

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2021**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 17th day of May 2021 located at 7 South Avenue, Bath NY 14810 at the Bath Electric Gas and Water Systems Conference Room. 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
Officer in Charge:	Colin Taft
Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
Fire Chief:	Matt Glashauser
Asst. Street Superintendent:	Michael Bly
Director of Utilities:	Erin Bonacci
Village Acting Justice:	Vernon Anderson

Absent:

Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
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Visitors/Residents in Attendance:

Dylan Lewis – Resident

Appointments:

Resignation Tom Sears – Zoning Board:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to accept the resignation of Tom Sears from the Zoning Board effective immediately. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$155,481.28. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Department Head Reports:

Thomas Gutow, Street Superintendent:

Street Report was received.

Colin Taft, Officer in Charge:

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:

Community Bank Discussion:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve Community Bank the use of 3 parking spaces at \$200 per space per year. Community Bank will buy the signs and the Street Department will install the signs. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Canine Dog Discussion:

Officer in Charge Taft explained how the canine dog program would work, what the cost would be to the village. The benefits of having a dog and help getting the narcotic problem in the village under control he feels would far outweigh any concerns.

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to continue forward with the K9 program as outlined by Officer in Charge Taft, contingent on continued fund raising by the PBA. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve State Bid on Police Vehicle:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve the state bid on the new police vehicle, a Dodge Durango, in the amount of \$46,836.56. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Acknowledge Old National Hotel Liquor License Renewal:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to acknowledge the Old National Hotel renewed their liquor license with the state. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Breath Test Operator Certification – Kulikowski and Ruggles:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve the Breath Test Operator Certification Training for Sergeant Kulikowski and Part Time Officer, Michael Ruggles, for June 7 – 9, 2021 in Corning, NY. All expenses are paid through STOP DWI Funds. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Bike Officer School – Recktenwald and Johnson:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve Officer Recktenwald and Officer Johnson to attend Bike Officer School from June 7 – 11, 2021 at SUNY Cortland. There is no cost to the course, just room and board. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Narcotics Enforcement and Trafficking Investigations Training:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to approve Officer Jackson, Officer Daloia, Officer Recktenwald and Officer in Charge, Colin Taft, to attend Narcotics enforcement and trafficking investigations in Hotels/Motels and parcel interdiction in Horseheads, NY on June 14 and 15, 2021. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Appointment of Dustin Johnson – Full Time Police Officer:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 17, 2021 INTRO. DATE: Monday, May 17, 2021

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Bardeen SECONDED BY: Trustee Coots

VOTE:	Mayor Sweet	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
	Trustee Causer	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
	Trustee Bardeen	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
	Trustee Coots	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Present
	Trustee Muller	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not Present

TITLE: Appointment of Dustin Johnson as Full Time Police Officer for the Village of Bath.

WHEREAS, Police Officer Dustin Johnson was previously appointed Provisional Full Time Police Officer;

WHEREAS, Steuben County now has a current Certificate of Eligible' s for Police Officer;

WHEREAS, Officer in Charge, Colin Taft, made the recommendation for Police Officer and recommended Dustin Johnson to be appointed Permanent Police Officer effective Tuesday, May 18, 2021 upon the following stipulations:

- Dustin Johnson will be appointed Police Officer, consistent with Steuben County Civil Service Rules & Regulations, effective Tuesday, May 17, 2021. He will sign the oath of office for said appointment within 30 days before the Bath Village Clerk.
- Dustin Johnson will receive compensation and benefits pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Bath Board of Trustees and the Bath Police Benevolent Association.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bath Board of Trustees is hereby appointing Dustin Johnson to the position of Police Officer contingent on the aforementioned stipulations.

Attest hereto: _____
Stephany Bartusiak, Village Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Approve NYCOM Conference for Mayor:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve Mayor, Michael Sweet to attend the Annual NYCOM Conference at the Sagamore Resort in Lake George on June 9 and 10, 2021. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

Work from Home Policy:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Work from Home Policy. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 7:35 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. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Coots to return to regular session at 7:45 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Employment:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to give Mayor Sweet authorization to sign the Employment Agreement with Colin Taft after it has been fully reviewed by the Village attorneys. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stephany Bartusiak
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer