



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **May 2, 2023**, in the Township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

**Members Present:** Brad Baxter  
Joe Patton  
Mike Meeks

Chairman Brad Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2023, were approved as presented.** Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Baxter and abstained by Mr. Meeks. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 5-2-23-1:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby authorizes the Bath Twp. Fire Department to enter into a contract for services with Fawcett Collecting Company effective 5/2/23. Discussion: Chief stated this is just formalizing our conversations over the last several weeks. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Patton and passed by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-2-23-2:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby authorizes the Bath Township Fire Department to accept credit card payments for EMS billing through a virtual terminal provided by First National Bank of Pandora. Discussion: Chief stated again this is just formalizing previous conversations. Motion made by Mr. Patton seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-2-23-3:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby approves the purchase of two (2) Woods BB84.50D Heavy Duty Rotary Cutters in the amount of \$13,563.42 using the American Rescue Plan Funding Account. Discussion: These mowing decks are for our two new John Deere 5075E Utility Tractors. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-2-23-4:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby approves the purchase of two (2) New John Deere 5075E Cab Utility Tractors and one (1) John Deere 520M Loader in the amount of \$71,381.32 using the American Rescue Plan Funding Account. Discussion: Gary reported these will replace two older utility tractors that are over 20 years old. Gary hopes to get them on a 3-5-year rotation. Motion made by Mr. Patton seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 5-2-23-5:** Adopting proposed text amendments to the Bath Township Zoning Resolution. Specifically, Article 22 – Signs & Outdoor Advertising and Article 24 – Reserved for future use, as documented in Case #114. Discussion: Mr. Baxter feels this zoning resolution is consistent with what the residents want. Mr. Patton was against solar fields for the fact that Bath is a rural township and how it affects property values. Mr. Meeks acknowledged the work that has gone into this by the Zoning Department and the Zoning Boards. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by roll call vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The fiscal officer reported as of April 29, 2023, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,982,768.64; Star Ohio balance \$102,729.47 for a total amount of all funds at \$3,085,498.11.

<b>ARP FUNDS:</b>	
The ARP Funding Balances are as follows:	
Total Funds Received (2021):	\$496,457.46
Total Funds Received (2022)	\$497,135.04
Total Funds Disbursed:	\$335,278.83
<b>Total Available/Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$658,313.67</b>

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**Breakdown of bills for approval:**

Payroll Total:	\$ 29,805.81
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 36,771.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,577.34</b>

Mr. Patton moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to pay the May 3, 2023, bills in the amount of \$66,577.34. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Reports Emailed to Trustees: Payment Listing 5/1/23, Fund Status 5/1/23, Revenue Status 5/1/23. Mr. Patton, Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Meeks confirmed they received these reports.

**DISCUSSION:**

<b>ARP Funding Designated Expenditures</b>			
	11-1-2022-2	2023 Freightliner 108SD	\$189,949.00
	5-2-2023-3	(2) Woods BB84.50D Heavy Duty Rotary Cutters	\$13,563.42
	5-2-2023-4	(2) John Deere 5075E Cab Utility Tractors and (1) John Deere 520M Loader	\$71,381.32
		<b>Total ARP Designated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$274,893.74</b>

<b>Remaining ARP Funding after Designated Expenditures</b>	
Total Available Funds Before Designated Expenditures	\$658,33.67
Total Designated Expenditures	274,893.74
<b>Total ARP Funds Remaining</b>	<b>\$383,419.93</b>

**TRUSTEES BUSINESS**

**Mr. Baxter** received notification before the meeting that the applicant for the Public Hearing case #113 scheduled for 5/16 at 5:30 p.m. is unable to attend. Mr. Baxter stated the importance of the applicant attending and the applicant also realizes the importance, but it is out of his control. Scott Campbell gave the Trustees examples of how they can proceed due to the notification they just received from the applicant. Mr. Baxter reported the Township Sign in the front of the building is down due to a storm and we are working on getting it replaced. The Trustees approved sending the replacement quote to our insurance company.

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

**Mr. Patton** attended the Allen County Regional Planning Crash Accident Report meeting that reported on road improvements that are slated to happen there have not been any changes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Road Superintendent Gary Jay** there is a meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at ACRPC on the Lost Creek Project Phase I, Mr. Meeks will be attending the meeting. Gary discussed costs associated with Clean-Up Day and verification. He contacted other Townships who are no longer taking tires. Mr. Baxter stated they will have more discussion on this.

**Chief Kitchen** reported 505 calls for service year to date.

**Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer** reviewed Zoning Department actions and Fire Code Enforcement for the month of April. There will be a BZA hearing on Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Zoning Case #113 had their DCC meeting, and they voted to reject the staff recommendation to deny the re-zoning. The new motel owners at 1250 Neubrecht Road have begun renovations.

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

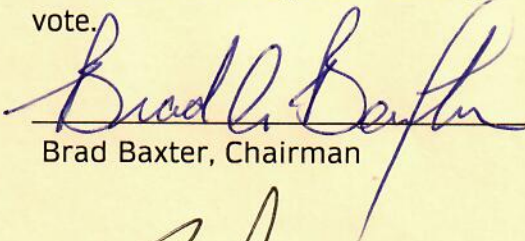
### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

There were (9) nine from the public in attendance. Scott Campbell thanked everyone for all their work on the "Text Amendments". He feels we have gone from one of the most restrictive Township's on signs to one of the most generous. He feels our "Article 24" is a very clean amendment.

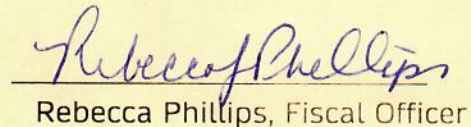
Clarence Roller, 3920 E. Bluelick Road spoke about government "Claw-Back Provision" Chief Kitchen confirmed they are talking about Federal Government not local. Clarence hopes the Township will look at what they logically really need to spend the remaining funds on. Mr. Baxter wonders if allocating the funds is enough to keep the funds.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **May 16, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

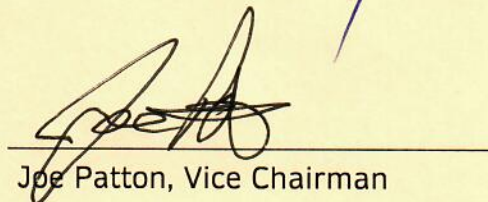
Being of no further business, Mr. Meeks moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion. to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.



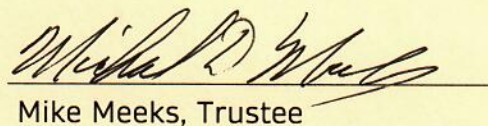
Brad Baxter, Chairman



Rebecca Phillips, Fiscal Officer



Joe Patton, Vice Chairman



Mike Meeks, Trustee