

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2024**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 16th day of January 2024 located at 110 Liberty Street, Bath NY 14810. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Sweet at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	Michael Sweet
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Karen Causer
Trustee:	Jeffrey Muller
Trustee:	Melanie Coots
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen
Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Street Supervisor:	Jason Causer
Code Enforcement:	Bradley Hill
Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
Director of Utilities:	Erin Bonacci
Chief of Police:	Colin Taft
Fire Chief:	Michael Fiordo

Absent:

Visitors/Residents in Attendance:

Kelly Fitzpatrick – Business Owner/County Legislator
Nick Pelham – County Legislator
Calvan Uram – Town Resident
Dillon Lewis – Resident
Nathan Uram – Street Employee
Josh Buck – Town Supervisor
Dustin Buck – Town Trustee

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$155,494.07. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Department Head Reports:

Jason Causer, Street Superintendent:

Street Report was received.

Colin Taft, Chief of Police:

Police Report was received.

Bradley Hill, Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Report was received.

Michael Fiordo, Fire Chief:

Fire Department Report was received.

Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director:

BEGWS Minutes were received. Monthly report was received.

Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Clerk/Treasurer report was received.

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the following budget amendments for budget year 2023-2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Increase A3120.418 – Police Dept – Education by \$3,300.00

Decrease A1990.4 – Contingent Account by \$3,300.00

To Cover the Costs of Continuing Education per Union Contract.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Bardeen:

Trustee Bardeen wanted to commend Brad Hill for the outstanding work on 9 Purdy St.

Trustee Causer:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the quote from Holiday Outdoor Décor for Festive Christmas Lights for Liberty Street and Pulteney Park in the amount of \$8,310.23, pending review with BEGWS if these will fit on the poles. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve the following budget amendments for the purchase of the Festive Christmas lights. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Increase A7140.4 – Downtown Park Contractual by \$3,310.23

Decrease A1990.4 – Contingent Account by \$3,310.23

To cover the costs not budgeted for Festive Christmas Lights.

New Business:

WWTP Upgrades – Approve of Contractor Payment Applications:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Contractor Payment Applications for the WWTP Upgrades in the amount of \$241,442.50 for Performance Construction Company, \$13,300.00 for Matco Electric Corp, \$8,196.60 for Michael A. Ferraulo Plumbing and Heating, Inc., \$25,621.68 for HGD Consulting Services Inc., and \$139,826.00 for Village of Bath for Builders Risk, Flood Insurance Policy Coverage through Great American. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution for Village Election for March 19:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller resolving that the annual village election will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. to fill the vacancy of the Village Mayor for the term of April 1, 2024 through April 6, 2024, Village Trustee (2) positions for the term of April 1, 2024 through April 3, 2028 and Village Justice (1) position for the term of April 1, 2024 through April 3, 2028. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Breath Test Operator School:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve Breath Test Operator School for Police Officer Michalko and Sergeant Ruggles March 27 – 29 in Horseheads, NY. This class is paid for by STOP DWI funds. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Glock Armorer School:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve Sergeant Ruggles to attend Glock Armorer School in Buffalo, NY on April 11, 2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Supervisor School:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve Officer Roberson to attend Supervisor School in Horseheads, NY and Bath, NY February 5-21, 2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution for Part Time Police Officer:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Tuesday January 16, 2024 INTRO. DATE: Tuesday January 16, 2024

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Coots SECONDED BY: Trustee Bardeen

VOTE:	Mayor Sweet	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Causer	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Bardeen	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Coots	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Trustee Muller	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

TITLE: Appointment of Christian Zawko 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, Colin Taft, 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 Christian Zawko effective January 22, 2024, 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
- 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 Christian Zawko.
- 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.
- Christian Zawko 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 Christian Zawko to the position of Part-time Police Officer, contingent on the aforementioned stipulations and said appointment shall be effective January 22, 2024.

Approve 211 Application for Retirement Waiver:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve Chief of Police to fill out and sign a NYS Retirement 211 Application for a retirement waiver for Officer Zawko. This will allow him to work and make more than the maximum amount as he is retired. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

NYSDOT Shared Services Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the NYSDOT shared services agreement for a four year term. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Town of Wheeler Fire Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Town of Wheeler Fire Agreement for 2024 in the amount of \$6,000. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Town of Bath Fire Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Town of Bath Fire Agreement for 2024 in the amount of \$226,805.13. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Town of Bath Lease Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Town of Bath Lease Agreement for 2024 in the amount of \$25,000. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Town of Bath Court Security Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve the Town of Bath Court Security Agreement for 2024 and 2025 in the amount of \$5,500 per year. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approval of RCAP Solutions Community Agreement, Authorization of Mayor to Sign:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the RCAP Solutions Community Agreement for BEGWS and authorize the mayor to sign said agreement. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Mossy Bank SEQRA:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen that the Village of Bath resolves that the Village of Bath is lead agency for purposes of SEQRA relative to the Mossy Bank Forest Regeneration Project and declares that the project is a Type 1 Action. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer that the Village adopts the findings in a document entitled “State Environmental Quality Review; Negative Declaration; Notice of Determination of Non-Significance”; adopts the Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 (Project Impacts) and makes a negative declaration/determination of non-significance with respect to the Mossy Bank Forest Regeneration Project. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:25 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer