



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **April 5, 2022**, in the township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

Members Present: William Degen
Brad Baxter

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

The minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2022, were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 4-5-22-1: Authorizing the fire department to enter into a one-year contract with Stryker ProCare Services for planned maintenance of two (2) Lifepak 15 cardiac monitors and two (2) LUCAS CPR devices in the amount of **\$3,928.70**. Discussion: Platoon Chief Plumpe renegotiated the contract for equipment they use on every call. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of April 3, 2022, the checking account balance First National Bank \$3,005,537.88; Star Ohio balance \$99,464.52 for a total amount of all funds at \$3,105,002.40.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills for approval:

Payroll Total:	\$34,512.29
Expenditures/Bills	\$51,971.71
Total	\$86,484.00

Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Degen seconded the motion to pay the **April 6, 2022, bills** in the amount of \$86,484.00. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Provided to Trustees: Payment Listing 4/6/22, Fund Status 3/31/22 & 4/6/22, Receipt Detail for month of March, Revenue Status as of 3/31 and Bank Reconciliation for March.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Township Credit Card: FO has initiated paperwork to change card cards to First National Bank. Once the process is completed, the 5th/3rd charge card accounts will be closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

ODOT Cool Road Grant Project-Received confirmation of the approval of the grant funds for the guardrail installation project for Cool Road. Grant fund totals \$ 37,912.00. Worked with the Ohio Office of Budget & Management to correct EFT banking info. That has been completed and confirmed by OBM and we can expect to receive the deposit in the next few days. We are responsible for keeping track of all expenditures and reporting for this project.

Delinquent Taxpayers Listing-received a report from the Allen County Auditor's office detailing delinquent taxpayers in the township. Total delinquent including prior years delinquencies (196,758.90) is \$ 462,215.23.

Allen County Soil & Water District Good Friday Fish Fry on Friday, April 15th at the Allen County Fairgrounds! Enjoy an excellent meal and help support the watershed education efforts. Dine-In or Carry-Out options. Meals are catered by Lock 16 which features delightfully tasty whitefish strips, seasoned fries, and coleslaw. Meal price is \$15 at the door. Contact them regarding delivering large batch meals to your organization! They will be hosting a Silent Auction until 6:00 PM.

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Degen reported the County has the ability to take ground that is delinquent and transfer it to a new owner. The Township has our first transfer to an adjacent owner. Mr. Degen made a motion to accept this transfer of the property by ORC 323.65 and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Degen discussed the Dispatch Contract that shows our contract price would be decreasing as compared to what we are currently paying for this contract..

The Trustees have been in negotiations with the Firefighters Union, therefore, Mr. Degen requested an executive session "Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment."

Mr. Baxter reported on the meeting he attended at the Allen County Health District, they discussed preliminary budgets. It was suggested \$50,000 for Bath's contribution in 2022, but they actually withheld \$48,000. The proposed increase projected for the next cycle is expected to be up 4%.

Mr. Baxter also reported on county wide septic assessments with an increase from \$12 to \$23 and they also had anticipated doing a five-year billing plan, however, that has since been rescinded. The pump systems will increase from \$50 to \$60 annually.

A discussion regarding COVID 19 also detailed by the Health Department that Allen County had 27,299 cases, 1,665 hospitalized, 469 deaths, 21,406 immunizations.

Mr. Baxter also attended the TIRC meeting, and they discussed the five businesses that we have tax incentives with. Bath has four remaining businesses that still have incentives. Mr. Baxter

also attended the countywide Road Program meeting, and the estimate came in at \$214,000 for the township roads versus previous yearly amount of approximately \$120,000. Our estimate has now been reduced with cuts to approximately \$160,000. One mile of roadway for chip and seal is approximately \$23,000.

Mr. Baxter also discussed the County Public Hearing SB52, and stated it was a good hearing with great conversation presented by both sides. This restricts utilities of 50 megawatts or larger, however, there can still be smaller solar farms allowed in the area. Two exceptions in Shawnee and Perry Township are permitted (Industrial/Commercial areas). The Allen County Township Association Spring meeting will be in Delphos.

Mr. Meeks was not present.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Superintendent Mr. Wilkins was not present, Gary Jay reported our plow truck is 21 years old and it is time to look at purchasing a new one. He is currently contacting various vendors to get quotes. Gary is also speaking with other Townships that are using a Class 6 Truck for their subdivisions. He reported they have replaced three Fire Hydrants within the last six months, two of which they were able to file claims on. Chief Kitchen reported that our OTARMA coverage does cover fire hydrants. Gary discussed the Road Program with the Trustees.

RESOLUTION 4-5-22-3: Accepting the County's projected road program cost of \$170,049.08 with the townships portion being \$160,533.33 and the county portion of \$9,515.75.

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

Chief Kitchen reported 461 calls for service year to date. Ken and Chief met with a potential investor for 1250 Neubrecht Road who plans to demolish the worst part and open the hotel with a smaller number of rooms once all issues are fixed. The new contract for EMS billing showed a drop off in revenue that was substantial, Chief and Brenda are working with the new company to get issues resolved. Chief has three full time vacancies and is still working on filling these positions. Ohio Means Jobs and Corp Comm will be working with them. There will be a retirement party for Bill Stippich on April 30th from 1-3 p.m., he is retiring after 30 years of service.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported for the month of March there were twelve certificates, eleven complaints and sixty-five inquiries. Ken discussed zoning issues at following properties: 4330 N. West Street, 1535-1547 Summit Street and 851 Robb Avenue. Fire Code Enforcement activities included: sixteen annual fire inspections, three requested inspections, three follow up inspections.

Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay reported the Social Hall took in \$500 for the month of March.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were (5) people from the public in attendance.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **April 19, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

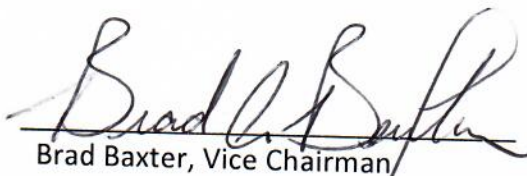
Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. and go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. "Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment." It was determined to end the executive session at 8:32 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

RESOLUTION 4-5-22-2: Authorizing the adoption of the attached Tentative Agreement reached in SERB Case no 2021-MED-12-1583 by the parties in approved by legislative body. The attached Collective Bargaining Agreement will be in effect through April 15, 2022, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by a unanimous roll call vote. No further actions were taken in the regular session.

Being of no further business, Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.


William Degen, Chairman


Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer


Brad Baxter, Vice Chairman