

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2024**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 17th day of June 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
Trustee:	Melanie Coots
Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Attorney:	Aaron Mullen
Street Supervisor:	Jason Causer
Chief of Police:	Colin Taft
Code Enforcement Officer:	Bradley Hill
Director of Municipal Utilities:	Erin Bonacci
Fire Chief:	Michael Fiordo

Visitors/Residents in Attendance:

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
Michael Walden – Village of Bath Street Department Employee
Tyler Haight – Village of Bath Street Department Employee
Jeffrey Rodbourn – Village of Bath Street Department Employee

Visitor:

Albert Yezarski – Fairgrounds Complaint on Speakers:

Mr. Yezarski discussed to the board a noise complaint regarding a bird call at the County Fairgrounds. In his understanding, this bird call is there to get rid of the pigeons and the issues the fairgrounds are having with them. He played a video of the noise and said this sound occurs several times every day throughout the day. Mr. Yezarski and seven of his neighbors filed a petition with the Village respectfully requesting that the predatory bird recording in the Bath Fairgrounds be turned off immediately. This petition was filed with the clerk at the meeting. He also filed the noise ordinance law with the Village Attorney. The Village Board will investigate the situation.

Stevie Pospiech – Benches:

Mr. Pospiech discussed his concern with the Village Board regarding not having the benches placed back out on Liberty Street. He likes to take breaks in his walk and likes to sit and relax in his surroundings. The Board has decided to place one bench on Liberty Street at the end with Community Bank.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen, to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$100,198.75. 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 not received. Preliminary Year End Numbers will be available next month.

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

- Increase A1620.2 Building Equipment for \$3,036.14
- Increase A2401 Interest & Earnings for \$3,036.14
- To Cover Overage Costs for Police Renovations Project.

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to amend the following encumbrances for 2023-2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

A1620.2	173,994.90	PD Renovations
A3120.2	76,545.00	Police Vehicle
A3120.2	8,806.00	Police Furniture with Project
A5110.2	79,418.00	Leaf Vac
A5110.2	54,500.00	GMC 3500

A5110.2	19,738.64	Dump Body
A5110.2	6,318.64	Snow Plow for GMC 3500
A5110.2	35,674.35	Loader
A7140.4	12,000.00	Bocci Ball Courts
A8560.4	8,800.00	Tree Removal/Pruning

New Business:

NYSLRS Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the NYSLRS Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Discussion on Purchase of Excavator and Trailer:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the purchase of a new or unused excavator and trailer for up to \$130,000 with CHIPS money. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Part Time Police Officer Resolution – Harrington:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, June 17, 2024 INTRO. DATE: Monday June 17, 2024

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Coots SECONDED BY: Trustee Causer

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 Michael Harrington as Part-time Police Officer for the Village of Bath.

WHEREAS, the 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 Michael Harrington effective June 12, 2024, to the position of Part-time Police Officer contingent upon the following:

- The Village will compensate, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement with the Bath Police Benevolent Association.
- Michael Harrington 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 Michael Harrington to the position of Part-time Police Officer, contingent on the aforementioned stipulations and said appointment shall be effective June 12, 2024.

Approve 211 Retirement Waiver – Zawko:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Chief of Police to submit another 211 waiver request for Seth Zawko for the 3rd quarter of 2024. 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 \$922,804.32 to Performance Construction Company, \$38,668.66 to Matco Electric Corporation, \$72,477.96 to GHD Consulting Services, Inc, \$22,278.45 to Frey & Campbell, \$848.00 to Municipal Solutions, and \$12,935.40 to Harris Beach. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve to Install Gas Main on Mulch Rd (Parallel to Existing Water Main):

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve BEGWS to Install Gas Main on Mulch Rd (Parallel to Existing Water Main). All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Muller to leave the open meeting and enter in executive session at 6:22 p.m. for the purpose of contracts and potential litigation. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Open Meeting:

Motion made by Trustee Causer, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to leave executive session and return to the open meeting at 6:38 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Street Contract:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the renewal of the Street Department Union Contract as presented. Trustee Coots abstained and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Causer to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:39 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer