



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **April 19, 2022**, in the township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

**Members Present:**  
William Degen  
Brad Baxter  
Michael Meeks

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

**The minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2022, were approved as presented.** Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 4-19-22-1: Declaring the property owned by Brittney Cozad, located at 4330 North West St in Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio a nuisance.** Discussion: The issues on this property began last Fall, they previously cleaned up the property, but it has more issues again. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 4-19-22-2: Declaring the property owned by Nathan Foster, located at 851 East Robb Avenue in Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio a nuisance.** Discussion: This property is located across from County Engineer's office. The trailer that someone was living in has been moved out. Trash is piled everywhere and there is a roll off present. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 4-19-22-3: Approving the hiring of Cody Blair as an intermittent Level II Firefighter/Paramedic at the rate of \$14.85 effective 4/19/22.** Discussion: Cody worked for us before and has obtained new certificates, it was recommended to rehire Cody. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 4-19-22-4: Accepting the resignation of Carson Kazee as an intermittent FF/EMT effective 4/30/22.** Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 4-19-22-5:** Whereas William Stippich joined the Bath Township Fire Department in May of 1992 as a volunteer and served faithfully in that role for thirteen years, and whereas he was hired on June 5, 2005 in the first group of full-time Firefighter/Paramedics in the history of the organization, and whereas he served in multiple leadership roles including Lieutenant, Captain, and Interim Platoon Chief, and whereas he has faithfully provided three decades of dedicated service to the residents of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio, now therefore, let it be resolved by the Board of Trustees of Bath Township, that his retirement as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic be approved effective April 30, 2022, and further, that the Board of Trustees of Bath Township thank Mr. Stippich for his service and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 4-19-22-6:** Approving the hiring of William Stippich as an intermittent Level II Firefighter/Paramedic at the rate of \$14.85 effective 5/1/22. Motion made by Mr. Meeks, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The fiscal officer reported as of April 16, 2022, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,939,011.85; Star Ohio balance \$99,464.52 for a total amount of all funds at \$3,038,476.37.

### **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Breakdown of bills for approval:

Payroll Total:	\$37,072.74
Expenditures/Bills	\$39,470.81
Total	\$76,543.55

Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to pay the **April 16, 2022**, bills in the amount of \$76,543.55. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Provided to Trustees: Payment Listing 4/20/22, Fund Status 4/20/22, Receipt Report as of 4/15/22.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>) Holiday-FO suggests that due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday being on a Monday, and many people take that entire week off for vacations, that we cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>, as we typically only have one meeting in July yearly. The Fiscal Officer will still be processing payroll for employees for that pay cycle.

Mr. Degen made a motion and Mr. Baxter seconded to cancel the July 5, 2022, meeting due to the holiday schedule. A notice of the cancellation will be posted on the township website. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Township Credit Card: FO has received notification that we were approved for the credit card for the township thru First National Bank. FO will begin working on cancelling the 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> credit cards. Tammy spoke to them regarding our rewards points and we will receive a check from them for those rewards points (approximately \$500 total).

Fiscal Officer Training: FYI the fiscal officer just completed two days of online training for 2022 Local Government Officials Conference. This counts towards the required training mandated by the Auditor of State.

### **TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

**Mr. Degen** reported the township has received permission from the EPA to close the Terminal Services/Sandusky Road Landfill. The EPA has instructed the township to abandon the six methane monitoring wells. CTL Engineering of Ohio has provided a quote for \$9,310 to abandon the wells.

Mr. Degen made a motion to pay CTL Engineering \$9310 to abandon the wells at the Terminal Service/Sandusky Road Landfill as required by the EPA. Mr. Baxter seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Degen discussed Aries Lawn Care for the township's 2022 mowing services. The rates have increased 20%. Mr. Baxter made a motion to continue using Aries Lawn Care services for 2022, Mr. Meeks seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Mr. Baxter** reported the annual clean-up day will be on Saturday June 11, 2022. He also reported that Allen County Commissioner Beth Seibert requested a meeting with the Trustees regarding a few water projects potentially in the township. Mr. Baxter inquired about how we can better manage the issue of repeat property owners on their zoning issues.

**Mr. Meeks** had nothing to report.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Road Superintendent Mr. Wilkins** was not present.

**Chief Kitchen** reported 526 calls for service year to date. Reminder Mr. Stippich's retirement party will be on April 30, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken** reported on various caller complaints he has received during the month of April. The owners of the property located at 201 Neubrecht Road will be filing for a variance to use the existing pole sign on the property for the truck stop.


**Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay** had nothing to report.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

There were (8) people from the public in attendance.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **May 3, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

  
William Degen, Chairman

  
Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer

  
Brad Baxter, Vice Chairman

  
Mike Meeks, Trustee