



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **May 3, 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 19, 2022, were approved as presented.** Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 5-1-22-1:** authorizing the approval of the minutes from the 2022 Tax Incentive Review Council. Discussion: The TIRC minutes reflect all the tax abatements we have, any changes or modifications that were made. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-2:** declaring the property owned by Michal Jordan located at 500 Alton Avenue in Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio, a nuisance. Discussion: Zoning Inspector receives complaints every year on this property, now animals are crawling in and out of windows. The Health Department has gotten involved, and the end goal is to get it fixed or demolished, there have been issues at this property since 2014. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-3:** Approving the reimbursement of travel expenses for Lainey Bowen, Bryan Cox, and Crystal Plumpe; including lodging, mileage, and meals related to attending the 2022 Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, IN, from April 24th through April 30th. Further, acknowledging that tuition, registration, and class fees in the amount of \$2174.00 have been paid by the Bath Township Fire Department Foundation, Inc. Discussion: Professional and continued development for our fire department employees. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-4:** Approving the Bath Township Fire Department EMS billing hardship policy and setting an effective date of May 3, 2022. Discussion: This only applies to non-Bath Township residents; we have always had a policy in place. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote



**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-5:** Approving amending Section 3.04 of the Bath Township Employee Handbook pertaining to "Holidays" to include Juneteenth (June 19th) on the list of approved holidays for full-time employees, effective immediately. Discussion: It was agreed upon in fire the department union negotiations to compensate for "Juneteenth" holiday, this makes it effective for all employees. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-6:** Approving the following policy for non-residents of Bath Township: EMS patients who have been treated and transported by Bath Township EMS will receive three written notices at 30, 60, and 90 days notifying them of their unpaid balance, followed by a phone call from our third-party billing agent to discuss payment methods, hardship, or other related matters. For patients unable to pay their bill for EMS services: no legal action will be taken, no credit bureau reporting, or wage garnishments are authorized. Bath Township residents will not receive a bill for service as the township will accept what their insurance pays as payment in full. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-7:** authorizing the approval of the 2020 minutes from the Tax Incentive Review Council. Discussion: The TIRC minutes reflect all the tax abatements we have and any changes or modifications that were made. Motion made by Mr. Meeks, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-8:** authorizing the approval of the 2021 minutes from the Tax Incentive Review Council. Discussion: The TIRC minutes reflect all the tax abatements we have and any changes or modifications that were made. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-10:** Approving the purchase of fire hydrant equipment from Everett J Prescott in the amount of \$ 15,462.30 and using the American Rescue Plan Funding account. Discussion: Fifteen fire hydrants have been ordered and we have received five, there are seven that need replaced. Supply for these are difficult at this time. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The fiscal officer reported as of May 2, 2022, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,882,222.97; Star Ohio balance \$99,497.96 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,981,723.93.



## **BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

### **Breakdown of bills for approval:**

Payroll Total:	\$40,191.88
Expenditures/Bills	\$70,976.94
Total	\$111,168.82

Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to pay the **May 4, 2022**, bills in the amount of \$111,168.82. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Provided to Trustees: Payment Listing 5/4/22, Fund Status 4/30/22 & 5/4/22, Receipt Report as of 4/30/22.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

American Rescue Plan -the Fiscal Officer has completed the first required online reporting. All monies received have been designated as revenue replacement, and the only expense thus far incurred as of the reporting date was the final dump/plow truck payoff. We are expecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of funds during the month of May

## **TRUSTEE BUSINESS**

**Mr. Degen** discussed the guardrail on State Route 81 and stated numerous reasons given by State and County as to why we will not be implementing the guardrail that was requested by the property owner.

**Mr. Baxter** discussed using the Sheriff's Department and continuing again this year with special patrols during the summer.

**Mr. Meeks** inquired as to whether we should have an AFIB unit, Chief Kitchen reported we do not have them and feels we should. Mr. Meeks motioned that we purchase three units however after discussion it was determined Chief Kitchen would pursue purchasing.

**GUESTS:** Dave Stratton for AEDG spoke regarding his support of Bath Township and the \$710,000 grant opportunity approved to remove the Allen County Home on State Route 81. This will eradicate the building and hopefully improve the property for advancements. Mr. Stratton also spoke of a grant for remediation of the Green and Sawyer property on Neubrecht Road.

Mr. Stratton discussed a proposal from P&G for upwards of \$501,000,000 and up to 135 jobs, a 75%/15-year tax abatement is proposed by AEDG. Bath Schools unanimously approved this tax abatement; the township will still be receiving over \$100,000 in new taxes and this proposal does not impact our current taxes. John Shaver of P&G spoke regarding the P&G issue, they have a great property for expansion and an additional facility would be built for manufacturing scent beads. Mr. Meeks asked when the project would begin and was informed that the building could begin in the fall with completion in 18 months. Mr. Baxter expressed his support for the project but did inquire of the traffic impact on the area. Mr. Shaver suggested a small amount, approximately 10% would increase, this increase is only in shipping the product out.

**RESOLUTION 5-3-22-9:** authorizing the Board of the Township of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio to enter into an enterprise zone agreement with the Procter & Gamble manufacturing company and declaring this act an emergency. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Road Superintendent Mr. Wilkins** checked mileage on our three cruisers and suggested we keep in mind that at some point we will need to consider replacing one or two.

**Chief Kitchen** reported 598 calls for service year to date. Chief reported the new ambulance is expected on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Fiscal Officer will check on the resolution for purchase. Discussion ensued regarding how to purchase whether by Fire Fund or ARP funds.

**Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer** reported for the month of April there were six zoning certificates, nine complaints and seventy inquires. The property located 500-502 Alton Avenue; the Health Department has filed charges against owner. The owner has made some progress on the property located at 851 E. Robb Avenue. There has been little progress on the property located at 4330 N. West Street. Ken completed fourteen annual fire inspections one requested and two follow up inspections.

**Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay** was not present.

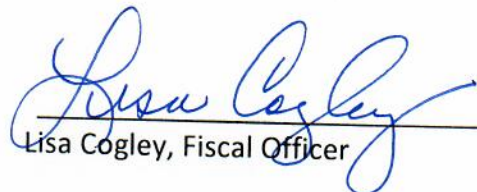
### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

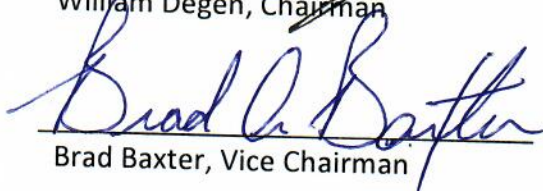
There were (9) nine from the public in attendance.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **May 17, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Being of no further business, Mr. Meeks moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

  
William Degen, Chairman

  
Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer

  
Brad Baxter, Vice Chairman

  
Mike Meeks, Trustee