

## BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 1, 2017

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Ross. Other township personnel in attendance were Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Heizer, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Since approval of the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting requires the vote of Mr. Martin, the Board agreed to table this item. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$46,608.35; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Ross reported that he spoke to Vectren the day after the last meeting and explained the Board's concerns about allowing the storage of their equipment at the rear of Byron Cemetery. He believes that Vectren will be looking elsewhere.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Mr. Heizer submitted a report on the 2001 Gradall XL3100. The operating boom has only 760 hours on it. It is no longer being used since the problem areas requiring it have been fixed. (See February 15<sup>th</sup> minutes.) He noted the availability of assistance from neighboring jurisdictions should the need arise. He recommended placing an ad in the Classifieds of the *Ohio Township News* magazine. The cost is \$20 for the May/June issue and includes posting on the OTA website. He also researched what used Gradalls are being sold for. Mrs. Brown confirmed that the Gradall had been purchased with General Fund monies. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to declare the Gradall unneeded equipment; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. The Board and Mr. Heizer discussed the asking price. They also discussed how to make other public entities aware of the sale. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to advertise in the *Ohio Township News* listing an asking price of \$75,000 and to reach out to other government agencies; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Concerning the Vermeer chipper, Mr. Heizer reported that the head mechanic from the County Engineer's Department had recommended that it be serviced by the dealer. The Board agreed that any issue involving safety should be addressed immediately. Concerning the paver, Mr. Heizer reported that they have been working on it, but there are problems they can't fix. He would like to take it to McLean Company in Columbus. Since Bath Township has been assisting Miami and Xenia Townships with their paving projects, he plans to ask them to contribute to the repair bill. Mr. Pitstick agreed that he should take it in and get an estimate. Mr. Heizer noted that the road crew has been picking up roadside trash the past few weeks.

Mrs. Phillips submitted a short report concerning pruning prices for the Memorial Way trees. The quotes were TruGreen \$4,788 and Cundiff \$900. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to accept the Cundiff's Tree Care, LLC proposal for \$900; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. (The work will be done by ISA Certified Arborists.)

Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, updated the Board on several zoning complaints. Concerning the property at 2879 Old Yellow Springs Road, Mr. Miller had spoken to the neighbor about the township's options now that the residence is vacant. The township could hold a hearing to declare the house a nuisance, and then have it cleaned up. A tax lien would be put on the property for the cost. The Board asked Mr. Miller to follow up with the family, and the health and fire departments if necessary. Concerning the property at 4953 Bath Road, Mr. Miller reported that Wright-Patt Credit Union rehab crew had secured the door, but will not be doing anything more since the mortgage payments are being made. They will not remove the tree from the roof and repair the hole. Mr. Miller noted that the Township had sent the owner and the mortgage company notices about declaring the property a nuisance. Since neither requested a hearing, the township can proceed with cleanup. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to investigate whether the township can remove the tree; and if so, the township should proceed with hiring a tree service to remove the tree from the roof; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Miller will contact Assistant Prosecutor Hayden.

Concerning the Huber Mobile Home Park, Mr. Miller has contacted the State Mobile Manufactured Homes Commission and is waiting to hear from Inspector Swackhammer. Mr. Herman Jeffers, E. Kitridge Road, reported that Mr. Swackhammer has inspected the property recently and is checking on the progress of the cleanup. Mr. Miller would like to meet with Mr. Swackhammer during his next inspection. Apparently there are legal reasons that prevent the park owners from getting rid of the abandoned/junk trailers. Mr. Miller believes there should be a way to force the property owner to get titles so that the trailers can be removed. Mr. Jeffers confirmed Mr. Miller's assessment of the poor condition of the property. He has contacted Inspector Swackhammer as well.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve Resolution 13-2017 providing for the establishment of a capital projects fund for the accumulation of \$180,000 for the purchase of a mausoleum for Byron Cemetery by the year 2027; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve reallocations in the General Fund for \$30 to Salaries-Trustees and \$360 to Salaries-Fiscal Officer from Office Supplies; and in the Cemetery Fund \$860 to OPERS from Repairs and Maintenance; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

In their consideration of the 2017 Annual Appropriation Resolution, the Board and Mrs. Brown reviewed the Fund Summary Report and a spreadsheet showing the projected balances, receipts, and expenditures by fund for 2017. There was a brief discussion about which cemeteries local residents are using. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the Annual Appropriation Resolution 14-2017; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. David Anderson, 3600 Byron Road, asked where the Board advertised for bids on the dump truck. Mr. Pitstick stated that a notice was placed in The Greene County Dailies with instructions directing readers to the Bath Township website for more information. Mr. Anderson then asked about ads for new hires. Mr. Pitstick stated that sometimes advertising for applications is done through the newspapers and at other times selection is made from applications on hand.

### **Correspondence:**

- 2018-19 Biennial Budget (HB 29): spreadsheet on Local Government estimated receipts

Mr. Pitstick reported on the Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission meeting. Christbell Bednar, Director of Greene County Parks and Trails, spoke about cycling events in the County. Mr. Pitstick talked to her about the lack of a direct connector between Fairborn's bikeways and Yellow Springs. She is willing to set up a meeting with Fairborn, Yellow Springs, and Bath Township to look into a bikeway which might include horse trails to connect to Twin Towers and Oakes Quarry Park.

Mr. Ross reported that he had attended the reception that the city held for the city manager candidates.

Mr. Anderson questioned why the Board chose to use Cundiff instead of the cemetery crew to trim the Memorial Way trees. Mr. Pitstick stated that the Board felt certified arborists were needed.

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

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Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

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Steven E. Ross, Chairman