



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **August 16, 2022**, in the township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

Members Present: William Degen
Brad Baxter
Mike Meeks

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

Guest: Dan Neely from Stoops Freightliner reported they have sold the township their last two trucks they purchased. The township is currently looking into replacing their 2001 Freightliner. Dan explained last year they were put on a 40% allocation with only so many slots, they will also be on allocation for next year and the amount should be similar. He will have state pricing and availability hopefully by the end of the month and will update Gary. It could possibly be a 2nd or 3rd quarter build due to a supply and demand.

The minutes of the meeting of August 2, 2022, were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

The Fiscal Officer will not be in attendance at this meeting due to the death of her sister. All payroll and withholdings were completed as normal. Bills will be completed and submitted to the Trustees at a later date.

RESOLUTION 8-16-22-1: Approving the payment to Atlantic Emergency Solutions of Findlay, Ohio for repairs to the fire department's ladder truck in the amount of \$6,589.54. Discussion: Chief Kitchen reported the reason for this resolution is because of the amount. This was to replace the system that controls the nozzle. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 8-16-22-2: Accepting the resignation of David Maris as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic effective August 26, 2022. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Meeks, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of August 14, 2022, the checking account balance First National Bank \$3,159,808.43; Star Ohio balance \$99,798.48 for a total amount of all funds at \$3,259,606.91.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills for approval:

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| Payroll Total: | \$38,817.71 |
| Expenditures/Bills | \$15,070.19 |
| Total | \$53,887.90 |

Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to pay the **August 17, 2022**, bills in the amount of \$53,887.90. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports emailed to the Trustees: Payment Listing 8/17/22, Fund Status 8/17/22.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ARP FUNDS:

The ARP Funding Balances are as follows:

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| Total Funds Received (2021): | \$496,457.46 |
| Total Funds Received (2022) | \$497,135.04 |
| Total Funds Disbursed: | \$230,356.00 |
| Total Available/Remaining Bal | \$763,236.50 |

Selling of Property by the Township: Chief Kitchen has worked with the Prosecutors Office on researching protocol for selling the vacant land on Dixie Highway. He has provided documentation from the Prosecutors office related to a resolution that can be finalized and prepared for a future meeting.

Mr. Degen discussed the property across from the Fire Department that is zoned B. It was agreed upon that a minimum bid of \$6,000 would be required. Mr. Meeks inquired about any encroachments on this property, Mr. Degen was unsure. Mr. Meeks asked about inquiring if the landowners abutting up to it might be interested in each purchasing what is located behind their homes. The Trustees agreed it would be fine for Mr. Meeks to contact the property owners first, re-zoning would be needed if they all agree to purchase the property.

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Degen reported he received some good news from JFS, they have some grant money available that can be used for our Road Department employee who is obtaining his CDL. Tammy will contact Joe Patton at JFS at the end of September to see what the funding will cover.

Mr. Baxter reported August 14th was the last day of accepting applications for the Trustee position. Interviewing will begin sometime after September 4th. Mr. Baxter requested an executive session "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public employee."

Mr. Meeks explained in reference to the bills not being paid at this time it was due to a death in the family of the Fiscal Officer.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Superintendent Gary reported they have completed their second round of mowing. They also have all of the stone hauled for the Road Program and it is stored at the State's garage. Gary discussed quotes on having the parking lot paved, only one of the three companies has returned a quote. Mr. Degen and Mr. Baxter discussed using the ARP funds for the paving the parking lot and purchasing the truck for the Road Department.

Chief Kitchen reported 1137 calls for service year to date. Chief reported he will have a statistical report for our next meeting. Mr. Meeks inquired on the status of the AED and Chief stated we have qualified for one through the St Rita's Foundation at this time he has not heard anything else. Mr. Meeks inquired on the best place to put it and Chief stated probably the Social Hall.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer Meyer informed the owner at 124 Barnsbury Drive he needs to put the vehicle inside or get tags for it, he hasn't done either as of yesterday. Ken made contact with the owner at 3472 Early Avenue regarding removing their chickens, he has asked that they contact him. He also sent a letter to the residence at 1212 Grant Street to inform them they could not have chickens and ducks. They have responded and are in the process of re-homing the birds. The trucks plaza is coming along slow, but Ken stated it is beautiful inside. Ken has someone scheduled to mow the abandoned property on Leonard.

Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay had nothing to report.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

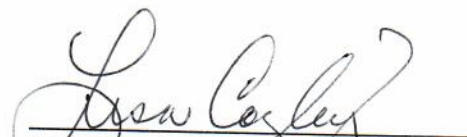
There were (14) fourteen from the public in attendance. John Payne resident of the City of Lima and a candidate for Lima Municipal Court, stated he is familiar with local government and knows that zoning is something that affects a lot of residents. Mr. Degen stated we have taken a lot of cases to court, and it seems like we have not lost any since he began his term. Mr. Degen stated we go by ORC and it unfortunate they have to take cases to court as it is the only avenue they have. Ken and Diane Lugibihl 9222 Rockport Road Bluffton, Ohio introduced themselves and he explained he had purchased the adult bookstore, tore it down, and cleaned up the property, they also purchased the property by the church, they tore that building down and cleaned up the property. Then they purchased property to the East with the concrete building and they have been cleaning that property up as well. He wanted to let everyone know who he is and that he is trying to be a good neighbor in cleaning up these properties in Bath Township. The Trustees told Ken how much they appreciate his clean up on these properties. Clarence Roller 3920 E. Bluelick Road asked if the property they discussed selling across from the Fire Department could be re-zoned by the Trustees as part of the purchase for the homeowners if they decide to purchase it. Mr. Degen stated he was unsure but would need to check into it.

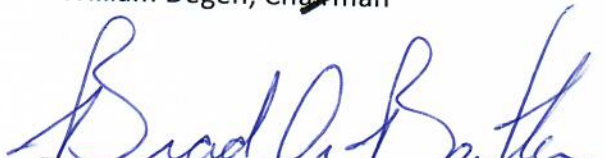
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **September 6, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

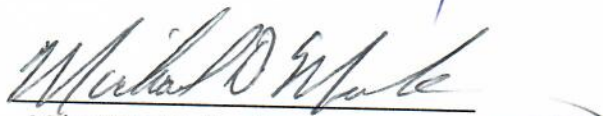
Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m. and go into executive session at 7:53 p.m. "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public employee." It was determined to end the executive session at 8:15 p.m. No further actions were taken in the regular session.

Being of no further business, Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.


William Degen, Chairman


Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer


Brad Baxter, Vice Chairman


Mike Meeks, Trustee