



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **February 1, 2022**, in the township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

**Members Present:** William Degen  
Brad Baxter

**Members Not Present:** Mike Meeks

Chairman William Degen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**The minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2022, were approved as presented.** Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### **FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2-1-22-1:** approving the 2022 pay schedule for Township employees. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 2-1-22-2:** recommending to the Board of Commissioners, Allen County, Ohio to designate all areas of Bath township, Allen County, Ohio as a restricted area, prohibiting the construction of large utility facilities throughout the entire township.

Discussion: Mr. Baxter reported that in speaking with the Commissioners the Trustees have determined they will not specify to township owners what they can or cannot do with their property. However, Bath Township was the sole township that did not commit to restrictions, thereby, it increased the possibility that Bath would be the sole area of usage in the entire county. By restricting this and making this change, it coincides with the entire County and gives the property owners the ability to referend the decisions if they want to develop in the County after a public hearing is held to present the County map. Clarence Roller of 3920 E. Bluelick Road questioned what a solar field actually looks like. He understands the windmill properties but was not sure what the solar utilities includes. Mr Degen reported that oftentimes the acreage used for solar utilities is quite substantial. Mr. Baxter reported that he has done some research and Ohio is a viable option because of the available land. There is a concern of the property values being reduced due to the solar panels or windmills. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 2-1-22-3:** Authorizes the extension of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Bath Township Board of Trustees and IAFF Local 4539, Bath Twp. Professional Firefighters, from 7/6/21, lowering full-time Firefighter/Paramedic manning by one on each shift until 5/31/22, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, or until minimum manning is addressed in the union contract. Discussion: MOU is already approved and was set to expire today. This extends the MOU until May 31, 2022. This will also be discussed in the upcoming contract negotiations. 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 30, 2022, the checking account balance at First National Bank \$2,398,602.55; Star Ohio balance \$99,420.33 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,498,022.88.

### **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Breakdown of bills for approval:

Payroll Total:	\$ 34,286.39
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 61,385.12
Bank Reconcile/Auto Drafts	\$ NA
Total	\$ 95,671.51

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Degen seconded the motion to pay the **February 2, 2022, bills** in the amount of \$95,671.51. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Provided to Trustees: Payment Listing 2/2/22, Fund Status 2/2/22.

### **TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

Mr. Degen reported we are down two employees in the road department due to illness. The County let us know they will not have additional manpower to help assist us with snow plowing for this next storm. Mr. Degen found an individual that has two years of work experience plowing and he would like to use this individual to help the road department out.

Mr. Degen made a motion and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to hire contract labor for the road department. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Degen discussed the property located at 420 S. Cool Road stating it has had flooding issues for over 15 years, and it needs addressed. Commissioner Beth Siebert has looked into the state taking over the property. Mr. Degen believes that we could revert this property to wetlands for the township. The Trustees would accept this property once all structures have been removed.

Mr. Degen made a motion to accept the property located at 420 S. Cool once all structures have been removed and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Baxter had nothing to report.

Mr. Meeks was not present.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Superintendent Mr. Wilkins was not present.

Chief Kitchen reported 151 calls for service year to date. Chief discussed approving the release of escrow from the McCullough Road property from the fire in June of 2020. He also reported the Safer Grant is almost complete for three full time fire fighters with benefits. They will be bringing in two additional firefighters for Wednesday through Friday due to the predicted snow storm.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer Meyer reported for the month of January there were two certificates, five complaints and forty-nine inquiries. Ken discussed the rezoning of Lost Creek Golf Course and Ohio Cat Business. The BZA and Zoning Commission have several cases scheduled for the month of February. Ken had five annual fire inspections and two requested inspections.

Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay had nothing to report.

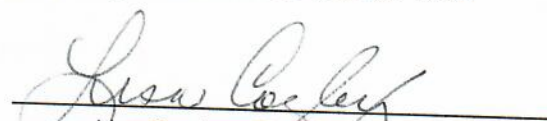
### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There was (3) people from the public in attendance. No issues were presented to the Board from the public attendees.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **February 15, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Degen seconded the motion. to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

  
William Degen, Chairman

  
Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer

  
Brad Baxter, Vice Chairman