

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 17, 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 Mr. Ross, Mrs. Lester, Mr. Bales, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Brown on Zoom.

Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve the amended agenda adding correspondence from Theresa Gum; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3rd meeting; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the payment of bills totaling \$35,432.30; seconded by Mrs. Lester. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- Mr. Pete Bales, Township Administrator, reviewed several items in his report to the Trustees, dated February 15. (See attached.)
 - Before covering items in his report, Mr. Bales noted that after receiving several inquiries today about Dovetail installing a 32-million gallon lagoon on the Pitstick property, he had contacted Dovetail. Their statement was that there are no current plans for additional lagoons/ponds. Bath Township has not received notification of any such plans.
 - He reported that the township has posted an advertisement on Facebook for a temporary seasonal worker for the Cemetery. A job application form and a job description can be found by clicking the link provided.
 - Two employee benefits meetings are scheduled for this week. The TASC meeting scheduled for Tuesday will review HRA benefits and the AFLAC meeting on Friday will be a presentation about the various programs and benefits offered by AFLAC. AFLAC benefits are optional and paid by the employee through payroll deductions.
 - Mr. Bales plans to apply for a NatureWorks Grant. He will be meeting with Bob Greiwe from DWA Recreation to discuss options and pricing for a fitness course and a picnic shelter for the park.
 - He had attended the first meeting of the Wright-Patterson Regional Council of Governments (WPRCOG). Officers were elected, a fiduciary agent chosen, and four associate members were selected. A Combined Use Plan grant application is being prepared that the members will discuss at their March meeting. Mr. Bales will provide the Board with a copy of the grant application when he receives it.
 - **Road Department report:** They have been very busy dealing with the snow. There have been eight call-out events since the first of February. 600 tons of salt have been used so far this winter. Another 300 tons have been delivered and an additional 300 might be ordered.
 - **Cemetery report from Mrs. Phillips:** Due to the weather two burials were postponed until today. Six burials are scheduled for this week.
- **ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, updated the Board on the Sunday property. Neither he nor the Health Department received any response to their letters to Mr. Sunday. Jackie Grusa, an investigator with the Health Department, will be meeting with the Prosecutor about bringing charges against him for ignoring their orders to clean up the property. Wright-Patt Credit Union Mortgage Company has inspected the property to evaluate the cost of repairs.
 - BZA met February 11 and approved a variance to allow Mike Breeding to build a pole barn on his W. Enon Road property before building a house. The area is a fairly rural, unplatted area, with only three residences within 500 feet.
 - There has been no action on the rezoning request for 1900 Spangler Road. Mr. Miller has not received any response from the property owner about their intentions. The property has been cleaned up and is now a vacant lot.
 - He has received a rezoning application for a property on National Road, just north of the Beaver Creek City limits, to rezone from R-2 Residential to B-1 Business.
 - He has no updates on the Huber Mobile Home Park on Kittridge Road.

OLD BUSINESS: none

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 20-2021: Providing for the appointment of Michael Burchett as a seasonal laborer at the cemetery at an hourly rate of \$18.00. Mr. Ross made a motion to approve Resolution 20-2021 as amended. Mrs. Lester seconded with discussion concerning a possible conflict of interest since Mr. Burchett's wife is the Cemetery Supervisor. Mr. Bales elaborated on the situation, explaining that Mr. Burchett will be working as needed to assist with operations during the absence of an injured employee. The township is still looking for a full-time seasonal worker for the period from March through October. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.
- Mr. Pitstick read Resolution 21-2021: Declaring the week of March 7th Bethel Township Fire Appreciation Week. The Resolution commends Bethel Township for graciously providing exceptional and professional fire and EMS services to the residents of Bath Township in 2019 and 2020 and their continuation of mutual aid. Mr. Ross made a motion to approve; seconded by Mrs. Lester. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.
- Greene County Township Association March meeting: Bath Township will be co-hosting with Xenia Township at the Greene County Career Center. Mr. Ross requested approval for payment of expenditures up to \$500 (probably closer to \$375) noting that various townships take turns hosting these meetings throughout the year. Bath Township was scheduled to host in 2020, but due to COVID did not. GCCC culinary students will be preparing the meal. Mrs. Lester made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Bales read an email message from Theresa Gum, a lifelong Fairborn resident. In her statement, she spoke against any addition or expansion of the biodigester or the retention lagoons. She states that Renergy's process is not in Fairborn/Bath Township's best interest and it should not be treated as a public utility. She asks others to speak out with her while our elected officials still have some say and authority.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS:

- Mrs. Lester reported that an email from Randy Heldt was forwarded to L. Michael Bly, Attorney with Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling. She also noted that a lot of good information about websites and grants was presented at the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference that she had attended earlier this month.
- Mr. Pitstick reported that the Greene County Regional Planning Executive Committee met on Tuesday. They made recommendations on several rezoning cases in Sugarcreek Township and Beavercreek Township. The full committee meets next Tuesday for further discussion.
- Mr. Ross reported that Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission met via Zoom, a challenge for a group of 80 participants. Stephanie Goff, Greene County Engineer, is heading up the Technical Advisory Committee. He noted that Bath Township is looking to TAC for grant money for several projects in Bath Township.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Lorie Venable thanked Mr. Bales for the meeting packet, asked for clarification on several expenditure items and when the township's financial report would be available on Ohio Checkbook. She questioned whether Mr. Pitstick's position on the Greene County Regional Planning Committee was a conflict of interest. She also spoke about Renergy's intentions for their Herr Road facility.
- Mrs. Karla Sams asked about plans to contain odors emanating from the biodigester.
- At Mrs. Lester's request Mr. Bales read the comments posted on the township's Facebook page. After reading through them, he recommended that record requests might be the best way to ascertain the information requested.

Mrs. Lester made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Time 7:40pm.

Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

Tom Pitstick, Chairman

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