

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2024**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 15th day of April 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:	Mark Bardeen
Street Supervisor:	Jason Causer
Chief of Police:	Colin Taft
Code Enforcement Officer:	Bradley Hill
Director of Municipal Utilities:	Erin Bonacci

Absent:

Trustee:	Melanie Coots
Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
Fire Chief:	Michael Fiordo

Visitors/Residents in Attendance:

Tyler Haight – Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, Village of Bath Street Department
Kelly Fitzpatrick –County Legislator
Nick Pelham – County Legislator
Calvan Uram – Town Resident
Dillon Lewis – Village Resident
Nathan Uram – Village of Bath Street Department Employee, Town Resident
Lee Cornaire – Village of Bath Shade Tree Committee
Jim Pitt – Village of Bath Shade Tree Committee
Greg Muller – Village of Bath Shade Tree Committee
Nate Longwell – Village of Bath Shade Tree Committee
Walt Longwell – Village Business Owner
Members of Bath Village Police Department president for commendation of Sergeant Johnson

Public Hearing:

Restore NY Grant:

The Village of Bath is eligible for grant funding under Round 8 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program. The Village board has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one project for the application as the

redevelopment of the Dana Lyon Building at 208 Liberty Street. The project will deconstruct and reconstruct the vacant building into 49 Work-Force Affordable Housing units.

Hearing no comments from the Public, motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Causer, to close the Public Hearing at 5:31 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

**Commendation:
Sergeant Johnson:**

Chief Taft presented a commendation to Sergeant Johnson for excellent performance of his duties above and beyond the call of duty for making a proactive criminal interdiction arrest on March 10, 2024, of an Elmira native for a loaded handgun in a motor vehicle.

Members of Bath Village Police Department left the Regular Meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Visitor:

Greg Muller – Village of Bath Shade Tree Committee:

Greg Muller addressed the Village Board regarding the removal of (12) trees on Liberty Street proposed by the Village Board. Greg spoke on the Committee's concerns and advised the (12) trees be retained and suggested the Committee work with the Village Board on alternatives to address the concerns while saving the trees identified for removal.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer, to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$222,083.21, plus the AT&T bill for \$378.77. 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 of Municipal Utilities:

BEGWS Minutes were received. Monthly report was received.

Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Clerk/Treasurer report was received.

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

Increase A9060.83 HRA – Contract Employees by \$4,800.00
Decrease A9060.81 HRA – Sworn Officers by \$4,800.00
To Cover Overall Costs of the HRA Funding.

Increase A2680 Insurance Recoveries by \$48,963.00
Increase A2680 Insurance Recoveries by \$1,000.00
Increase A3120.2 Police Department Equipment by \$48,963.00
Increase A3120.2 Police Department Equipment by \$1,000.00
Increase A3120.2 Police Department Equipment by \$5,773.25
Decrease A1460.1 Records Mgmt Personal Services by \$5,708.27
Decrease A1680.2 Central Data Processing Equipment by \$64.98
To Cover the costs of the Tahoe that was totaled.

Increase A3120.2 Police Department Equipment by \$37,868.75
Increase A3120.2 Police Department Equipment by \$18,738.52
Increase A3120.2 Police Department Equipment by \$650.00
Increase A2401 Interest & Earnings by \$37,868.75
Increase A2401 Interest & Earnings by \$18,738.52
Increase A2401 Interest & Earnings by \$650.00
To Cover the costs of the Police Charger Approved by the Board.

Increase A5110.2 Street Dept Equipment by \$35,674.35
Increase A2401 Interest & Earnings by \$35,674.35
To Cover the costs of the Wheel Loader approved by the Board.

Increase A4089 Federal Aid – Other by \$32,279.00
Increase A4089 Federal Aid - Other by \$3,309.00
Increase A1620.2 Building Equipment by \$32,279.00
Increase A1620.2 Building Equipment by \$3,309.00
To Record ARPA Fund Costs of Portion of Generators.

Increase A4089 Federal Aid – Other by \$217,824.59
Increase A5110.2 Street Dept Equipment by \$217,824.59
To Record ARPA Fund Costs for the Street Snow Plow Truck.

Increase A1620.43 Buildings – Contracts by \$63.40
Decrease A4010.4 Health Contractual by \$63.40
To Cover Contract for Security Access.

Increase A3120.418 Police Department Training by \$5,000.00
Increase A2665 Sale of Equipment by \$4,475.00
Decrease A1990.4 Contingent Account by \$525.00

To Cover the costs of the Academy for the new PD Hire.

Increase A5110.48 Street Department Repair by \$6,000.00

Decrease A5142.1 Snow Removal Personnel by \$6,000.00

To Cover Repairs on Street Sweeper

Increase A7141.1 Mossy Bank Personnel by \$2,472.00

Decrease A5142.1 Snow Removal Personnel by \$2,472.00

To cover Mossy Bank Personnel expenses.

Increase A7141.4 Mossy Bank Contractual by \$3,600.00

Decrease A5142.1 Snow Removal Personnel by \$3,600.00

To cover expenses for Mossy Bank Slash Walls.

New Business:

Resolution Village to Apply for Restore NY Grant:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, April 15, 2024 INTRO. DATE: Monday, April 15, 2024

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Causer 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

**2024 RESTORE NY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION REGARDING
VILLAGE OF BATH
DANA L LYON APARTMENTS**

WHEREAS the Village of Bath is eligible for grant funding under Round 8 of the Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program, and

WHEREAS the Village Board has considered proposals that qualify for funding under the program and selected one project to be included in an application that will be submitted to Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) as follows:

Redevelopment of Dana Lyon Building, 208 Liberty St., Bath NY, 14810. The project will deconstruct and reconstruct the vacant 35,037 sq. ft. building into 49 Work-Force Affordable Housing units. (collectively, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has caused HUNT Engineers to develop a Preliminary Engineering Report for the project; and

WHEREAS this project is consistent with all existing local plans, the proposed financing is appropriate for the project, the project will facilitate effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create and sustain employment opportunities in the Village of Bath.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby supports and will sponsor an application for Restore NY funding for the Dana Lyon Building, 208 Liberty St., Bath NY, 14810, and will administer the grant in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations established by ESDC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Sweet, Mayor is authorized to sign the applications and any agreements required by ESDC for grant funding that results from the application.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approve Employee Assistance Program Services Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen, to approve the Employee Assistance Program Services Agreement in the amount of \$486.00 to be effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve Contractor Payment for PD Renovations:

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

Kuehne Construction - \$42,750.00

Upstate Piping - \$6,175.00

Upstate Piping - \$11,875.00

All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve Town of Bath Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement – Sewer District No. 8:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen, to approve the Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement between the Village of Bath and the Town of Bath for Sewer District #8 outside the corporate limits of the Village of Bath. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

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 \$407,629.23 to Performance Construction Company, \$89,203.10 to Matco Electric Corporation, \$5,122.87 to Michael A. Ferraulo Plumbing & Heating, Inc., \$97,705.87 to GHD Consulting Services, Inc., and \$4,624.00 to Municipal Solutions. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve Mayor to attend Downtown Revitalization Forum:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen, to approve the Mayor to attend the Downtown Revitalization Forum in Watkins Glen on May 9, 2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Steuben County DWI Agreement:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer, to approve the 2024 agreement with Steuben County for DWI Reimbursement. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen, to leave the open meeting and enter in executive session at 6:14 p.m. for the purpose of contracts. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Code Enforcement Officer Bradley Hill asked to stay in executive session.

BEGWS Director of Municipal Utilities Erin Bonacci was present for executive session.

Return to Open Meeting:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller, to leave executive session and return to the open meeting at 6:18 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Colin Taft, Street Department Maintenance Supervisor Jason Causer, Kelly Fitzpatric and Dillon Lewis returned to the open meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:19 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erin B. Bonacci
BEGWS Director of Municipal Utilities