

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 21, 2021

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was held at the Bath Township Hall and live-streamed on Facebook Live-Bath Township, Greene County, OH. Mr. Pitstick called the in-person meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge and roll call. Other township personnel in attendance were Mrs. Lester, Mr. Bales, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7th meeting; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$20,113.29; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Mr. Bales noted several items in the Administrator's Report, dated July 19, that are on the agenda.
 - The Ohio Public Works Commission application for widening Byron Road from SR 235 to Yellow Springs-Fairfield Road was submitted to Greene County Engineer Stephanie Goff for her review. The total cost is \$1,294,410. Bath Township's local match is 26%.
 - He met with State Representative Bryan Lampton and the township administrators from Beavercreek and Sugarcreek to discuss a desired change to the ORC which would allow Townships to contract with other communities or companies for building inspection services. Currently, the ORC does not permit such contracts if building inspection services are provided by the county. There are several political entities in Greene County that are dissatisfied with the wait time. Greene County Building Regulation Department will be having an open house for elected officials and administrators to talk about their permitting processes. Mr. Bales plans to attend.
 - Concerning the geese problem in the park, Mr. Bales received a quote of \$5,799 for fence installation along the pond-side of the driveway. He suggested a less expensive solution (coyote decoys) be tried. Mrs. Lester made a motion to purchase three decoys from Lowes at \$40.39 each plus shipping; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. They will need to be moved around in order to be effective.
 - Having researched an ice machine for the Road Department, Mr. Bales recommended a Manitowac udf0140a neo commercial unit with a 90 lb. ice storage capacity. He obtained quotes from Amazon, \$1908; WebstaurantStore, \$2219; and Katom Restaurant Supply, \$2,004. He also recommended an ice maker filter due to hard water. A water line and drain line would be needed as well. Mrs. Lester made a motion to purchase the Amazon unit for \$1908; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Lester recommended that cooling towels be purchased for both departments.
 - **Road Department Report:** Our one full-time man with the assistance of a seasonal laborer have been busy with trimming and mowing the township grounds and roadsides. They responded to a call for tree and brush removal at Ravenwood and Old Yellow Springs Road on Tuesday. Mr. Bales will be advertising for two full-time laborers. Xenia and Beavercreek Townships are willing to assist in case of an emergency.
 - **Mrs. Phillips' Cemetery Report:** Since last report there have been 12 burials plus 3 scheduled so far for this week. Two rounds of foundations have been completed. Due to the rain last weekend, the truck scheduled for Monday has been rescheduled for next week. Boy Scout Troop #85, Girl Scout Troop #34343, and Cub Scout Pack #85 have taken on a service project of photographing headstones and markers that will eventually be transferred to the Cemetery program. Mrs. Phillips expressed a huge thank you to these boys and girls and their troop leaders.
 - Mrs. Lester asked Mr. Bales to report on the number of foundations waiting to be poured.
- **Zoning Report:**
 - Mr. Miller reported that the Zoning Commission had met on the 19th to hear the rezoning request to change Lot #17 on National Road from R-2 to B-1. The Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the rezoning. Mr. Miller had received an email stating that the staff at Regional Planning had recommended approval. The next step is for the Trustees to set a date for a Public Hearing to consider and act on the request.

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- The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00pm tomorrow, July 22, to review a conditional use request on that same property. This will involve a lot of discussion about the actual operation of the food truck court.
- An update on the 1900 Spangler Road rezoning: the parties involved are still trying to discern the actual ownership of part of the property. There had been a meeting with the County Engineer of June 29 to define what information was needed to proceed.
- Mr. Pitstick reported that the Regional Planning Coordinating Commission had approved the rezoning of Lot #17. He noted that they recommended having power rather than generators for the trucks. Mr. Miller noted that the owners had put that in their plan.
- Mrs. Lester made a motion to hold the Public Hearing to hear and act on the rezoning request of Lot #17 on National Road at the regular meeting on August 4, or August 18 if there is not sufficient time for the notice to appear in the newspaper; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. (Note: Public Hearing scheduled for August 18.)

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve reallocations in the General Fund for \$600 to Advertising-Zoning from Contracted Services and \$300 to Other-Dues & Fees from Office Supplies; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.
- Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve Resolution 41-2021: approving the rezoning of Lot #18 in the Alois F Zink All Plat, Parcel ID #A01000100050001800, currently zoned R-2 Low Density Residential to B-1 Business; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.
- Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve Resolution 42-2021: the appointment of Charles Gannon to the position of full-time laborer at the rate of \$14.30 per hour, plus full premium payments for fringe benefits, effective July 6, 2021; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

TRUSTEES' REPORTS:

- Mrs. Lester had no report.
- Mr. Pitstick reported that the Regional Planning Executive Committee had made an offer to a candidate for the position previously held by DeAndra Navratil.

Audience Comments:

- Gary Goldblatt, Timberwyck Court, suggested chicken wire and a gate to prevent geese from entering park rather than the coyote decoys that could quickly disappear. Concerning the biodigester, he stated that the trustees are not acting in the best interest of the citizens if they allow expansion.
- David Anderson, Byron Road, questioned why it is taking so long to pour footers and why the road department is down to only one employee and what the Board plans to do about it.
- Michelle Clements-Pitstick, W. Enon Road, asked what plans there are for maintaining a workforce stating that there should have been a plan for this situation. There should be plans for what the township wants to be in the future. She asked what plan there was for the remaining CARES funds and how the American Rescue Fund money might be used. Mr. Bales stated that as more information is made available, he hopes to have citizen-comment sessions to discuss possible projects. Mrs. Lester stated that assistance to a township restaurant should be considered.
- Joe Batman, N. Enon Road, asked why there was a truck parked in the parking lot. He wanted to know how the cemetery would access the ice machine if it was at the road department and why the road supervisor left.
- Karla Sams, Erie Avenue, spoke about the smell from the biodigester and stated that it was time for a change.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Lester made a motion to go into Executive Session citing ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, and/or compensation of public employees; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Time 7:45pm.

Mr. Pitstick called the regular meeting back to order at 8:29pm. Mrs. Lester made a motion to accept Robert Harris' resignation; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mrs. Lester made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Time 8:29pm.

Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

Tom Pitstick, Chairman