

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 18th day of September 2017 at the Village of Bath, Village Hall, located at 110 Liberty St., Bath, NY 14810. This meeting was called to order by Mayor William von Hagn at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	William von Hagn	Clerk/Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Jeanne Glass	Street Superintendent:	Jeff Muller
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen	Police Chief:	Chad Mullen
Trustee:	Michael Sweet	Code Enforcement:	Ralph Senese
Trustee:	Melanie Coots	Attorney:	Patrick McAllister
Street Asst Superintendent:	Thomas Gutow	BEGWS Commission:	Keith Becken

Absent:

Fire Chief:	Robin Haven
BEGWS Director:	Erin Bonacci

Regular Meeting:

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$119,432.04 plus the Bath Rod and Gun Club for \$825.00 and Harper Danesh for the GASB Review for \$7,000. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Department Head Reports:

Jeff Muller, Street Superintendent:

Street Report was received.

Jeffrey Muller announced his retirement effective October 17, 2017 and presented a speech. He wrote:

It is with mixed emotion I write my letter of intent to retire on October 17, 2017 after more than 39 years of service to the Village of Bath. During this time, I have served with 6 Mayors, 33 Trustees, 7 Village Clerks, 6 Police Chiefs, 5 Code Enforcement Officers, 7 Directors of BEGWS and 5 Town Highway Superintendents. Throughout my career, I have been involved with multiple projects, some of which include: The rehabilitation of the sidewalks in the downtown business district, construction of a new facility for the Street Department, construction of the new shared services salt storage facility, the upgrading of Mossy Bank Park including new bathroom facilities and upgrades to the playground equipment, the reconstruction of the Municipal Parking lot, Pulteney Park upgrades, as well as many projects resulting from

shade tree grants. I have had the pleasure to serve on several committees, including the Shade Tree Committee, the Mossy Bank Park Committee and my most recent appointment to the Municipal Utilities Commission. Throughout my tenure, I have fully appreciated the support and trust of the village and its officers, most notably the current Board of Trustees and Mayor von Hagn. Having said this, I would further like to recognize the Village Clerks throughout the years: Lois Warren, Kay Dimmick, Florence Mulcahey, Shirley Sowersby and last but not least Jackie and Stephany. Their support truly helped me during budget preparation and further assisted me in keeping on target with my goal of staying in the black while maintaining the village streets.

I can't go without recognizing my current and former colleagues... my coworkers and Department Heads, Ralph Senese, Chief Mullen... The Village of Bath has a great management team and throughout my service I have had the support and comradery to work together to make the Village of Bath a community with pride, safety and loyal service to its residents.

And last but certainly not least I want to recognize the staff of the Street Department. The Street Department would not be what it is today without the hard work and dedication of the employees who have served under me and for that I thank each and every one of them. To the few who have retired from the village before me and for those who remain in service, I would like to recognize them for their loyalty to their work. It is not always easy to be called into work in the middle of the night or in the middle of your child's birthday party. I have enjoyed serving with them and the village is fortunate to have them.

To my immediate and extended family:

I know many times, too numerous to mention, I leaned on each of you for your advice, support and understanding during my career. You made my life a lot easier with your care and attention. I am forever thankful and grateful to you.

To my daughter Allyson, there were many days and nights when I was not available due to weather or pending weather to attend your concerts, basketball games, swimming events, go to a movie or simply hang out at the house on a snowy day. I appreciate your patience and understanding. I am so proud of the wonderful young woman you have grown into. As you continue your journey, I am confident you are on the road to success as you pursue a great career as a licensed occupational therapist currently in South Carolina.

To my fiancée Karen, Wow.... The times we have endured. No one knows the stress or the sleepless nights that you have withstood. With this retirement, I make this promise: you will not have to listen to the music on the weather channel for 24 hours a day; you will not have to wake up to my alarm at 2 & 4 a.m. to check the roads and you will not have to tolerate me being tired and grumpy because I have been up for 48 hours straight. Now, and I say this with all sincerity, you will simply have to tolerate my presence 24/7!! We'll see how that goes! I want you to know while I may not have always shown it; I appreciate all of your love, compassion and understanding you have shown me. I look forward to what's next!!

There are numerous stories that I would like to tell but I can hear Ralph in my head saying shut the hell up I want to go home.

So I will end with saying:

This decision did not come easy or quick by any stretch of the imagination. However, this is the right time for me to start a new chapter in my life. I have thoroughly enjoyed my profession; it is time to change direction and spend more time with my family and friends.

I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to serve the Village of Bath and its residents.

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to accept Street Superintendent, Jeffrey Muller's, retirement with regret effective October 17, 2017. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Chad Mullen, Police Chief:

Police Report was received.

Ralph Senese, Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Report was received.

Robin Havens, Fire Chief:

Fire Department Report was received.

Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director:

BEGWS Minutes were received.

Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Clerk/Treasurer Report was received.

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots to approve the following budget transfers:

To Transfer \$1,300.00 from A1990.4 Contingent Account to A7141.41 Mossy Bank – Nature Center for the use of some of the Ted Markham Donations.

To Transfer \$151.02 from A3120.4 Police Dept. – Contractual to A3120.2 Police Department – Equipment to cover the cost of the printer purchased for the criminal investigator.

To Transfer \$21,781.00 from A3120.12 Police Dept – Anticipated Retirement to A3120.1 Police Dept – Personal Services to cover the retirement buyout budgeted.

All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

New Business:

Permission to buy Skid Steer:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to authorize the Street Superintendent, Jeffrey Muller, to purchase the Skid Steer that was budgeted. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Permission to buy Gas Dispensing Software System:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots to authorize the Street Superintendent, Jeffrey Muller, to purchase the Gas Dispensing Software System from the MJPA Contract to receive a 33% discount and to have Gasboy complete the installation and the training. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Accept John Bogart Retirement Parking Meter Repair Specialist:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to accept John Bogart's retirement from Parking Meter Repair Specialist effective August 21, 2017. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Accept Cody Recktenwald Resignation Part Time PO:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to accept Cody Recktenwald's resignation from Part Time Police Officer effective September 16, 2017. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Steuben County Mutual Aid Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Steuben County pursuant to the Police Protective Equipment Grant applied for to begin on January 1, 2017. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Surplus Items at BEGWS:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots amending the earlier motion made on July 17, 2017 to state the utility commission has the authority to declare obsolete materials under \$10,000 fair market value or less as surplus. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 6:31 p.m. to go into executive session for potential contracts and personnel. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots to return to regular session at 6:51 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Bench Donation:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to accept a bench donated from the Wager's in memory of LeRoy Wager for Mossy Bank. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:53 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer