

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 18th day of November 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		

Public Hearing:

Delaware Ave Speed Limit:

Opened public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

There was no discussion that took place.

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Visitors:

Duane Arnold – Demographics:

Duane came to discuss with the board the issues about businesses closing in Bath. He is a 20 year resident who would like to help come up with ideas to help keep other businesses from closing and bring in new ones. He would also like to speak with the school about earlier business classes being offered as other countries start those classes in fourth grade.

Appointments:

Eleata Mitchell – Mossy Bank Committee:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to accept Eleata Mitchell as a member of the Mossy Bank Committee. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$501,631.05. 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.

Special Meeting to be held Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to review bids on old ladder truck sale and anything else that comes before the board.

Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director:

BEGWS Minutes were received.

Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Clerk/Treasurer Report was received.

New Business:

Local Law – Delaware Ave Speed Limit:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, November 18, 2019 INTRO. DATE: Monday, November 18, 2019

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Sweet SECONDED BY: Trustee Bardeen

VOTE:	Mayor vonHagn	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Glass	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Bardeen	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Coots	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Sweet	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

Title: Final Adoption of Local Law Tentatively No. 4 of 2019, Reducing the Speed Limit on Delaware Avenue to 25 Miles Per Hour:

WHEREAS, residents of the Village of Bath have expressed concerns about the speed of vehicles driving on Delaware Avenue; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Bath Village Board of Trustees a proposal to reduce the speed limit on Delaware Avenue to 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority pursuant to NY VTL § 1682 to set speed limits on traffic traveling over Village Streets; and

WHEREAS, the Board did resolve on October 21, 2019 to set a public hearing for November 18, 2019 at 5:30, and did conduct the public hearing, and all persons appearing were given the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in consultation with the Village Street Superintendent and the Chief of Police, has found that it would increase the safety of motorists in the Village of Bath if the said speed limit was reduced to 25 mph;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Village of Bath Local Law Tentatively No. 4 for the year 2019, Reducing the Speed Limit on Delaware Avenue to 25 Miles Per Hour, is hereby adopted.

Resolution for County to Collect Unpaid Taxes:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Coots resolving that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the County of Steuben to collect unpaid 2019/2020 taxes in the amount of \$136,835.15. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution for Village Election for March 18:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Glass resolving that the annual village election will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m to fill the vacancy of the village mayor for the term of April 6, 2020 through April 4, 2022, village trustee (2) positions for the term of April 6, 2020 through April 1, 2024 and village justice for the term of April 6, 2020 through April 1, 2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Election Resolution – Polling Place:

WHEREAS, the election law for the state of New York, article 15-104, Sub. 3, provides for the conduct of village election, it is herefore in compliance therewith, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath held on the 18th day of November 2019, moved by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Sweet, all Trustees and Mayor voting in favor, resolved that the annual Village election will be held on the 18th day of March, 2020 with the following particulars:

The Village of Bath, New York, constitutes one election district, and the polling place of such district is the Municipal Building, Liberty Street, Bath, New York. The hours during which the polls shall be open for voting shall be 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the vacancies and their terms of office are as follows:

Village Mayor – One (1) Position, Two (2) year term – April 6, 2020 – April 4, 2022.

Village Trustee – Two (2) Positions, Four (4) year term – April 6, 2020 – April 1, 2024.

Village Justice – One (1) Position, Four (4) year term – April 6, 2020 – April 1, 2024.

Election Inspectors Resolution:

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath pursuant to section 15-116, sub.1, of the election law must appoint inspectors of the General Village Election.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees hereby appoints the following as inspectors for the General Village Election on March 18, 2020:

Democratic Election Inspectors:

Cynthia Dimmick, 3 Fairview Drive, Bath, NY 14810
Doris Doucette, 7375 County Route 16, Apt.# 102, Bath, NY 14810
Alternate - Beverly Grose, 7861 N. Main Street, Bath, NY 14810

Republican Election Inspectors:

Helen Robinson, 8143 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, NY 14810
Florence Mulcahy, 6 Ivy Street, Bath, NY 14810
Alternate – Jeanette Brown, 6839 Lake Salubria Drive, Bath, NY 14810

Resolution by: Trustee Bardeen

Seconded by: Trustee Sweet

Voting	Aye	Nay
Mayor von Hagn	X	
Trustee Glass	X	
Trustee Coots	X	
Trustee Bardeen	X	
Trustee Sweet	X	

Downtown Business District Meters:

The Mayor, William von Hagn, brought up a discussion on the meters in the Business District (Liberty Street, Steuben Street) on whether or not the Village should consider taking those out. There are positives to having the meter, they turn the cars over. At a land bank meeting, someone mentioned we should do something about the meters. Mike Sweet suggested 2 hour parking and a higher fine for not following the law. It is not possible to chalk tires anymore as it is illegal. We would have to have a scanner for registrations, but then a vehicle would be limited to 2 hours per day. Meaning 2 hours from the time your vehicle registration is scanned, even if you are not there for 2 hours. The Mayor would like this to continue to be a discussion at

the board to find other ways of rotating cars downtown and have more suggestions be brought to the board.

Free Month of Downtown Parking:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to allow free parking on Liberty St, East Steuben St and West Steuben Street during the holidays from December 1, 2019 through January 2, 2020. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve Ken Gilbert – Meter Repair Specialist:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the hiring of Ken Gilbert as Meter Repair Specialist effective November 12, 2019. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve Ken Gilbert – School Crossing Guard:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the hiring of Ken Gilbert as School Crossing Guard effective November 12, 2019. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Halloween Date Change:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Sweet to reaffirm the date change for Halloween from October 31, 2019 to Saturday November 2, 2019 due to weather. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Town of Wheeler 2020 Fire Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the Town of Wheeler fire agreement for 2020. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Fire Department Cancer Insurance:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve VFIS/Chubb Insurance at a rate of \$137.00 per volunteer for 2020. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Trustee Michael Sweet left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Approve Nate Uram – Street Department:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve Nate Uram for the Village Maintenance Equipment Operator position for the street department effective December 2, 2019. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Coots to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 7:07 p.m. to go into executive session for personnel and proposed litigation, Acquisition of Property and contract negotiations. Erin Bonacci, Director of Municipal Utilities was asked to join executive session at 7:07 p.m. Bonacci left at 7:26 p.m. Chief of Police, Chad Mullen, was asked to join executive session at 7:27 p.m.

Chief Mullen left executive session at 7:53 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to return to regular session at 7:57 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Code Enforcement, Bradley Hill, Probationary Period:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve Code Enforcement Officers, Bradley Hill, probationary period to be complete and satisfactory after 12 weeks. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Evaluation Policy/Appraisal System:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to approve the evaluation policy/appraisal system for employee performances. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer