

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2024**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 18th day of March 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
Asst Director of Utilities:	Keith Joint
Chief of Police:	Colin Taft
Fire Chief:	Michael Fiordo
Code Enforcement:	Bradley Hill

Absent:

Director of Utilities:	Erin Bonacci
Attorney:	Aaron Mullen

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

Public Hearing:

Tax Cap Override:

Public Hearing opened at 5:30 p.m.
No comments regarding Tax Cap Override.
Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to close the public hearing at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Local Law – Amending Chapters 38, 47, 63, 80, 82 and 105 relating to penalties and fines:

Public Hearing opened at 5:31 p.m.
No comments regarding changes in the penalties and fines for various chapters of the Village of Bath Code.

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

Property Located at 204 E. Washington Street:

Public Hearing opened at 5:32 p.m.

Village owns the section right next to the road. Village gave other parcels years ago that section, somehow 204 E. Washington St was excluded.

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to close the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$187,621.91. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Phillip Glosick – Saturday Farmer’s Market:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve the Pulteney Park request for the Saturday Farmer’s Market for the 2024 season. 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.

New Business:

Local Law – Tax Cap Override:

After another budget meeting last week, the board has decided we would not need the tax cap override. Local Law was not passed for the Tax Cap Override.

Local Law – Amending Chapters 38, 47, 63, 80, 82 and 105 Relating to Penalties and Fines:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve Local Law #1 entitled “Amending Chapters 38, 47, 63, 80, 82 and 105 relating to penalties and fines.” All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Property Located at 204 E. Washington Street:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Muller to abandon to the neighbor to the south any interest in the property located at 204 E. Washington Street, the portion to be abandoned being the northerly 33 ft +- of tax parcel no. 159.14-02-003.000 and being bounded on the north by the south side of the sidewalk, with any right of ways remain for Bath Electric Gas & Water. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Resolution for Competitive Part Time Police Officer:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, March 18, 2024 INTRO. DATE: Monday, March 18, 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 Alexander Hevey as Competitive Part-time Police Officer for the Village of Bath.

WHEREAS, the Bath Village Police Chief 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 Alexander Hevey effective March 18, 2024, to the position of Competitive Part-time Police Officer contingent upon the following:

- 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.

- The Village will compensate, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with the Bath Police Benevolent Association section 2.2, at top sergeant step as he is a retired sergeant with experience.
- Alexander Hevey 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 Alexander Hevey to the position of Competitive Part-time Police Officer, contingent on the aforementioned stipulations and said appointment shall be effective March 18, 2024.

V. Bath WWTP Upgrades – Approval of Eligible Invoices, 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 \$599,342.40 to Performance Construction Company, \$352,447.15 to Matco Electric Corporation, \$3,861.75 to Frey & Campbell, \$47,301.50 to GHD Consulting Services, Inc., and \$2,352.00 to Municipal Solutions. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Select, Retain Larson Design Group – Water Line Inventory Services:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to select Larson Design Group for professional services pertaining to the inventory of water service lines (BIL grant award), and authorizing the Mayor and Director of Municipal Utilities to execute the agreement and associated documents for a fee not-to-exceed \$257,700. All present were in favor and the motion as carried.

Hard Hat Expo:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the street department employees to attend the Hard Hat Expo on Wednesday March 20, 2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve Contractor Payment for PD Renovations:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Capital Projects Invoices paid for the Police Department Renovations Projects out of the capital account as follows:

Kuehne Construction - \$15,912.50

All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 5:52 p.m. to go into executive session for contracts and for the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Chief of Police, Colin Taft, was asked to stay in executive session. Left at 6:01 p.m.

Street Superintendent, Jason Causer was asked to join executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to return to regular session at 6:04 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Police Department MOA:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the MOA with the PBA Union regarding the appointment of Police Officer Contreras. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Street Employee Boot Allowance:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve and pay Street Employee, Andrew Spears, reimbursement of \$175 for work boots per contract. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:35 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer