



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **February 2, 2021** in electronic format via GoToMeeting.

Members Present: Brad Baxter
Robert Sielschott
William Degen

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

GUEST SPEAKER: Casey Heilman Stormwater Program Manager at Allen Soil & Water Conservation District discussed the memorandum of understanding and how it becomes effective with the date of the last signature, there were no changes for 2021. She reported on their rain barrel rebate program and stated there are currently five Bath residents in this program, they also have an “adopt a road” program and have four Bath residents in this program. She discussed how they participate at the Bath Science Fair and will continue to do this in 2021. Halley Belisle who is the program coordinator shared a power point presentation and discussed where their new offices are located. Haley presented information on dry weather outfall monitoring, discharge of stormwater into bodies of water and the data they obtain and monitor. They do this to detect numerous pollutants and these can be used to map the outfalls. Haley works as the coordinator for the Ottawa River Coalition. Their most recent success was the removal of the Allentown Dam back in August. During this process, they relocated ten different species of freshwater mussels.

The minutes of the year end meeting of January 19, 2021 were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER’S BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2-2-21-1 Hereby providing notice concerning a structurally defective, unsecure, or unsafe structures; and declaring the property owned by Jack P. Kindle located at 3387 Shearin Avenue in Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio, a nuisance.

Discussion: The Allen County Health Department had given the owner a time frame from June 2020 to clean up the property and there was no follow up done by the owner. Chief Kitchen inspected the property, and it was determined that it was unsafe for human habitation, the owner is not responsive. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2-2-21-2 setting the pay schedule for 2021 Township employees. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2-2-21-3 Approving Authorizing the fire department to approve the expense of \$1,350.00 for Jerod Wright to attend Owens Community College, Center for Emergency Preparedness to obtain his Level II Firefighter certification beginning 2/6/21. Further, directing the fire chief to submit this training for 75% reimbursement through the State Fire Marshal's training grant program. Discussion: Chief Kitchen feels Jerod is a very valuable employee that needs to be a Level II firefighter. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of January 31, 2021, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,269,952.40; Star Ohio balance \$99,327.92 and 5/3 balance \$112,287.41 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,481,567.73.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills as follows:

Payroll Total:	\$ 28,226.45
Expenditures/Bills	<u>\$ 65,223.49</u>
Total	\$ 93,449.93

Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded the motion to pay the **February 3, 2021** bills in the amount of \$76,656.60. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Provided to Trustees: Payment Listing 2/3/2021, Fund Status as of 1/31/21, Revenue Status 1/31/2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

ODOT Township Mileage Certification-Letter of certification of township mileage attesting to Bath Township total mileage of 53.845 miles. Road Supervisor confirmed this number is the same as last year and is correct. Document provided to Trustees for their approval and signatures. Document will then be forwarded to ODOT offices.

2021 Tree Seedling Sale-Allen Soil and Water Conservation Sale-annual tree seedling sale pamphlet provided and will be kept at township office for public information.

OTARMA Coverage Endorsements-received a letter from OTARMA providing an update on three coverage endorsements that go into effect in 2021. Policy letter provided to the Trustees. No additional charges for these endorsements

TRUSTEES BUSINESS

Mr. Degen discussed the property located on Lutz Road whose roof and walls are falling in, he stated the snow took a toll on the roof. Ken will contact the owner again to see when they plan to demolish the property.

Mr. Baxter thanked Denny and the Road Department for taking good care of our township roads during the recent snowstorms.

Mr. Sielschott discussed Economic Development issues with utilities on Randy Jones moving forward with the Hawthorne Event Center, Mr. Sielschott gave him some recommendations. The Lost Creek Clubhouse project is moving ahead, they have gutted the inside and area and are now looking at the irrigation systems. NFID met regarding a problem with taxing issues for businesses, and after much discussion by attendees, the Governors office is working on an exemption, so taxes are not levied on the businesses. Mr. Sielschott inquired regarding "first responders" and designation for the Sheriff's office not being included in that status for Covid vaccinations. Chief Kitchen responded with some information regarding that designation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Foreman Denny Wilkins had nothing further to report.

Chief Kitchen reported 101 calls for service year to date. Chief discussed his calls are low in comparison to previous months. He also reported that they have a department evaluation coming up AFG Fema Grant most of the packet is done, \$650,000 grant for a vehicle that is multipurpose and will have a variety of special uses. They have completed the board of independents meeting with our attorneys and are in the early stages of planning for a new vehicle. The IAFF contract expires in April, they will begin negotiations and Chief will keep the Trustees updated.

Zoning Inspector Ken Myer reported for the month of January (3) three Zoning Certificates, (51) fifty-on inquiries and (4) four complaints. The property located at 3387 Shearin Avenue has a completed title search on the property. Chief Kitchen inspected the structure and found that it was not secure or fit for habitation. A copy of his letter is in the file. The roof is starting to sag on the south side of the house.

The property located at 1899 E. Bluelick Road, Ken met with owner and observed (4) 10"x10" posts were placed in the basement to re-enforce the floor. The west and north walls were caved in. The owner had cleaned up some of the soil and blocks in the basement and the roof had been removed from the porch. No actual repairs to the structure were noted. The owner submitted a repair timeline but was very vague and did not include any dates for repairs.

Property located on Bible Road Ken spoke to the towing company about removing the truck on the cemetery. They referred him to the Allen County Sheriff's office, and he is waiting for a call back from Deputy Matt Morgan. Board officers elected: BZA Chair Kevin Schmiedebusch, Vice-Chair David Bassett, Zoning Commission Chair Ian Kohli, Vice-Chair Clarence Rolle. There was a BZA hearing February 1, 2021. Variance for signage was approved by the BZA.

Fire Code Enforcement activities included: (6) six annual fire inspections, (0) zero requested inspections, (1) one follow up inspections, (2) two CPR class and (1) fire safety class.

Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay had nothing further to report.

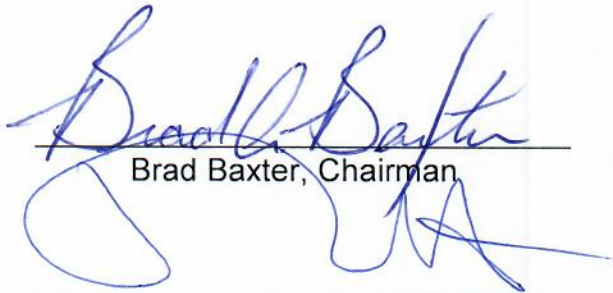
HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There was (3) three people from the public in attendance. Clarence Roller 3920 E. Bluelick Road discussed getting the committees together to work on zoning issues. It seems signage is a big issue and needs to be looked at. The fact that signage is a stumbling block for new businesses needs to be reviewed. He would also like to look at areas in the township that are available to be more readily identified for businesses. Mr. Sielschott suggested contacting **Brosius & Griggs** office regarding signage. He also thanked all the members of our board that to continue to serve.

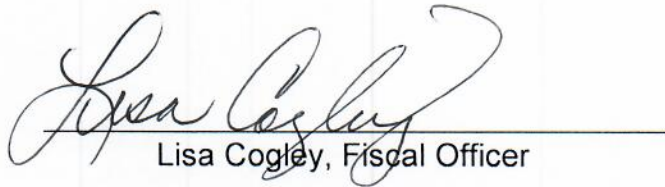
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held on **February 16, 2021 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 :11 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.



Brad Baxter, Chairman



Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer



Robert Sielschott, Vice Chairman



William Degen, Trustee