

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 18, 2016

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Pitstick. Other township personnel in attendance were Mr. Martin, Mr. Ross, Mr. Heizer, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Ross made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$65,128.12 which included \$29,693 for the new F350 truck's dump bed; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Concerning the rusted oil pan on the 2011 International, Mr. Heizer, Road Supervisor, contacted the County and several townships that have had rusting issues with their International trucks. One township replaced their oil pan with a stainless steel one--cost \$702. The County had problems with rusting oil pans and floor boards. They now have only Kenworth and Freightliner trucks. The Board agreed to write a complaint letter to the CEO of Navistar International Corporation with a copy to Rush Truck Center. Mr. Ross asked Mr. Heizer to brief Mrs. Phillips on the problems so that she can compose a letter.

The Board reviewed the Agreement between Bath Township and the Reserves at Cornerstone Homeowners' Association prepared by Assistant Prosecutor Hayden that would permit township personnel to maintain the area between Byron cemetery's southern property line and the Vectren pipeline easement. Language was included to protect the township from liability and also agreeing that the township would be solely liable for negligent acts and omissions by township personnel. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agreement (Resolution 21-2016); seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. The signed agreement will be sent to Mr. Seth Newton, President of the Association, for their approval.

STAFF REPORTS: Mr. Heizer reported that the road crew has started the first round of weed mowing. Crack sealing on the roads is on hold because of the rainy weather, but they were able to do the park path which is now ready for the mastic application. He noted that motor vehicles are still being driven over the park grounds. He reported that the cemetery dump truck was picked up, noting that there was a wait while Henderson fixed a problem with the dump bed hydraulics. Henderson also replaced the pump on the salt spreader, mounted the license plates and side shovel holders at no additional charge.

Mr. Pitstick reported that he had talked with Kent Beam and John Harrison, the service manager at JD Equipment, today about the slow response of the arm mower tractor that Mr. Rhoades had brought to his attention. Mr. Heizer explained how the arm doesn't hold and bounces back. He would like for someone from JD Equipment or Alamo to do a test run. It is still under warranty. Mr. Pitstick will continue to look into the issue.

Mr. Pitstick read through Mrs. Phillips' cemetery report. They are working through the long list of foundation orders. The newly installed benches at the mausoleum building have been well received. Strausburg Nursery has planted nine trees. There is one request for a Memorial Tree replacement. Mr. Pitstick would like Mrs. Phillips to check with Mr. Apple about the advisability of continuing to plant the Cleveland Select Pear. Seth Treon wants to get his Turf spraying license. Mrs. Phillips would like to reimburse him. Mr. Ross made a motion to reimburse Mr. Treon for the costs incurred once he has obtained his license; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Phillips also submitted a cost comparison study and proposed increase for the Schedule of Charges. The Board reviewed the figures. They agreed to amend her proposal raising the charge for a foundation to \$600 which is more in line with other cemeteries. They also agreed that a double should be \$1,100. Mr. Pitstick noted that the work involved in pouring a double is not twice as much. Mr. Ross made a motion to accept Mrs. Phillips' suggested increases including the changes for the foundations, effective June 1, 2016; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Concerning the old dump truck, she would like to keep it while they are moving dirt in the back. It would be used on cemetery property only. The Board agreed that they could continue using it until no longer needed.

Concerning surveillance equipment for the cemetery, Mrs. Phillips allowed that as much as she feels it is needed that her first priority as far as the budget goes, is completing the drainage work. Mr. Ross reported that he had met with Jack from A-1 Sprinkler and after reviewing the proposal agrees with her. Considering surveillance for the park, the Board discussed what surveillance equipment was needed and also having the road department do the installation. Surveillance of the park would be on a smaller scale and would allow us to gauge what is really needed at the cemetery. The Board agreed that Assistant Prosecutor

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Hayden should be consulted about signage. Mr. Ross will follow up on the equipment purchase.

Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, reported that he has issued a permit for a home on West Enon Road, the first in over three years. Eco-Greene is proceeding with the purchase of land from Cemex. (See March 16, 2016 minutes.) Mr. Miller had an occasion to be on Bath Road and observed that the house at 4953 Bath Road continues to deteriorate. It now has a dead tree lying across the roof. He has pictures taken through the windows showing that the ceiling is falling down from damage caused by raccoons in the attic. Mr. Pitstick noted that the County Commissioners may be setting up a land bank program that might facilitate the removal of houses in such a state. The Board and Mr. Miller discussed how to proceed for now. They agreed that the first step might be to contact the mortgage company.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 20-2016 providing for the appointment of Seth Treon to a full-time position in the Cemetery Department with a starting salary of \$14 per hour with full benefits effective May 9, 2016; seconded by Mr. Ross. Mr. Pitstick noted that since Mr. Treon had been working as a temporary worker for the past year that the 180-day probationary period was not necessary. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Martin made a motion to approve participation in SWOP4G highway rock salt bid for the 2016-17 season for 300 tons more or less providing we are not obligated to purchase any; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Should the bid come in higher than last year's bid, Mr. Heizer will still be able to purchase the remaining 295 tons on the 2015 purchase order until July 31, 2016. He noted that with the use of other melting agents and different plowing techniques they are not using as much salt as they once did.

Regarding previous questions from Mr. David Anderson about Mr. Miller attending meetings in place of a second Trustee, Mr. Ross reported on his conversation with Jerry Browning, Fairborn City School Board member, who is a union negotiator for General Motors. In response to Mr. Ross' question about holding negotiations in an open forum, Mr. Browning explained how the negotiation process is impeded by the audience. He noted that there is even a by-law in their union contract that negotiations are not open meetings.

Mr. Ron Shields, 2800 Old Yellow Springs Road, asked about the meeting with Ken Middleton concerning drainage at Byron Cemetery. Mr. Pitstick reported that Ken was out and plans to do some survey work. Mr. Pitstick told Mr. Shields that if he wanted to be involved once the survey is done, he is welcome to join in. There was a brief discussion about the drainage situation.

There being no further business, Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

Tom Pitstick, Chairman

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