



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, in the township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

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 November 2, 2021, were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

Resolution 11-16-21-1: Authorizing the hiring of Brock Schroeder as an intermittent Level II Firefighter/Advanced EMT at an hourly rate of \$14.60 effective 11/16/21. Discussion: Chief reported Brock is coming back part time and they are happy to have him. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Sielschott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion:

North Central Ohio Solid Waste District-The Fiscal officer had previously completed the paperwork for a rebate of funds we spent for the township recycle day. Our application was approved, and we received \$ 1,579.90 toward our costs.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of November 17, 2021, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,785,494.81; Star Ohio balance \$99,406.36 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,884,901.17.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills as follows:

Payroll Total:	\$ 35,227.96
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 92,047.62
Total	\$127,275.38

Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Sielschott the motion to pay the **November 17, 2021, bills** in the amount of \$127,275.38. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Provided to Trustees: Payment Listing, Fund Status 10/31 and 11/17, Revenue Status Report 10/31 and 11/17, October Bank Reconciliation.

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Degen reported he is working on what process is required to dispose of the property they own across from the fire department. He has obtained ORC recommendations and Allen County verbiage and he contacted the interested party and asked that they let him know if they have an actual interest in it. The Trustees would be interested in letting the property go and let him know the process they would need to take. The interested party will contact Ken Meyer regarding the zoning on this property. Mr. Degen is also working on solar in Bath Township and stated he will continue to work on it to obtain more information. Mr. Degen and Mr. Sielschott recently attended a meeting on solar.

Mr. Baxter reported on the solar zoom meeting the Trustees participated in today that was put on by the Allen County Commissioners who are trying to get input from the area Townships to see whether they are for or against having solar in their townships. Alternative energy is a big thing and that is why they are considering it in the area. They would like the township to pass a resolution saying we are in favor of putting it wherever or with restrictions. With that being said the County always has the ability to abide by the township wishes or they can go against it, ultimately the County has the final say. Mr. Baxter received communication from LACRP who is working on our behalf for safety grant purposed on Cool Road using the Township stimulus program. Mr. Baxter also asked Chief if he would be participating in the dispatch meeting and Chief confirmed he would be in attendance.

Mr. Sielschott discussed setting up an extra tool that he has always felt would be a good beginning of the year exercise to take detailed revenue that we receive from the county of what we know our revenue is going to be and have Lisa prepare an actual cash basis. She could set up expenditures she expects to have and a cash flow projection year to year that would be good information for the Trustees to have. It could show one year from now where these funds would be which would be good strategic information. It would not be that hard to do just one incremental thing once a year that looks at this is where what we expect our cash burn or cash surplus should be this year it would be a useful tool to have and it could be very general, an annual forecast of cash flow.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Wilkins was not in attendance.

Chief Kitchen reported 1503 calls for service year to date. Chief reminded township employees and elected officials a representative from Ohio Deferred Compensation will be at the Fire Department on Monday November 22nd at 8:30 a.m. to either enroll employees who are not participating or help make changes to employees who are enrolled and answer questions. The Bath Township Fire Department Foundation has kicked off its annual giving campaign. This is a direct mail newsletter they send to township residents with an overview on the fire department during the year and also has a tear off for donations. They received a donation from the Lima Moose Lodge yesterday.

Chief sits on Regional Planning Fatal Crash review board. At their meeting last week, the folks at Regional Planning have a speed trailer they no longer need and asked if the Township would be interested in it. The township would have to do an MOU saying it would technically still be theirs. Chief will meet with Denny once he returns to work. Mr. Degen feels they have plenty of space to store it, Chief will email information to Mr. Baxter. The fire department has made a verbal offer to a full-time candidate, and he has accepted, it could be several weeks before he begins work. There is also another candidate they would like to make an offer to that they interviewed last week. Chief asked for verbal approval from the board to offer a position to him. The fire department has an employing retiring next April, he would like to have them both hired by the end of the year, the Trustees agreed to Chief's request. They have also received their new boat and will be picking up the motor.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer 254 S. Leonard and 206 Plaza Way are scheduled for mowing and clean-up this weekend. The property located at 1311 McKinley has been mailed a letter giving them seven days from receipt to correct numerous violations. The Trustees held a hearing on 3445 Hadsell Road with Bobby Jack Welch, the owner was present. Mr. Welch agreed the structure could not be salvaged and agreed it should be torn down. He was given 30 days to obtain a company to tear it down and contact the Zoning Inspector with the results. Mr. Degen asked Ken to also call Ben's to obtain a quote and a timeline.

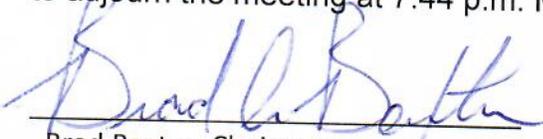
Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay had nothing to report.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

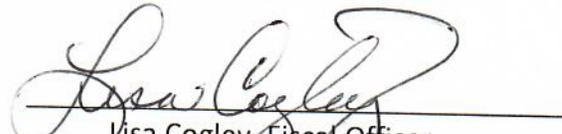
There were (5) five people from the public in attendance. Bud Linton 3400 N. Dixie Highway appreciated being able to attend the hearing on 3445 Hadsell Road he is satisfied with the process. Lynda Makley 3839 Yale Avenue asked the Trustees to keep an open mind when they make their decision on the Solar project to not shut the door and keep it open with technology changing so fast, she said to make sure they have a plan for clean up of the solar panels. Mr. Baxter learned today they are not asking to use 50-100 acres they are asking for 300 acres to use he really wants landowners to be able to do what they want with their properties. Mr. Sielschott discussed various types of setbacks that will be required on what types of things it is around, also the restoration process would be important and how would it be funded. Clarence Roller 3920 E. Bluelick Road discussed the speed trailer and some scenarios from residents and also speed bumps.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **December 7, 2021, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

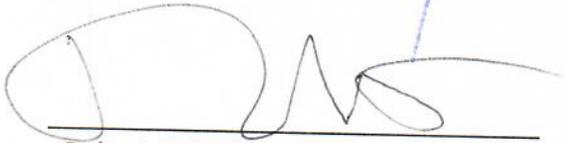
Being of no further business, Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Sielschott seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.



Brad Baxter, Chairman



Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer



Robert Sielschott, Vice Chairman



William Degen, Trustee