

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
BUDGET MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 26th day of February 2020 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 5:03 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	William von Hagn
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Jeanne Glass
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen - arrived at 5:06 p.m.
Trustee:	Melanie Coots
Trustee:	Mike Sweet
Street Asst. Super:	Michael Bly
Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Street Supervisor:	Thomas Gutow
Police Chief:	Chad Mullen
Code Enforcement:	Bradley Hill
Fire Chief:	Matt Glashauser
Resident/BEGWS Chair:	Jeffrey Muller
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer:	Stephany Bartusiak

Absent:

Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
BEGWS Director:	Erin Bonacci

New Business:

Civil War Days:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the date change for the Civil War Days at Mossy Bank from May 29, 2020 to May 8, 2020. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Economic Development:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the recommendation from the economic development committee to hire Hunt Engineers with Susan Pane for the economic development study. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approval to Hire Court Clerk:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the hiring of Courtney Joint for the Village Court Clerk position at \$17.00 per hour and 37.5 hours per week. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Budget:

The Board reviewed the budget which started out with a 1.68% tax increase.

The Mayor mentioned that the street department should start looking at the cost of a generator for their building and the gas system. If there is no power, they can't run the computer system to the gas system.

Chief Mullen to look into changing the local law on garbage trucks to reflect what the Village currently does.

Change all salaries of the full time non-contractual employees to 2.5% as all contracts are averaging 2.5%.

BEGWS Chair will look into the questions on the street lighting on how there are repair costs.

Would like to start the sidewalk program this year and make it widely advertised and suggested maybe putting a committee together to run the program.

Discussed that the Village would be able to purchase the 2 pieces of equipment (laptop and 2 year buyback on the loader) now, it could drop the budget to an estimated 0.76% increase.

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to purchase the Laptop and the 2 year buyback on the loader and to approve a budget transfer of \$1500.00 from A1990.4 Contingent Account to A1325.2 Clerk Equipment and \$26,295.00 from A1990.4 Contingent Account to A5110.2 Street Dept Equipment. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Coots to adjourn the budget meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 6:34 p.m. to go into executive session for personnel and contracts. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Brad Hill was asked to stay in executive session, Left at 6:46 p.m.

Chad Mullen was asked to enter into executive session at 6:46 p.m., left at 6:58 p.m.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to return to regular budget session at 7:02 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Budget:

Decided to take out some amounts of the line for the Police Anticipated Retirement and use Reserve Funds if needed. Budget will be recalculated with all suggestion and brought to the next Village Board Meeting

There will be no need for further board meetings and discussions will take place at the regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to adjourn the budget meeting at 7:03 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer