



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **June 20, 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 special meeting of June 1, 2023, were approved as presented. Motion by Mr. Meeks, seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by a roll call vote.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2023, were approved as presented. Motion by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Patton and passed by a roll call vote.

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

**RESOLUTION 6-20-23-1:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby cancels the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the holiday and approves the payroll and associated payroll withholdings for the July 4<sup>th</sup> cancelled meeting for the pay period 6/16/23-6/30/23. Payroll and withholding documents will be provided to the Trustees as normal. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 6-20-23-2:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby accepts the resignation of Rebecca Phillips as Fiscal Officer, effective 6/30/23 and appointing her as a co-Fiscal Officer Assistant on an as-needed basis in conjunction with Lisa Gross as a co-Fiscal Officer Assistant with an end date of 12/31/23. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 6-20-23-3:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby approves the appointment of Joshua Luke as Fiscal Officer, effective 7/1/23 to fulfill the unexpired term vacancy. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Meeks and abstained by Mr. Patton.

**RESOLUTION 6-20-23-4:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby approves the hiring of Jake Durham as an intermittent Level I Firefighter/EMT Basic at a rate of \$14.10/hour effective, June 20, 2023. Motion made by Mr. Patton seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 6-20-23-5:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby approves the hiring of Lainey Bowen as a full-time Firefighter/Basic EMT in accordance with Article 33, "Non-Certified Hires," of the IAFF Local 4539 contract at a rate of \$16.65/hour, effective July 1, 2023. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 6-20-23-6:** The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby approves the resignation of Brock Schroeder as an intermittent fire department employee effective 6/14/23. Motion made by Mr. Meeks seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The fiscal officer reported as of June 18, 2023, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,765,794.24; Star Ohio balance \$103,182.96 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,868,977.20

<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:	<u>\$335,278.83</u>
<b>Total Available/Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$658,313.67</b>

**BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**Breakdown of bills for approval:**

Payroll Total:	\$ 34,211.93
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 34,832.97
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,044.90</b>

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to pay the June 21, 2023, bills in the amount of \$ 69,044.90 Motion passed by roll call vote.

Reports Emailed to Trustees: Payment Listing 6/20/23, Fund Status 6/20/23, Revenue Status 6/20/23. Mr. Patton, Mr. Baxter, and Mr. Meeks confirmed they received these reports.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Received letter from the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding their early development phases of improvement to the State Route 81 and Thayer Road intersection. In the coming months we will receive additional information about a public meeting to discuss options for improving the intersection. ODOT is seeking comments from the public about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of the proposed project. Please refer any comments, concerns, or questions to Travis McKibben by phone at 419-999-6841 or by email at [travis.mckibben@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:travis.mckibben@dot.ohio.gov).

Received a questionnaire from the Allen County Farm Bureau. As they enter a new program year, they are seeking assistance in identifying issues on which the Farm Bureau can direct its efforts. Any issue, problem or subject related to impacts on agriculture or non-agricultural related topics that you wish to address with the Farm Bureau can be added to the questionnaire.

### **TRUSTEES BUSINESS**

**Mr. Baxter** reported they have four candidates for the Trustee position and will begin to interview.

**Mr. Meeks** welcomed Josh Luke, our new Fiscal Officer.

**Mr. Patton** confirmed his resignation as of June 30, 2023.

**RESOLUTION 6-20-23-7** **The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby approves the replacement of (3) three township building doors with a cost not to exceed \$13,800.00 with the quotes presented and using ARP funds.**

Motion made by Mr. Patton seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Road Superintendent Gary Jay** reported that tractors were expected to be delivered June 21<sup>st</sup>. The 2022 road program is complete with the 2023 road program to begin.

**Chief Kitchen** reported 741 calls for service year to date.

**Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer** reviewed his zoning report with the Trustees.

### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

There were (11) eleven from the public in attendance.

Ted Schmacher 3120 Sugar Creek Rd—Asked if Allen County business would be used to install new door and maybe a Putman County business should be considered.

Liz Ebbing 1382 Fetter Rd—Wanted to thank the township for ensuring the grass was cut at the old nursing home on State Route 81. Ms. Ebbing inquired about the 81/Thayer Rd intersection improvements.

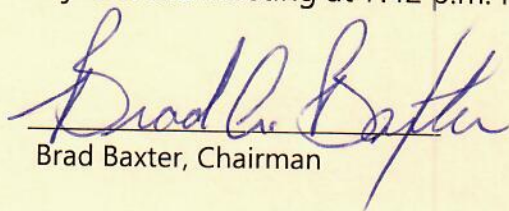
Tina Teeters 980 Fetter Rd—Had a concern regarding 19 Hawthorn and it being very dusty and no one abiding by the speed limit.

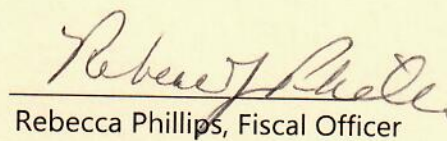
Ron Ward 960 Fetter—Also had concern about the dusty driveway of 19 Hawthorn. He commented that he has attempted to reach out to the owners and has been ignored.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **July 18, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to

adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

  
Brad Baxter, Chairman

  
Rebecca Phillips, Fiscal Officer

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Joe Patton, Vice Chairman

  
Mike Meeks, Trustee