

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2021**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 18th day of October 2021 located at 110 Liberty Street, Bath NY 14810 in the court room. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Sweet at 5:30 p.m.

**Present:**

Mayor:	Michael Sweet – Via Videoconference
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Karen Causer
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen
Trustee:	Melanie Coots
Trustee:	Jeffrey Muller
Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Street Supervisor:	Thomas Gutow
Street Asst Supervisor:	Michael Bly
Code Enforcement:	Bradley Hill – Left at 6:35 p.m.
Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
Fire Department:	Mike Fiordo
Chief of Police:	Colin Taft
Director of Utilities:	Erin Bonacci

**Visitors/Residents in Attendance:**

Dillon Lewis – Resident  
Kelly Fitzpatrick – Business Owner/County Legislator  
Dan Chapman – Resident

**Absent:**

Fire Chief: Matt Glashauser

**Audit of Bills:**

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$149,555.73. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Thomas Gutow, Street Superintendent:**

Street Report was received.

**Colin Taft, Chief of Police:**

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 from September Regular Meeting were not approved by the Village Municipal Utility Commission and therefore were not provided to the Village Board. Director Bonacci reported that they will be provided to the Village Board at next month's Regular Meeting. BEGWS Report was received.

**Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:**

Clerk/Treasurer Report was received.

**New Business:**

**Designate Trick or Treating for Sat. October 30, 2021 6-8 p.m.**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to designate Trick or Treating in the Village of Bath for Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 6 – 8 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Sgt. Recktenwald – Fundamental Crisis Intervention Skills Training:**

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve Sergeant Recktenwald to attend the free training on Fundamental Crisis Intervention Skills for Law Enforcement. Sgt. Recktenwald will be commuting to this training. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Sgt. Recktenwald & Chief Taft – NYS Homeland Security Training:**

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve Sgt. Recktenwald and Chief Taft to attend the NYS Homeland Security Training Facility for Awareness on October 27, 2021. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Chief Taft – NYS Arson Investigator's Annual Conference:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve Chief Taft to attend the NYS Arson Investigator's Annual Conference on November 3 – 4, 2021. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Hunt Engineer – Architectural Drawing for Remodel for PD:**

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Coots to approve the cost of up to \$4,000 to be paid to Hunt Engineers to draft architectural drawings of the cell block and Police Department area. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Approve Crossing Guard Hiring:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the hiring of 2 Crossing Guards, Eugene and Cherry Eldred, effective September 27, 2021. Cherry Eldred will be per diem for when she is needed. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**WIIA Grant Application:**

**RESOLUTION ADDRESSING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)  
LEAD AGENCY ESTABLISHMENT  
VILLAGE OF BATH  
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE I**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Bath (Village) administers the water system serving the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has considered the condition and reliability of its water system currently in use and has identified improvements necessary for protecting public health and improving water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is proposing to repair, rehabilitate and/or replace sections of water distribution infrastructure throughout the Village, and make various improvements to its water supply infrastructure. *i.e.*, well houses, (Project); and

**WHEREAS**, this Project is more fully described in the February 2020 Water System Study Preliminary Engineering Report and October 2021 Technical Memorandum, prepared by Larson Design Group, a professional engineering and consulting firm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project proposed will address significant concerns and issues related to water quality, safety, reliability, efficiency, and security pertaining to the service and operation of the Village's water system; and

**WHEREAS**, various regulatory, funding and public approvals will be needed in the planning and development of the Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Village of Bath determines pursuant to Article 8 of Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617, hereafter called SEQRA, that the Project is a Type 1 Action under SEQRA Section and reference, and therefore a Full Environment Assessment Form (FEAF) must be prepared.
2. The Village of Bath Board of Trustees declares its intent to establish itself as lead agency in the coordinate review of this action;
3. The Village Mayor, or authorized representative of the Village, shall notify all Involved Agencies of the Village's intention to destination itself lead agency.
4. A coordinate review will be performed.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the following vote of Village of Bath Board of Trustees:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Michael Sweet	X	
Trustee Karen Causer	X	
Trustee Mark Bardeen	X	
Trustee Melanie Coots	X	
Trustee Jeffrey Muller	X	

**Schedule Public Hearing for Village of Bath Water System Improvements – Phase I Bond Resolution:**

Motion made by Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to schedule a public hearing for the Village of Bath Water System Improvements – Phase I bond resolution for Monday November 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Special Meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday November 19, 2021 at 5:05 p.m.**

**Discuss Estimated Project Cost for Dog Park:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve a total project cost of \$70,000 for the dog park. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Set Public Hearing on Spectrum Franchise Agreement Renewal:**

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer to schedule the public hearing on the Spectrum Franchise Agreement Renewal for Monday November 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Discussion from Trustee Muller on sections of the agreement he did not agree with. Aaron and Jackie will discuss these changes, but no comments were made from any trustees within the last two months of them having the marked-up copy from the attorney and prior to completion on negotiations with Spectrum the first round. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Commendation of PO Daloia:**

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the commendation of PO Daloia and to place it in his personnel folder. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:**

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Coots to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 7:05 p.m. to go into executive session for litigation. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Return to Regular Session:**

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to return to regular session at 7:14 p.m. 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 7:15 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer  
Clerk/Treasurer