



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **October 4, 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 September 20, 2022, were approved as presented. Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 10-4-22-1: accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Discussion: This resolution is one we approve every year after the Auditors office reviews our proposed budget that we submit to them. It includes revenue and allocations for 2023. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

RESOLUTION 10-4-22-2: accepting the resignation of Caden Woodward as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic effective 10/10/22. Discussion: Chief sent a copy of his resignation letter to the Trustees, Caden has obtained a full-time position in Columbus. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-4-22-3: accepting the resignation of Bruce Music as an intermittent Firefighter/EMT Basic effective 9/22/22. Discussion: Bruce was an original member of our volunteer staff; his certification has expired, and he is now retired. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

RESOLUTION 10-4-22-4: Approving the payment to Atlantic Emergency Solutions for pressure gauges, brackets, and nozzles in the amount of \$7,255.00 to be paid with Federal (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds. Discussion: Submitted a grant for FEMA funds three years ago, funds have been received. Motion made by Mr. Degen, seconded by Mr. Baxter, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 10-4-22-5: DECLARING THE PROPERTY OWNED BY LIMAHOTEL INC, LOCATED AT 1250 NEUBRECHT ROAD IN BATH TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO, A NUISANCE. Discussion: Property owner gave information on the issues they have dealt with on maintaining the property. Mr. Degen spoke regarding our zoning issues and explained the township's perspective. Mr. Baxter also expressed his views. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Fiscal Officer requested an executive session "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public employee."

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of October 2, 2022, the checking account balance First National Bank \$3,208,539.48; Star Ohio balance \$100,199.84 for a total amount of all funds at \$3,308,739.32.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills for approval:

Payroll Total:	\$32,874.39
Expenditures/Bills	\$65,477.60
Total	\$98,351.99

Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to pay the **October 5, 2022**, bills in the amount of \$98,351.99. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports emailed to the Trustees: Payment Listing 10/5/22, Fund Status 10/5/22, Revenue Status 10/5/22, Bank Reconciliation 9/30.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

<u>ARP FUNDS:</u>	
The ARP Funding Balances are as follows:	
Total Funds Received (2021):	\$496,457.46
Total Funds Received (2022)	\$497,135.04
Total Funds Disbursed:	\$230,356.00
Total Available/Remaining Balance	\$763,236.50

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Degen read a letter from the Allen County Health Department informing the public they are possibly looking for a new building as they have outgrown their current one.

Mr. Baxter approved the \$19,154.76 purchase of fire hydrants from E.J. Prescott using the ARP funds to pay the invoice. Mr. Baxter met with Beth Seibert regarding storm water management, the permit is outdated, and all townships are meeting with them. Mr. Baxter stated they have made some progress on the prospective candidate for Mr. Degen. There will be a Township Association meeting hosted by Bath Township in the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. on October 20th. Mr. Baxter is working on the renewal of the health care benefits and is hoping for progress on getting additional quotes from vendors. ODOT may have funding for improving the Thayer Road/SR 81 intersections and there will be a District Advisory Council for the Health Department on October 26th.

Mr. Meeks was not present.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Superintendent Gary Jay reported they are finishing their last round of mowing for this year. The salt prices came in and they are up by \$4 a ton. Gary discussed the Cool Road Guardrail project. Our grant money was \$37,912 both quotes were over our grant money, Fiscal Officer recommended using ARP funds for the overage.

RESOLUTION 10-4-22-7: approving Lake Erie Construction for the Cool Road guardrail project in the amount of \$42,325.00 and also using ARP funds for any cost overages in conjunction with the grant funds received for the project.

Chief Kitchen reported 1380 calls for service year to date. Chief reported National Fire Prevention week starts on Sunday and they will visit over 600 children in the schools. Chief recommends everyone check their fire detection systems and change their batteries. Chief also reported on three pending grants that we are awaiting responses on.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported for the month of September there were four zoning certificates, three complaints and sixty-four inquires. The Prosecutor's office has advised we cannot declare a property a nuisance for chickens. They can proceed with legal action against the owner for violations of 519.21 and our zoning resolutions. I am requesting the Trustees pass a motion rescinding Resolution 9-06-22-3. United Renewable Energy has reserved the social hall for a information meeting on October 19th. Ken has been in contact with contractors regarding P&G warehouse expansion. Ken completed eighteen annual fire inspections two requested and four follow up inspections.

Mr. Baxter made a motion and Mr. Degen seconded the motion to rescind Resolution 9-6-22-3 as this resolution is not needed for the issue of chickens on a property.

Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay Trick or Treat will be Thursday October 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were (11) eleven from the public in attendance. Kamlesh Patel 4420 E. Main Street Columbus, Ohio. Small partner in the 1250 Neubrecht Road property.

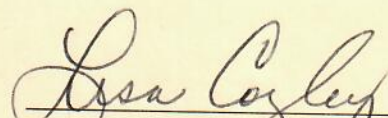
Mr. Degen moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. and go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public employee." It was determined to end the executive session at 8:14 p.m. and return to regular session

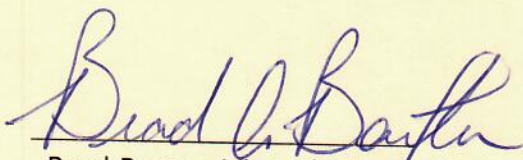
RESOLUTION 10-4-22-6: Approving the hiring of Rebecca Phillips as the Fiscal Officer Assistant, effective 10/4/22 at a pay rate of \$25.00 an hour. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Degen, and passed by unanimous roll call vote

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Degen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **October 18, 2022, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.


William Degen, Chairman


Lisa Cogley, Fiscal Officer


Brad Baxter, Vice Chairman