



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **May 4, 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.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2021 were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 5-4-21-1: Authorizing the Bath Twp. Fire Department to enter into a contract for services with Gatchell Grant Resources, LLC for the 2020 -2021 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Fire Prevention and Safety category. Discussion: Grant is already approved and was unsuccessful. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of April 30, 2021, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,735,395.01; Star Ohio balance \$99,367.73 and 5/3 balance \$3,969.80 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,838,732.54.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills as follows:

Payroll Total:	\$ 27,434.48
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 60,000.71
Total	\$ 87,435.19

Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded the motion to pay the **May 5, 2021** bills in the amount of \$87,435.19. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Provided to Trustees: Payment Listing 5/5/21, Fund Status as of 4/30/21, Revenue Status 4/30/21, Receipt Register 4/30/21, Appropriation Status as of 4/30/21.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

American Rescue Plan Pre-Award Certification-Fiscal Officer has completed the online documentation to qualify the township for funding should that be granted. The procedure was changed on how they are distributing funds, so this ensures that we would receive direct payments.

Aflac Payroll Withholding-Aflac payroll withholding has been changed over to electronic payments. All withholdings are now done via electronic transfer. In order to reduce paperwork, the withholding payments for Aflac, Medical Mutual, and Principal will be done only once per month. The employee and employer contributions will not change, only the manner in which they are printed and paid to the vendor.

Autumn Ridge Subdivision poor water pressure-Chief Kitchen sent an email to Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Road Supervisor regarding this issue. The City of Lima did a flow test, and it came back very good. It is thought it could possibly be a P&G issue but seems unusual due to the proximity. Steve Kayatin requested from the complainants to document occurrences such as day and time so it can be reviewed. Mr. Degen commented the Fetter Road residents have also been complaining for the past six months. The City has asked to be contacted after the hydrant test and flushes so they can determine if there was any blockage. Mr. Degen recommended Dustin Ingle take this issue to the Water District to make them aware. Chief will forward the HOA information to Tammy so they can be informed of what we need. Dustin reported there is a meeting on the 14th he will report to them then if not before.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ohio Division of Liquor Control-A letter has been received that all liquor permits in the township will be expiring on July 1, 2021. Every permit holder must submit paperwork to the state to renew their permits. If the township wishes to file an objection to any renewals, we would be required to pass a resolution that specifies the problems at the liquor permit premises. No complaints have been received so no resolution will be required on our part.

Beer Barrel Soft Opening-Fiscal Officer received an email invite to the soft opening/training day opening. Did all trustees receive the invitation? RSVP's need completed and submitted today. Seating time on the reservation received by the FO was for the 12-2 timeslot. Fiscal Officer has been in communication with them and can email names and headcounts for you if necessary.

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Degen had nothing to report.

Mr. Baxter attended LACRP meeting last week, the voting of the officers took place and Mr. Sielschott will continue to be the secretary. Mr. Baxter expressed his appreciation to Chief Kitchen on his community involvement and continuing leadership in our community. He also congratulated him on his recent certification. Mr. Baxter discussed Lima Auto Task Force and the study being conducted by Indiana University related to the impact of the workforce due to electric vehicles. Clean Up day for Bath Township will be on July 10th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We have received permission from Nelson Packaging to use their property and Allen County Recyclers and R&R Tires have all confirmed the date.

Mr. Sielschott discussed the Autumn Ridge issue, there has been a lot of time spent on the addition. He thanked everyone for their efforts in making our community be able to grow. Mr. Sielschott clarified his comments from a previous meeting. Senator Huffman's office indicated that legislation has been passed, over the Governor's veto, that requires executive emergency orders to be approved by the legislature within 30 days. This new law is effective June 1, and modifications in the existing orders may make it possible for us to resume in person meetings in June without violating any governmental orders or guidelines.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Foreman Denny Wilkins had nothing to report.

