

# Village of Bath Municipal Utility Commission Regular Meeting – March 15, 2022

## Official Meeting Minutes

The Municipal Utility Commission of the Village of Bath (Commission) held its Regular Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022. The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Muller, Chairman of the Commission, at 4:35 p.m.

### Commissioners Present:

Jeffrey Muller, Chairman  
Mark Alger, Vice Chairman  
Keith Becken  
Robert Plaskov  
Vernard Anderson

*participated via videoconference*

### Others Present:

Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director of Municipal Utilities  
Samantha Voss, Municipal Utility Commission Clerk / BEGWS Senior Typist  
Matthew Whedbee, Utility Asset Manager  
Kris New, CSEA BEGWS Unit President / BEGWS Accountant

### Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Becken, seconded by Commissioner Plaskov, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2022 All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

### Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Becken, to approve payment of the January abstracts in the amount of \$1,468,127.27. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

### Leak Prone Pipe (LLP) Replacement Program:

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Andersen, to declare an emergency and authorize Director Bonacci to retain Sullivan Trail to assist in replacing existing 4-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) gas main on State Route 54 and Industrial Park Road. This has been declared an emergency for the following reasons:

- There is an active gas leak on the existing 4-inch PVC gas main on Industrial Park Rd. The gas leak is unable to be repaired by BEGWS and has worsened since its initial discovery.
- The existing 4-inch PVC gas main has been designated by the NYS Public Service Commission as leak prone pipe (LPP) given its characteristics and leak history among natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs).
- It is in the best interest of public and worker safety, along with BEGWS and Corning Natural Gas (CNG) gas customers, to repair the gas leak by replacing the LPP in advance of the impending road widening work scheduled to take place in the area of the leak on State Route 54 and Industrial Park Road. This is given this existing 4-inch gas main feeds Town of Bath, Town of Urbana and Village of Hammondsport gas customers.
- Sullivan Trail is a qualified and experienced contractor in the field of LPP gas replacement, along with the necessary traffic control required for working on state roads/highways.

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Andersen, to award a contract in the amount of \$110,500 to Sullivan Trail. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Inventory Purchase:**

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Becken, to approve an increase of \$3,922.32 for F.W. Webb's bid amount for 6-inch DIP. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Auction Results:**

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Alger, accept the auction results for 2008 Dodge Ram 3500 pick-up truck for \$15,200, and \$3,800 for polyethylene pipe no longer suitable for use in natural gas applications. Commissioner Anderson abstained, all others present were in favor and the motion was carried. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Aetna Medicare Benefit Plan Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement:**

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Becken, authorizing Director Bonacci to sign the Aetna Medicare Benefit Plan Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Approval of Invoices Received After Accounts Payable (A/P) Cutoff:**

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Becken, to approve the following invoices for payments that were received after the Accounts Payable cutoff date:

- Two (2) invoices for Don Mattison for professional services provided pertaining to the water main replacement program, in a total amount of \$629.92
- One (1) invoice from Kathleen Patterson for cleaning services provided, for an amount of \$312.50
- Two (2) invoices from Cummins Northeast for repairs to Well #7 generator and the Village of Bath WWTP generator, one in the amount of \$2,597.41 and one in the amount of \$3,098.18
- One (1) invoice from Occupational Safety Consultants for the Safety Audit/GAP analysis performed, in the amount of \$3,750.

All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Petty Cash:**

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, and seconded by Commissioner Plaskov, to replenish Petty Cash for \$150.00. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

*Kris New left the Regular Meeting at 5:56 p.m.*

**Executive Session:**

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Andersen, to leave Open Meeting and enter into Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. for: (1) employment history of particular person(s); matters leading to employment of particular persons(s), (2) discussions regarding proposed litigation. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Executive Session:**

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Becken, to leave Executive Session and return to Open Meeting at 7:04 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Plaskov, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:04 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Samantha Voss  
Municipal Utility Commission Clerk

**Next Regular Meeting Scheduled For:  
April 14, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.**