

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 16th day of February 2021 through videoconference. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Sweet at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	Michael Sweet
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Karen Causer
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen
Trustee:	Melanie Coots
Trustee:	Jeffrey Muller
Deputy Clerk/ Treasurer:	Stephany Bartusiak
Street Supervisor:	Thomas Gutow
Code Enforcement:	Bradley Hill
Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
Fire Chief:	Matt Glashauser

Visitors/Residents in Attendance:

Dave Taylor Smith, Brian Verkay, Mary Jane Jones, Jeff Smith, Ariel Salk, Robert Shirley III

Absent:

Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Chief of Police:	Chad Mullen
BEGWS Director:	Erin Bonacci

Public Hearing:

CDBG Project V. Bath Gas System:

Opened Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Muller explained how receiving this grant money through the CDBG program has allowed the Village to evaluate its existing gas distribution system, identify capital needs and improvements and assess any environmental impacts.

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to close the public hearing at 5:33pm p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

CDBG Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Applications:

CDBG Public Infrastructure Activity WWTP:

Opened Public Hearing at 5:33 p.m.

Purpose of hearing public comments on the Village of Bath community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more CDBG applications.

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Mossy Bank request for the Annual Hills on Fire Event held on August 8, 2021. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resignation:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to accept the resignation of Chief Chad Mullen, effective February 26, 2021. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$164,346.87. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Department Head Reports:

Thomas Gutow, Street Superintendent:

Street Report was received.

Chad Mullen, Police Chief:

Police Report was received.

Bradley Hill, Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Report was received.

Matthew Glashauser, 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.

New Business:

Mowing Bid:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve the mowing bid from JB Stopka for \$9,275.00 per year. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Set Public Hearing for Police Reform Plan March 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to set the public hearing for the Police Reform Plan for Monday March 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Steuben County Agreement for Diversion Program:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Steuben County Agreement for the Diversion Program, stating the Village will receive 30 percent of net monies collected from any successful completion of the Traffic Diversion Program originating from its geographical limits. This agreement has a term of 2020 to 2025. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

CDBG Application for Village of Bath WWTP Upgrades:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to acknowledge the Village of Bath's support for pursuing the grant funding through CDBG on the WWTP upgrades and to authorize the Mayor, Michael Sweet, to sign all required paperwork. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Steuben County DWI Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve the Stop DWI Enforcement contract for 2021 with Steuben County. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 6:18 p.m. to go into executive session for the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation and potential litigation. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to return to regular session at 6:56 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approving Employment Separation Agreement and Release:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve a certain employment separation agreement and release with a Village Police Department Official, and further authorizes the Mayor to execute said agreement on behalf of the Village of Bath. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Officer in Charge:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve Colin Taft as the Officer in Charge until further notice. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Authority to Settle:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to give Mayor Sweet the discretion to settle current pending litigation against the village. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee, seconded by Trustee to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephany Bartusiak
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer