

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 16th day of October 2017 at the Village of Bath, Village Hall, located at 110 Liberty St., Bath, NY 14810. This meeting was called to order by Mayor William von Hagn at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	William von Hagn	Police Chief:	Chad Mullen
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Jeanne Glass	Code Enforcement:	Ralph Senese
Trustee:	Mike Sweet	Street Supervisor:	Jeff Muller
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen	BEGWS Director:	Erin Bonacci
Trustee:	Melanie Coots	Fire Chief:	Robin Havens
Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer:	Stephany Bartusiak		

Visitors:

Jennifer Owens, Julie Haar, and James LaBarr spoke to the board about a recovery support group they are forming and requested permission to use space inside the building for meetings, although the board fully supports the concept. The board decided against providing a meeting space in the municipal building at this time without insurance coverage and lack of an organization to provide oversight.

Appointments:

On a motion by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass Jeff Muller was appointed to both the Shade Tree and Mossy Bank Committees. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of Bills:

On a motion by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass to pay Village bills in the amount of \$187,967.86. All present were in favor, the motion was carried.

Department Head Reports:

Thomas Gutow, Street Superintendent:

Street Report was received.

Chad Mullen, Police Chief:

Police Report was received.

Ralph Senese, Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Report was received.

Robin Havens, Fire Chief:

Fire Department Report was received.

Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director:

BEGWS Minutes were received.

Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Clerk/Treasurer Report was received.

Committee Reports:

On a motion by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass to allow the Chamber of Commerce to put up an additional 40 “Hometown Heroes” banners at random, BEGWS and the Street Department will coordinate to have banners hung. All present were in favor, the motion was carried.

On a motion by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to authorize Chief Mullen with assistance from the street department to bag the meters on Liberty, Buell, and Steuben Streets for about a month in December, as part of the holiday season and meter study. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

New Business:

On a motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass to designate Halloween in the Village from 6-8pm on October 31, 2017. All present were in favor, the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Hunt Engineering Grant writing agreement. All present were in favor, the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to pull the seasonal item discussion from the agenda until further review from the Planning and Zoning Boards. All present were in favor, the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots to hold the public hearing on Event Fees on November 20, 2017 at 5:30 pm. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Coots, Seconded by Trustee Glass to start the process of filling either the assistant supervisor or MEO position for the Street Department. All present were in favor, the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to go out for Request for Proposals for a Village Attorney. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Trustee Bardeen seconded by Trustee Glass to enter into an executive session for police negotiations, and personnel at 7:25 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

On a motion by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to exit executive session at 7:56 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

On a motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to appoint Tom Gutow to Street Department supervisor effective October 18, 2017, with a starting salary of \$73,000.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephany Bartusiak
Deputy Clerk Treasurer