommend the zoning change. Mr. Degen stated it will be a great improvement to the property, and he recommends that we approve the resolution. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-6-20-3 Authorizes the fire department to purchase one (1) Lucas 3 Chest Compression System from Stryker Medical in the amount of \$15,279.80 and directing the Bath Township Fiscal Officer to designate this expenditure as a COVID-19 CARES Act necessity. Discussion: The fire department currently only has one and if it has been contaminated, they cannot use it until it is decontaminated. This will ensure they always have one available. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-2-60-4 Authorizing the fire department to purchase one (1) Clorox Total 360 System from The Powell Company, in the amount of \$4,183.36 and directing the Bath Township Fiscal Officer to designate this expenditure as a COVID-19 CARES Act necessity. Discussion: This equipment is electrostatic charged for disinfecting and it only takes about 10 seconds, it does not leave a residue and can be used on electronic equipment. This will be instrumental in assisting with the disinfection needed related to Coronovirus. Motion made by Mr. Sielschott, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-6-20-5 Amends the Bath Township Social Hall Rental Contract to reflect that the daily rental period will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and rental fees are adjusted to the following: Discussion: Primary change is renting out the hall for a full day versus two rentals per day. It will save time and money for the township. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Bath Township Resident: \$100 + \$125.00 deposit Non-Township Resident: \$200 + \$125.00 deposit

Neighborhood Associations \$100.00 no deposit required Governmental Agency: Rates apply as to residency, no deposit

required

Reports given to Trustees: Payment Listing for 10/7/2020, Fund Status, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status for all existing departments, appropriation status of 2272 Coronavirus Special Funding, Comparison of 2019 vs 2020 receipts.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of September 12, 2020, the checking account balance; First National Bank \$2,556,433.88; Star Ohio balance \$99,304.00 and Fifth Third balance \$99,909.89 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,755,647.77.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills as follows:

Payroll Total: \$ 28,138.97 Expenditures/Bills \$107,223.47 Total \$135,362.44 Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to pay the **October 7, 2020** bills. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

UPCOMING EVENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

CoronaVirus Relief Funds-As per our discussion during the last Trustees meeting, the Fiscal Officer previously instructed the Allen County Auditor to include Bath Township when distributing funds. In looking at the bank statements as of Saturday, September 12th, both of those deposits have been received, for a total amount of \$155,231.02. The Fiscal Officer has attended some webinars regarding appropriate/approved use of the funds. FO has begun the necessary software maintenance to add the correct fund #'s to the system, adding the revenue and appropriations accounts as well.

Initially it was thought that we would not be using the funds in their entirety, however, the FO has since learned that any public safety/public health employees' salary can be paid via Covid Funding. It will be necessary to change the salary expenditures to the proper funding accounts and will take some time. Additionally, there are funds that the township has incurred to ensure proper social distancing and disinfecting have occurred. Any invoices that were previously paid must be adjusted out and expensed to the new funds. The FO will keep Trustees abreast of the use of the funds and will also have to submit reports to the Office and Budget and Management.

The FO has also been in contact with FO's of other townships to brainstorm and communicate on assorted eligible expenses. The FO has created a binder that details all the info as well as all the expenditures we incur. Keep in mind that whatever we do not use and submit documentation for, we must return to the County Auditor by EOY, however, with being able to expense fire dept employees' salaries, it seems likely we will in fact use all of the funds. The Fiscal Officer requested an Amended Certificate of Resources from the Allen County Auditor's office. Once we receive that documentation, a resolution to accept the amended certificate will be presented. (As of Friday, October 16, 2020, the certificate had not been received.)

<u>Discussion Items Related to Covid Funding:</u> Township Expenses-Electronic Signage to be added to our current signage, Antimicrobial Flooring for Social Hallwe have requested quotes for both items. The signage could be updated at any time from a laptop/computer thus ensuring that township residents are kept abreast of any meetings, issues, etc. This update also means less time spent changing the sign manually. The flooring ensures proper cleaning and reduction of any bacteria.

Health Department Tax Costs-As requested, the FO provided Trustee Sielschott with the charges incurred from the Health Department over the last four years from real estate receipts. A discussion regarding what cost benefits are received from that funding as well as when the Fall meeting is being held.

<u>Trick or Treat Night-</u>The City of Lima as well as other townships/municipalities are holding Trick or Treat night on Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Typically, our township follows the City of Lima and other townships.

TRUSTEES BUSINESS

Mr. Degen had nothing further to report.

Mr. Baxter reported we will continue to conduct township meetings electronically.

Mr. Sielschott reported the golf course transfer did close and Tony Collins is the new owner. Mr. Sielschott and Mr. Degen met with several people regarding the new potential homes. Tony would like to reopen the course as a 9 hole executive course, reopen the pro shop and make a new facility for dining. This really fulfills our vision for beautifying the area and adding homes. There are nine buildings being scheduled for new businesses and hiring people. The attitude and atmosphere in our area is very positive. Mr. Degen stated Mr. Collins seems very responsive to making this a beautiful area. There is not going to be any multi-unit complexes and no annexation into the City of Lima. 12-15 single family homes along Lost Creek Boulevard will run from the number three tee to the old pool and down to the shed that is being demolished. These will be 1800-2300 square foot homes and would be up to \$300,000. Clarence Roller commented that the area on Elm Street by the reservoir where the zoning was changed, and the building being done looks fantastic in that area.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Foreman Denny Wilkins reported they have completed the road program and their last round of mowing for the year. The road department is working on footers in the cemetery. They will also be getting the leaf equipment ready to go.

Fire Chief Joe Kitchen reported year to date calls for service are 1166. Chief Kitchen was not in attendance, Ken Meyer provided updates. The ambulance is supposed to be back this week. Thanks go out to the Lafayette FD for their assistance while the township was out one vehicle.

Zoning/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported for the month of September his total number of zoning certificates were ten, he had seven complaints and fifty inquires. He talked to the real estate agent (located in Warren, Wi.) for 1321 Findlay Road, , the property still needs to be mowed. Ken sent a letter to company that owns 1906 N. Elizabeth Street, which is in Tampa, Florida, no-one is living at residence, and no lawn maintenance has been done and there is a pile of trash and furniture on the front lawn. He has not received anything back as of this date. He is not able to contact anyone at 2261 Ada Rd. about the property. The owner died in 2015 and taxes have not been paid since, someone was mowing the property last year, but that has stopped. BZA case #313 held on October 5, 2020. Variance granted for reduced set-back for a front porch on the house (4638 N. Dixie Hwy.)

Fire Code Enforcement activities are: fourteen annual fire inspections, one requested inspection and zero follow-up inspections.

Secretary/Social Hall Manager Tammy thanked the road department for performing maintenance around the township buildings and property.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There was (3) three from the public in attendance via the electronic process. No issues were presented by the public

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in electronic format via GoToMeeting.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Degen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Brad Baxter, Chairman

Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer

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Robert Sielschott, Vice Chairman

William Degen, Trustee