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Trustees: Brad A. Baxter • Michael D. Meeks • Joseph A. Patton
Fiscal Officer: Rebecca J. Phillips

The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **June 6, 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.

Guest Speaker Josh Zwez, Drainage Coordinator from Allen Soil and Water presented information on their Site Review Program. A few of the services they identify are soil types, surface drainage, floodplains and setbacks and prepare reports. He reviewed the costs and various ways a township can pay for this service.

The minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2023, were approved as presented. Motion by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by a roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 6-6-23-1: The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby denies the proposed rezoning amendment of case #113 to the Bath Township Zoning Map. Specifically, rezoning parcel 37-2812-02-033.001 (2481 Reservoir Road, Lima, OH 45801) from R1: Residential District to R2 General Residential District. Discussion: Mr. Baxter stated the Township encourages development, but we have to be careful how we plan the developments. We have a right to look at development on a case-by-case basis. A short-term rental does not fit with the consistency of that area. Motion made by Mr. Baxter, seconded by Mr. Patton, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 6-6-23-2: The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby authorizes the Bath Township Fire Department to apply for Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program funding through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management. Discussion: It would be a total grant of \$20,000 and the employees must be employed from 1/27/20 – 4/10/23. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Meeks and passed by roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of June 2, 2023, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,843,538.28; Star Ohio balance \$103,182.96 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,946,721.24.



ARP FUNDS:	
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
Total Available/Remaining Balance	\$658,313.67

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills for approval:

Payroll Total:	\$ 37,279.91
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 71,095.94
Total	\$108,375.85

Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Patton seconded the motion to pay the June 07, 2023, bills in the amount of \$108,375.85. Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

DISCUSSION:

The May bank reconciliation is completed and has been provided to Trustees.

2024 Budget- Request all department heads to submit your requested items as soon as possible. I would like to discuss the option of having the public budget hearing for 6:00 p.m. June 20th, prior to the next scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Legal ad will need to be posted by June 10th. The Trustees agreed to have the Budget Hearing on June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received Ohio Township Association staffing schedule for the Allen County Fair. Bath Township is scheduled for shifts on Sunday, August 20th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Monday, August 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We received a notice that our trash service through Apple Disposal Services LLC was acquired by Rumpke Waste and Recycling. Per the notice, Rumpke will continue with the same monthly rates as Apple Disposal. Tammy will contact for additional options as they want us to sign a three-year contract and they can raise the rates at any time and fees will be charged if we cancel services within the three-year period.



TRUSTEES BUSINESS

Mr. Baxter discussed Clean Up Day and whether we should continue to accept tires.

Motion made by Mr. Baxter and seconded by Mr. Meeks to have Clean Up Day on July 8, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and to NOT accept tires. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Baxter requested an executive session to "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public official."

Mr. Meeks had nothing to report.

Mr. Patton had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Superintendent Gary Jay reported the Road Program has begun and that the new John Deere tractors should be delivered this week. Mr. Meeks reported he has asked Gary to obtain estimates on replacing the roof over the back road department building as it is leaking.

Chief Kitchen reported 686 calls for service year to date. The Chief thanked the Trustees for the labor management meeting. Mr. Baxter stated they may need to have additional open meetings to discuss plans for the department and how to stay within budget.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reviewed his zoning report and fire inspection report with the Trustees. BZA held on hearing on May 15, 2020, and variance was granted. They held another one on May 30, 2023, for conditional use and it was granted.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were (13) thirteen from the public in attendance. Mr. Gossard presented his opinion and explained rezoning amendment of case #113 and that he would be resubmitting his case. James Hood 131 Ridgcrest Circle asked how many jobs the new P&G expansion would create, and Mr. Baxter stated possibly 150. Liz Ebbing 1382 Fetter Road asked when Fetter Road will be repaired due to the trash truck catching on fire. Linda Makley 3829 Yale discussed the Lima News only available on Wednesday and Saturdays. Lynda feels our website is hard to navigate. Clarence Roller, 3920 E. Bluelick Road stated how Mr. Degen had looked into publishing notices in surrounding newspapers. Lisa Fillhart 1800 Ada Road questioned Allen Soil and Water and regarding charges for residents. She also inquired if the township could send out emails to all Bath residents to keep them updated.



The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **June 20, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

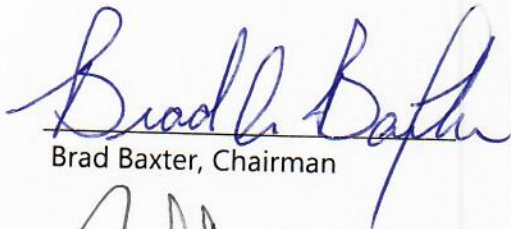
Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to recess the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. and go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotions, demotion, or compensation of a public official." It was determined to end the executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Upon returning to the regular meeting:

RESOLUTION 6-6-23-3 The Board of Trustees of Bath Township, Allen County, Ohio hereby accepts the resignation of Mr. Joseph Patton as Township Trustee, effective 6/30/23.

Mr. Meeks made a motion and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to accept Joe Patton's resignation. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. No further action was taken in the regular session.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Meeks seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.


Brad Baxter, Chairman


Rebecca Phillips, Fiscal Officer


Joe Patton, Vice Chairman


Mike Meeks, Trustee