

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 21st day of October 2019 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	Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Jeanne Glass	Fire Chief:	Matt Glashauser
Trustee:	Melanie Coots	Street Asst. Super:	Michael Bly
Trustee:	Mike Sweet	Code Enforcement:	Bradley Hill
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen	BEGWS Director:	Erin Bonacci
Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer	Police Chief:	Chad Mullen
Street Supervisor:	Thomas Gutow		

**Appointments:**

**Joy Palmer – Housing Authority:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to appoint Joy Palmer to the Housing Authority Committee. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Andrea Dannemiller – Historic Preservation:**

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Sweet to appoint Andrea Dannemiller to the Historic Preservation Committee for a 3 year term. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Dale McGee – Historic Preservation:**

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots to appoint Dale McGee to the Historic Preservation Committee for a 3 year term. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Audit of Bills:**

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$394,239.91. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Thomas Gutow, Street Superintendent:**

Street Report was received.

**Chad Mullen, Police Chief:**

Police Report was received.

**Bradley Hill, Code Enforcement:**

Code Enforcement Report was received.

**Matthew Glashauser, Fire Chief:**

Fire Department Report was received.

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to declare the 30 year old ladder truck as surplus. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

The Board would like the fire department to place the old ladder fire truck on multiple online auction sites for sale in order to get the highest bid price for the truck, with the stipulation that the Board of Trustees has the right to reject any and all bids. Deadline would be December 31, 2019.

**Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director:**

BEGWS Minutes were received.

The mayor recognized the commission and the director for all the hard work and efforts in the negotiations with Corning Natural Gas.

**Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:**

Clerk/Treasurer Report was received.

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the following budget amendments. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Budget Amendment:

Increase A3089 State Aid – Other by \$3,100.  
Increase A8560.4 Shade Tree Contractual by \$3,100.  
To Amend budget for income for the Shade Tree Grant

Increase A2262 Fire Protection by \$3,590  
Decrease A9040.8 Workers Compensation by \$7,449  
Increase A3410.4 Fire Department Contractual by \$11,039  
To Amend budget for repairs to two fire trucks.

Decrease A9040.8 Workers Compensation by \$7,000  
Increase A8510.4 Community Development Contractual by \$7,000  
To Amend budget for economic development grant.

Increase A3089 State Aid – Other by \$9,416.25  
Increase A8510.4 Community Development – Contractual by \$9,416.25  
TO Amend the budget for the Main Street Grant.

Increase A3089 State Aid – Other by \$18,800

Increase A8560.4 Shade Tree – Contractual by \$18,800  
To Amend the budget for the Shade Tree Grant Round 14

**Committee Reports:**

**Trustee Glass:**

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to allow the Village to apply for the community grant for the murals on the building on Liberty Street and to allow them to determine the outline of the process of who is involved, how it works, and how to make the final selection. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Mayor von Hagn:**

Mayor von Hagn would like to recognize and thank Brad for all his efforts and dedication as code enforcement officer.

**New Business:**

**Set Public Hearing on Delaware Ave Speed Limit:**

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to set the public hearing for the speed limit on Delaware Ave for Monday November 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Computer updates from Windows 7:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to upgrade all Window 7 computers to Windows 10 and replace up to 5 computers and just upgrade the rest, for an estimated cost of \$500 per windows upgrade and \$1,135 per replacement for the computers. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Wi-Fi for Building:**

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the purchase to expand the Wi-Fi in the Village building from CPE IT Solutions for an estimated cost of \$1,136.36. This will include Wi-Fi in the board room for use at a variety of meetings. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Accept Retirement of Street Dept. Employee Mickey Hibbard:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to accept the retirement of Street Mechanic Mickey Hibbard effective October 30, 2019. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Approve Michael Walden as Street Mechanic:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve Michael Walden as Street Mechanic effective November 1, 2019. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Approve Street Superintendent to conduct interviews:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to authorize the Street Superintendent to conduct interviews for the hiring of a Village Maintenance Worker. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Stove Resolution:**

