

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 21, 2018

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Ross. Other township personnel in attendance were Mr. Martin, Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Rhoades, Mr. Miller, Mr. Trimbach, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: Ross, abstain; Martin, aye; Pitstick, aye; motion carried. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve payment of bills totaling \$32,228.45; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Concerning VSP's enhanced offer increasing the allowance for frames from \$130 to \$150, Mr. Ross advised against it. The Board was agreeable to the automatic two-year monthly renewal rate of \$24.16 per employee. Mr. Ross reported on the status of the health insurance plan after switching from Medical Mutual to Anthem, noting that any issues with billings, claims, and health reimbursement claims are being worked out. He also stated that barring any major claims, the township should save enough with the lower rates to cover the cost of getting out of the previous health care plan. He noted that to offset the high deductibles, the township provides the employees with a HRA that pays 49% of the deductible. This plan is administered by TASC. TASC is also handling the run-out HRA claims for 2017.

STAFF REPORTS: Mr. Rhoades and Mr. Ross reviewed the 2018 Road Projects Proposal. They had added Bath Road from Route 4 to Kitridge Road to the proposal that was presented at the last meeting. A 2" milling and a 2" overlay is necessary. Mr. Rhoades stated that the roadway has had multiple layers of asphalt, is heavily traveled, and plagued with potholes. The road will be closed this summer while ODOT works on the intersection at SR4 which will provide an opportune time for the township to do repairs. Mr. Ross noted that thanks to the new road levy the township will be able to do more this year. Plans are to crack seal Adams, Haddix, Black Lane, Baker, and Linebaugh. Mr. Ross explained that after the annexation along Linebaugh where the cement plant is located, Bath Township was left with half a mile of concrete roadway that was an Issue 2 project in which Cemex participated. Mr. Ross stated that concrete repair is quite expensive, so crack sealing will have to do with possibly skin patching. Skin patching which is chip seal in sections is proposed for Byron, Armstrong, Union, north end of Mud Run, and Lower Valley. This is just a temporary fix for Byron Road. A major project is planned for Byron Road in the near future. Other projects for this year include chip seal on Arabian; 2" milling and 2" overlay on Ravenwood; ½" milling, chip seal and microsurfacing on Clearcreek; microsurfacing Appaloosa and Wilkerson which were chip sealed in 2017; and center/edge lines on Adams, Ravenwood, Wilkerson and Old Yellow Springs. The total cost is estimated to be \$323,200. Mr. Joe Batman, 935 N. Enon Road, commented on the dirt on the roadway at the construction site of a new home on Herr Road. Mr. Martin suggested that Mr. Rhoades contact the State Highway Patrol Post to determine if there is any requirement about cleanup. Mr. Herman Jeffers, E. Kitridge Road, reported on a pothole at the bridge on Kitridge. Mr. Rhoades explained that they have been putting in cold patch. However, until the weather permits them to fill the hole and seal around it, the fill will continue to pop out with the freezing and thawing. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to accept the 2018 Road Projects Proposal; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Ross asked Mr. Rhoades to follow up on arranging a meeting with Tim Suter, FirstEnergy, and Josh Wallace, ODOT, concerning expanding the road right-of-way at SR235 and Herr Road to allow the poles to be set back. Mr. Ross noted that Mr. Heizer is on paid leave and will be retiring at the end of March.

In her cemetery report, Mrs. Phillips wrote that notices have been posted to remind visitors to remove winter decorations by March 1st. She is also trying to increase awareness of the eligibility to receive VA Markers for deceased veterans. Information can be found online at va.gov or at the Byron Cemetery office. The new Columbarium is done and just waiting for good weather to be installed.

Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, reported that he has issued a zoning permit for a home construction on Herr Road. He anticipates Eco-Green will be submitting an application for a rezoning at 1290 Dayton-Yellow Springs Road.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Martin made a motion to approve reallocations in the Road Fund for \$1000 to Repairs and Maintenance from Tax Collection Fees and in the Cemetery Fund for \$50 to Electricity from Printing; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays,

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motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to renew the Aabel termite control program for \$265; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Invitation to attend the Fairborn City Schools' Hall of Honor enshrinement on April 27th at the Fairborn High School Auditorium
- Citizen Advisory: Ohio EPA Considering Discharge Permit for Huber Heights Water Plant: there will be a public meeting on March 1 at the Huber Heights Police Department Community Meeting Room about a proposed wastewater discharge from the Huber Heights drinking water treatment plant. The city has applied for a permit to discharge wastewater from a new softening system at the Rip Rap Road water plant into the Great Miami River.

Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, announced her appointment as Magistrate at the Greene County Common Pleas Court. Her last day at the Prosecutor's Office will be March 30. She issued an invitation to her swearing in ceremony at 3pm at the Greene County Court House. Her replacement has not been announced. The only piece of unfinished business that she was handling for the township was a work agreement with Miami Township for hauling debris from their new fire station construction site. Mr. Martin asked Mr. Rhoades to consult with Mr. Heizer and come up with some cost figures. The Board and Mr. Rhoades discussed other co-operative arrangements going forward, such as hauling grindings on Byron Road. Mr. Ross suggested that Mr. Rhoades keep a log of these events. He noted that the fire station project was more than routine and that was why we were asking for reimbursement.

Kassie Lester, 750 Herr Road, asked that the Road Department clear the tree debris that is blocking a driveway on Byron Road at the SR235 intersection. (Note: Mr. Rhoades checked out the complaint the following day and determined that the road crew had cut up and removed the tree prior to the meeting.) Concerning the millings from a Byron Road project, Mrs. Lester referenced several sites where the millings could be dumped. Mr. Pitstick noted that a suitable site would have to allow for a quick dump and turn around. Spreading would not be done. A signed agreement with the property owner would be required as well. Mrs. Lester also had a question about the bio-digester on Herr Road. Ms. Hayden addressed the question explaining that a bio-digester that produces methane gas or biodiesel fuel is exempt by state statute from township control--R.C. 519.21(C)(2) & (3). The CAUV designation comes from the County. Mr. Benjamin Jones, 709 Herr Road, asked if the township had any say about the installation of the digester. Ms. Hayden stated that there are state regulations and permits but by state law bio-digesters are exempt from any township regulations.

David Anderson, 3600 Byron Road, inquired about when the Board would be filling the opening in the Road Department. He also asked about any pending lawsuits that the township might have with employees. Mr. Ross stated that the only litigation in which the township is involved concerns our previous health insurance agency.

Linda Collins, Fairborn Daily Herald, asked about any plans in recognition of Mr. Heizer's retirement.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS:

- Mr. Pitstick announced that he and Mr. Miller would be meeting with the City Manager and possibly the Mayor tomorrow to discuss various issues of common concern including the fire contract.
- Each Trustee thanked Ms. Hayden for her dedication to the township and wished her well in her new role as Magistrate.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to Consider terms of an appointment of a public employee per R.C. 121.22(G)(1); seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Ross called the regular meeting back to order. Mr. Martin made a motion to appoint Michael Rhoades as Interim Road Supervisor for Bath Township with all the duties of Supervisor and incremental pay effective February 19; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to advertise for the position

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of road employee with Friday March 2 at 4pm as the deadline for applications; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. (Note: Due to delay in publication the deadline was changed to Monday March 5 at 4pm.) The notice will state Class A CDL and Commercial Applicator's Pesticide license requirements. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: three ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

Steven E. Ross, Chairman