

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 6, 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. Trimbach, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Noting that Mrs. Brown had provided the Board with a draft of the minutes for the June 29th meeting, Mr. Ross made a motion to table approval until further review; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$16,986.73; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick opened the Public Hearing on the 2017 Township Budget. (A legal notice of the hearing was published in the Fairborn Daily Herald on June 18, 2016.) There being no one in attendance wishing to speak either pro or con, Mr. Martin made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. The Board and Mrs. Brown, Fiscal Officer, then proceeded to discuss the budget. After reviewing a spreadsheet showing projected revenue and expenses for all road funds for 2017 and a 9-year road projects plan, the Board agreed that an additional road levy is needed. Mr. Martin remarked that the township is now in a position of deferred maintenance. Mrs. Brown noted that delaying the construction of a third mausoleum could return \$32,000 to the General Fund and \$80,000 to the Cemetery Fund from the Capital Projects Fund for a mausoleum in 2018. At this time another columbarium is a higher priority for the cemetery. A decision to rescind the Capital Projects Fund to provide relief to the General Fund can wait until next year. Mr. Martin made a motion to send a resolution of necessity to the County Auditor for an additional road levy for five years that would generate \$200,000 per year to be effective for the tax year 2016, to be collected in 2017; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Once the auditor certifies the millage, the Board will prepare a resolution to the Board of Elections to proceed with the placement of an additional road levy on the November 8th ballot. Mrs. Brown noted that the Health Reimbursement Account appears to inflate expenditures in the current year and the 2017 budget year, but historically has been half of the amount projected. While the financial condition of the Fire Fund continues to deteriorate, the credit for the charge for cancelled runs provided some relief. Mr. Ross noted that A.M. Management student housing has gained control of their number of runs, but The Province has started an upward trend. The fire contract with Fairborn ends December 31, 2017, and the next renewal of the fire levy will be in November, 2019. The Cemetery Fund reflects a significant decrease which should now level off after major equipment purchases in 2015-2016. A total of \$55,000 has been budgeted in 2016-2017 for grading and drainage. Mrs. Brown noted that this year's receipts will be about \$30,000 more than originally anticipated based on the first six months. Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the budget; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Concerning the RAPCA violation, Assistant Prosecutor Hayden had replied that if she said anything, it would be a letter acknowledging the violation by a former employee and saying that we agreed that it has been corrected. Mr. Martin recounted the situation for the benefit of Mr. Shields, 2800 Old Yellow Springs Road. (See June 29, 2016 minutes.) The Board agreed that this was not an action item at this time.

STAFF REPORTS: Concerning the arm mower, Mr. Pitstick reported that Dan Gochenouer, Miami Township Road Supervisor, brought their tractor with an Alamo boom arm mower to the garage to do a comparison run for John Harrison and Kent Beam from JD Equipment, and Brian Dunlevy from Alamo in order to demonstrate how our boom does not lower fast enough. They agreed that there is a problem and are working on a solution. Noting that the video shows the mower breaking back as it goes into brush, Mr. Pitstick explained the difference in the operation of an arm mower and a flail mower.

Mr. Pitstick read through Mrs. Phillips' cemetery report. She had submitted the cemetery sales report through June 30. Henderson returned the dump truck today. They have also agreed to pay for the work done by Middletown Ford. She thanked the Board for attending the meeting with Ken Middleton where he reviewed his findings and recommendations on the drainage. She spoke with Dave Ison from Vectren about running a drainage pipe across the pipeline to the creek. A two foot clearance is required. He is able to meet most any time to go over the plans. Mr. Ross said that Mrs. Phillips should pick a time and date and one of the Trustees will be there. Mrs. Phillips submitted a map marking the roadways in the section behind the dirt barn for the excavator to use. Mr. Pitstick reviewed the plans with Mr. Shields pointing out the area to be drained and where pipes might run so that the water can drain into the creek.

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Mr. Pitstick and Mr. Trimbach discussed possible maintenance on his mower at the cemetery. They have not been able to determine why the engine is knocking. Mr. Pitstick suggested that when the mowing season eases up, he take it to the dealership or have the dealer make a service call. Mr. Pitstick offered the broken bales of straw in his barn to use when they seed the area where the honeysuckle was removed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Ross made a motion to approve reallocations in the Cemetery Fund: \$1269 to Other-Dues & Fees from Repairs & Maintenance and \$195.29 to Other-Insurance Benefits from Repairs & Maintenance; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick reported that the Greene County Engineer had forwarded notice that the Ohio Department of Transportation had approved the reduction in the speed limit to 45 MPH on Bath Road between SR-4 and the Huber Heights Corporation Line. Once the new signs are in place the signed Speed Limit Revision form is to be returned to ODOT and the Engineer's Office notified. The Engineer's Office will contact the local law enforcement agencies. Mr. Pitstick noted that a similar request for speed reduction was submitted for Kittridge Road.

Mr. Ross made a motion to accept the SWOP4G 2016/17 Road Salt Bid by Compass Minerals America Inc. in the amount of \$57.06/ton; seconded by Mr. Martin. Last year's price was \$68.42. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick thanked the Cemetery Department for getting the pick-up truck ready for the 4th of July Parade.

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