Chief Kitchen reported 523 calls for service year to date. Chief reported spring hydrant flushing has started. He also worked on the Ottawa River Clean up with Bath High School and he thanked Denny for picking up all the filled trash bags. Chief inquired if the Trustees could possibly address the issue of demolishing the Allen County Home owned by the Commissioners on State Route 81. It is a hazard and gets vandalized, he feels it really needs addressed as a community safety issue. Mr. Baxter spoke with Beth Siebert regarding this property, Mr. Degen stated he will take the lead on this issue and Mr. Sielschott offered assistance as well.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported for the month of April five zoning certificates, sixty-one inquires and seventeen complaints. There were no improvement and new photos taken at the property located at 1899 E. Bluelick Road. Mr. Baxter and Ken met with owner of 3387 Shearin Avenue on April 27 with Brad Baxter and new pictures of the property were taken. Ken was contacted by Mr. Kindle's attorney and explained briefly what has taken place. Minor improvements have been noted at the property located at 3445 Hadsell Road. Ken has not received any reply from owner, the grass is getting tall and there is still a lot of trash. RPC has reviewed the Overall Developmental Plan and recommended approval for Lost Creek Subdivision. Ken is meeting with Scott in the morning to go over the next steps.

The owner of 1899 E. Bluelick Road has done nothing, he had until 5/1/2021 to get the work completed and he did not complete the work. Mr. Degen recommended we proceed with on demolition of the home. Mr. Degen made a motion and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to proceed with the demolition of the property located at 1899 E. Bluelick Road. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Baxter reported that he and Ken Meyer visited the property located at 3387 Shearin Avenue on April 27, 2021. Mr. Baxter reported the owner did perform some work, however there was not a lot of improvement. The owner has not sealed the home up to make it secure and was not satisfactory on the improvements that were done. No one is living in the home, nor has there been anyone living in the home for a long time. Ken reported the demolition order was still in effect for May 15, 2021 and will schedule it for Monday May 17, 2021. Mr. Degen remarked he had seen the pictures as well and no improvements were evident. Mr. Degen is still in support of our decision. Mr. Sielschott commented that he also visited the area, and he feels terrible for the residents that live in that area. There are numerous very nice residential homes that are impacted by this uninhabitable property. Mr. Sielschott agrees and supports their decision on demolition of the property. Mr. Williams is the attorney now representing the property owner and commented that he understands it has been a long drawn-out process. He is asking for 60 more days for the client to continue to make more needed changes. He would like a list of what needs to be completed so it can be addressed by each item. Mr. Baxter thanked Mr. Williams for his requested and explained it has over eighteen months in the process. Mr. Kindle never took this seriously until the end of this process. Mr. Baxter expressed the township has been more than fair and it has been in this condition for decades. Mr. Baxter reported he is not willing to grant the extension. Mr. Degen stated he is in support of continuing the demolition of the property. Mr. Sielschott reported to Mr. Williams he understands his empathy for his client, but the township has been very accommodating to his client.

Mr. Degen feels we need to demo the property located at 3445 Hadsell Road. All Trustees were in agreement. Ken will have a resolution ready for the next meeting.

Fire Code Enforcement activities include twenty annual fire inspections; three requested inspections and seven follow up inspections.

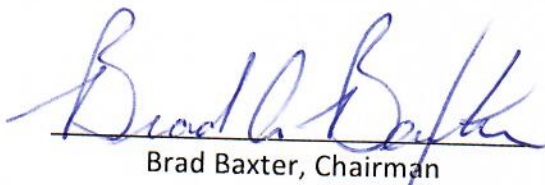
Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay had nothing to report.

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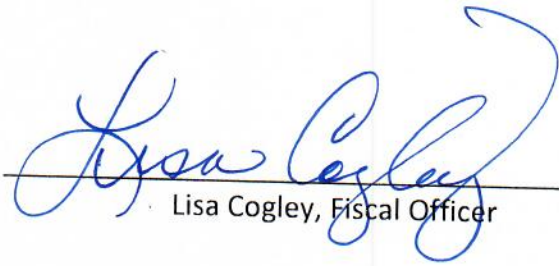
There were (4) four people from the public in attendance. Mary Cavanaugh 3398 Shearin Avenue appreciated the trustee's action on the property located at 3387 Shearin Avenue. Clarence Roller 3920 E. Bluelick Road inquired as to the water line situation. He also discussed the Ford Plant and electric motors. Mr. Baxter reported he does not see anything in the near future at the Lima Plant for electric motors.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **May 18, 2021 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.


Being of no further business, Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.



Brad Baxter, Chairman



Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer



Robert Sielschott, Vice Chairman



William Degen, Trustee