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to rescind the stove resolution and move this to negotiations between the Village and the PBA. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Acknowledge Liquor License Application:**

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass to acknowledge the Moving Pen, Inc. dba Chat a Whyte Restaurant has applied for a liquor license application through the New York State Liquor Authority. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Property/Evidence Room Training:**

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to authorize Chief Mullen and Police officer Recktenwald to attend the Property/Evidence Room Training in Broome County on November 13 and 14, 2019. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Part Time Police Officer Resolution:**

RESOLUTION  
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, October 21, 2019 INTRO. DATE: Monday, October 21, 2019

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Bardeen SECONDED BY: Trustee Glass

VOTE:	Mayor vonHagn	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Glass	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Bardeen	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Coots	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Sweet	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent

TITLE: Appointment of Dustin Johnson as Part-time Police Officer for the Village of Bath.

WHEREAS, the Bath Village Chief of Police had previously announced the need to hire part-time police officers in an effort of having sufficient personnel to cover vacations and sick leave in order to keep police department over-time to manageable levels.

WHEREAS, the Bath Village Chief of Police, with approval of the Village Board, is authorized to maintain up to nine (9) part-time police officer positions, and is recommending that the Bath Village Board of Trustees appoint Dustin Johnson, effective October 25, 2019, to the position of Part-time Police Officer contingent upon the following:

- Satisfactorily passing the background investigation conducted by the Bath Village Police Department.
- Satisfactorily passing the psychological examination for employment
- Satisfactorily passing a medical examination or providing satisfactory proof to the Chief of Police that he is medically and physically fit to perform the duties of a part-time police officer.
- All costs (tuition, lab fees, etc.) associated with the Basic Course for Police Officers at the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy, located at Corning Community College are the responsibility of Dustin Johnson.
- The Village will compensate, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with the Bath Police Benevolent Association, only those hours worked during Supervised Field Training and hours assigned to him after successfully completing the Basic Course for Police Officers.
- Dustin Johnson will remain on a probationary period not to exceed 18 months from the date of appointment.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Bath Board of Trustees is hereby appointing Dustin Johnson to the position of Part-time Police Officer, contingent on the aforementioned stipulations and said appointment shall be effective October 25, 2019.

**Urban Forestry Resolution:**

RESOLUTION  
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, October 21, 2019 INTRO. DATE: Monday, October 21, 2019

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Sweet SECONDED BY: Trustee Coots

VOTE:	Mayor vonHagn	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Glass	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Bardeen	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Coots	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Sweet	<b>Aye</b>	Nay	Abstain	Absent

TITLE: Urban Forestry Grant Application Resolution.

Resolution by the Village of Bath approving and endorsing a grant application to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of lands and forests for funding under the 2019 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program, Round 15, Tree Planting & Tree Maintenance Project, DEC01-UCF2-2019.

WHEREAS, the Village of Bath is applying to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for a project grant under the Urban and Community Forestry Program to be located within the Village of Bath, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of Board; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of these programs, said Village of Bath must obtain the “approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located”,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Village of Bath Board of Trustees does approve and endorse the application of Village of Bath for grants under the Urban and Community Forestry Program for a project known as Village of Bath Street Tree Maintenance Project and located within this community. The Village of Bath will match twenty-five percent (25%) of the requested amount of grant funding.

**Spirit of Christmas:**

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the use of Pulteney Park for Spirit of Christmas on Friday December 6, 2019. 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 7:50 p.m. to go into executive session for personnel and potential litigation. Chief of Police, Chad Mullen, was asked to join executive session. Chief Mullen left executive session at 8:07 p.m. Erin Bonacci was asked to join executive session at 8:13 p.m. Bonacci left at 8:21 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Return to Regular Session:**

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to return to regular session at 8:21 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Interfund Loan Forgiveness:**

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the interfund loan forgiveness of \$399,000 that the water fund loaned to the gas fund. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**BOCES Volunteers:**

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots to accept students from BOCES to complete volunteer work at the Village and Bath Electric as long as they are supervised by a BOCES supervisor at all time. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer  
Clerk/Treasurer