

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 16, 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, 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. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Ross made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$45,195.79 including \$12,232.74 for striping 17.314 miles; seconded by Mr. Martin. The Board reviewed the email from the County Engineer's Office explaining why the striping exceeded the estimated cost of \$600 per mile. Steve Bryan, Traffic Department Supervisor, reported that since Medway Road had been recently chip sealed, they had to walk the road to mark and measure it. He also noted that Bath Township's roads are more spread out than in the average township. This added to the man hours. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. (Breakdown of cost figure: \$5275 paint, \$1621 beads, \$3141 labor (127 hrs.), \$2195 equipment.)

OLD BUSINESS: none

STAFF REPORTS: Mr. Heizer, Road Supervisor, reported that the city's work on Sandhill Road is complete. They did a double-run of paving and striped it, but did not do the berm. Our road crew put down 6 loads of gravel. The Board agreed that they were okay with the trade-off since the township got a newly-paved roadway and the striping. Concerning Upper Valley, Mr. Heizer has sent a list of various items that still need to be addressed to Marcus Lehotay, Fairborn Utilities Superintendent. Mr. Heizer is not satisfied with the wedging. Our plows are likely to catch and strip it off. Furthermore the contractor did not stripe or berm the roadway. Upper Valley is .9 of a mile and was last chip sealed in 2006. The patched areas cover approximately 100 yards. The Board will wait to see what the contractor will do. Mr. Heizer announced that he will be closing the park gate on Friday.

Mr. Heizer reported on several quotes for a new salt spreader. Kaffenbarger can install a new spreader on December 1 and have it ready by December 5 for \$2835. Other prices were \$3300 installed from Warren, and \$3985 plus installation from Henderson. Mr. Heizer noted that the Warren spreader would require some retrofitting while the Kaffenbarger is identical to the Henderson. Mr. Ross made a motion to purchase the salt spreader from Kaffenbarger for \$2835 installed; seconded by Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Heizer will check on the price of the berming attachment.

Mr. Pitstick read the cemetery report. Mrs. Phillips noted that the drainage installation on the south end has been completed and praised the crew for their hard work. She had prepared thank you letters to Cornerstone Homeowners Association, Ken Middleton and Dave Ison for the Trustees' signatures. There is still some excavating to be done behind the dirt barn. Steve Cheney said that Cemex will be back to remove the rest of the concrete debris once they have finished another job.

Mrs. Phillips reported on meeting with the new TruGreen representative, Jonathan Patterson. She had him treat the trees around the office that were showing signs of distress—cost \$50. He provided a quote for treating them next year on a quarterly basis. Mr. Patterson stated that the Memorial Way trees are suffering from apple scab and root fungus. He provided quotes for them as well. Mrs. Phillips would like to treat them this fall. Mr. Patterson will assess the trees recovery in the spring and also suggested that they be pruned after the spring bloom. He recommended using ice melt rather than highway salt. He also quoted \$1785 to spray the cemetery grounds and recommended the spring treatment because it has the benefit of a pre-emergent weed preventative. The cemetery crew no longer needs the old dump truck and plow. It is now at the road garage to be included with other items to be sold. The Board reviewed the TruGreen quotes. Mr. Ross would like Mrs. Phillips to consult with a tree specialist about the Memorial Way trees. Mr. Pitstick and Mr. Trimbach discussed doing the tree fertilization in house this fall. Mr. Martin made a motion to have TruGreen do a fall lawn fertilization, have Mrs. Phillips consult with an arborist about the Memorial Way trees and have the cemetery crew do an in ground granular fertilizer on them this fall; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Concerning the disposition of the obsolete vehicles and equipment, Mr. Pitstick suggested using Ancil Dodge Auction. Mr. Martin made a motion to declare the cemetery dump truck and plow obsolete; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

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Mr. Miller reported that he had sent a letter to Greg Lewis requesting payment for the damage done to the mastic on Greenbriar Drive. In the letter Mr. Miller noted that the repair was added to this year's projects to get a cheaper price and gave him 30 days to pay. Concerning the Joseph Sunday property at 4953 Bath Road, Mr. Miller has received a statement from Building Regulations listing the violations and is waiting for one from the Health Department. Ms. Hayden is working on a resolution for the Trustees to approve in order to proceed with boarding up the house, as provided for in Section 505.86 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Miller noted that there was a meeting of the Zoning Commission on Monday. Concerning medical marijuana, Ms. Hayden had stated that the Board of Trustees can pass a resolution prohibiting growing and distribution. It is not necessary to make it part of the Zoning Resolution. However if the Board decided to permit it, then the Zoning Commission would need to make zoning regulations.

Mr. Miller and the Board briefly discussed when to begin fire contract negotiations with the city now that the council has begun a search for a new city manager. The current contract expires next year--December 31, 2017.

Mr. Miller asked if he could attend the Miami Valley Planning and Zoning Workshop on December 2 at Sinclair College. There are several topics that he feels might be relevant to Bath Township—small cell wireless, WPAFB encroachment, medical marijuana. The Board agreed that he could attend as well as any other zoning board members.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Ross noted that Frank Harmon, Ohio Insurance Services Agency, had met with the employees to review the Health Reimbursement Account features. In speaking with Mr. Harmon following the meeting, Mr. Ross reported that Mr. Harmon recommended switching our life insurance coverage from Hartford to Standard Life. There would be no changes in coverage or rates. However, Standard is offering a two year guaranteed rate. Mr. Martin made a motion to switch to Standard; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Concerning the OPEC-Health Reimbursement plan, Mr. Ross presented a plan suggested by Mr. Harmon to relieve some of the burden on the employees without costing the township too much. For 2016 the Board had removed any reimbursement for the co-pays for office and emergency room visits. Previously insured members were reimbursed for a portion of the co-pays. The current co-pays are \$35 for primary care office visits, \$50 for specialty care office visits, and \$250 for emergency room. Mr. Harmon estimated that reducing the out-of-pocket co-pay to \$15 for office visits and \$150 for emergency room visits would cost the township about \$300/month. This extra cost would be paid from the specific fund from which the employee is paid, as are all other health benefits. This does not affect the Medical Mutual premiums. Mr. Ross made a motion to reduce the co-pay for office visits to \$15 and the emergency room co-pay to \$150 effective January 1, 2017; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- OPEC Healthcare Cooperative: Notice that open enrollment runs until December 31.
- City of Fairborn, Park & Recreation: Holiday Parade is December 2 at 6pm
- City Solicitor, Michael Mayer: request that Bath Township release its claim of delinquent taxes attached to Parcel ID A02000100340018600 at Cliffside Drive and Parcel ID A02000100340017300 at Armstrong Road. Both parcels were owned by Deercliff, LLC and were forfeited to the City of Fairborn. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the release of any claim of delinquent taxes attached to the parcels; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick noted that the Bath Township Road Levy had passed. Mr. Martin and Mr. Pitstick thanked Mr. Ross for all his work. Mr. Ross and Mr. Heizer will be reviewing the 5-year road plan that Mr. Heizer put together for the road levy committee. Mr. Ross stated that with the additional funding, the township needs to show performance. There was a brief discussion of what roads are in need of immediate attention.

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