



The Board of Trustees of Bath Township met on Tuesday, **February 7, 2023**, in the Township Boardroom, 2880 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio.

Members Present: Brad Baxter
Joe Patton

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

Rebecca Phillips swore in Mr. Dean Edwards for his position on the Zoning Commission.

Guest Speaker Haley Belisle with Allen Soil and Water Conservation District provided a presentation and draft MOU.

Guest Speaker Matt Treglia reported the Township has three Deputies contracted with the ACSO and that the cost per Deputy is \$85,000 for one year.

The minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2023, were approved as presented.

Motion made, seconded, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL OFFICER'S BUSINESS

Rebecca reported the year-end reporting has been completed and W-2's and 1099's have been distributed and filed electronically. A legal add will be posted in the Lima News regarding completion of this. The December bank reconciliation is completed for last month.

RESOLUTION 2-7-23-1: Hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Bath Township and the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission in support of the LACRPC serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Allen County, Ohio Study Area through the 2023-2024 year and remit payment of \$3,759.60. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Patton and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2-7-23-2: Hereby authorizing the Bath Township Fire Department to enter into an agreement with the Boy Scouts of America – “Learning for Life Exploring” to establish an Explorer Post for Bath Local Schools students grades 7-12. Further, acknowledging that all fees and expenses will be paid for by the Bath Township Fire Dept. Foundation, Inc. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Patton and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2-7-23-3: Hereby authorizing the payment of \$3,905.00 to Atlantic Emergency Solutions for fire nozzles and accessories. Further, recognizing that the balance of our “Assistance to Firefighters (AGF)” funds have been requested from FEMA and will be released to the township within thirty (30) days. Motion made by Mr. Baxter seconded by Mr. Patton and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2-7-23-4: Hereby certify in accordance with the provisions specified in the Ohio Revised Code, Section 4501.04 that as of December 31, 2022, the Township was responsible for maintaining 53.845 miles of public roads. Motion made by Mr. Patton seconded by Mr. Baxter and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal officer reported as of February 5, 2023, the checking account balance First National Bank \$2,539,380.72; Star Ohio balance \$101,512.74 for a total amount of all funds at \$2,640,893.46.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Breakdown of bills for approval:

Payroll Total:	\$ 34,484.70
Expenditures/Bills	\$ 61,976.96
Total	\$ 96,461.66

Mr. Patton moved, and Mr. Baxter seconded the motion to pay the February 8, 2023, bills in the amount of \$96,461.66. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports Emailed to Trustees: Payment Listing 2/5/23, Fund Status 2/5/23, Revenue Status 2/5/23.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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:	\$322,226.49
Total Available/Remaining Balance	\$671,366.01

TRUSTEE BUSINESS

Mr. Baxter asked Gary Jay to put something together on our costs of cemetery plots and burials, Gary confirmed he was already working on this. Mr. Baxter discussed the possible sizeable cost to repair the Fire Departments ladder truck. Mr. Baxter also attended a meeting with the Commissioners regarding upcoming projects.

Mr. Meeks was not present.

Mr. Patton had nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Superintendent Gary Jay reported he has entered all Lewis Grove Cemetery information into a excel program and is getting ready to sort through deeds. Gary reported he had a 2nd mechanic he knows look at the ladder truck and that mechanic did not feel the repairs would be that extensive.

Chief Kitchen reported 142 calls for service year to date. Chief Kitchen explained how the ladder helps local businesses keep insurance costs lower but a ladder truck is not required, it is a secondary truck. Chief spoke about the Fire Departments valuable relationship with the ACSO. Chief discussed "Allen County Leave Behind Program" that addresses opioid pandemic, he also provided stat reports to the Trustees.

Zoning Inspector/Fire Inspector Ken Meyer reported for the month of January there was one certificate, two complaints and forty-seven inquiries. Ken has completed two versions of new language on solar energy and a revision of signage language. There will be a Study Session on Thursday February 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Ken performed three annual fire inspections and one follow up inspection.

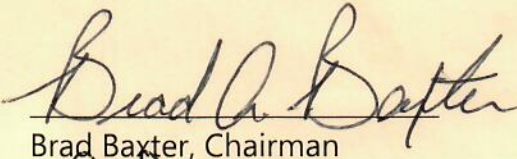
Social Hall Manager Tammy Jay had nothing to report.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

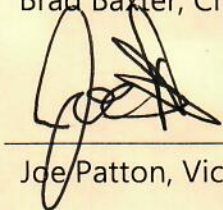
There were (8) eight from the public in attendance. Hailey Belisle from Allen Soil and Water reported the Ottawa River Clean Up will be on Saturday August 29th.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bath Township will be held **February 21, 2023, @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Township Boardroom.

Being of no further business, Mr. Baxter moved, and Mr. Patton seconded the motion. to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.


Brad Baxter, Chairman


Rebecca Phillips, Fiscal Officer


Joe Patton, Vice Chairman