

**Village of Bath Municipal Utility Commission
Regular Meeting – February 14, 2023**

Official Meeting Minutes

The Municipal Utility Commission of the Village of Bath (Commission) held a Regular Meeting on the 14th day of February 2023. The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Muller, Chairman of the Commission, at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

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

Others Present:

Erin Bonacci, BEGWS Director of Municipal Utilities
Matthew Whedbee, BEGWS Utilities Asset Manager
Jordan Snell, BEGWS Accountant / CSEA BEGWS Unit Vice President
Samantha Voss, Village of Bath Deputy Clerk-Treasurer / Municipal Utility Commission Clerk

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Alger, to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2023. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 17, 2023. All others present were in favor and the motion was carried; Commissioner Plaskov abstained.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Plaskov, approving payment of the vouchers/invoices submitted, in the amount of \$1,416,329.10. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Natural Gas Distribution System Components Bids:

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Alger, approving the acceptance of the bids from Irby, Vari-Tech, and UPSCO for the purchase of natural gas distribution system components. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Amended, Restated Bond Resolution for Village of Bath WWTP Upgrades:

Motion made by Commissioner Alger, seconded by Commissioner Plaskov, approving the amended, restated bond resolution for the Village of Bath WWTP Upgrades, and recommending the Village of Bath Board of Trustees approve the amended, restated bond resolution. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approval of Invoices Received After Accounts Payable Cutoff:

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Alger, approving payment of invoices received after Accounts Payable cutoff, totaling \$11,294.37. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Comments from BEGWS CSEA Unit Vice President:

Prior to entering into Executive Session, BEGWS CSEA Unit Vice President Jordan Snell inquired on the status of the compensation survey and response to BEGWS CSEA Unit President Kris New's email regarding negotiation requests. Director Bonacci shared that the compensation consultant was awaiting responses from the peer survey, and that hopefully the survey would be completed at the end of the month. Director Bonacci also stated a response would be provided to BEGWS CSEA Unit President Kris New's email that same week.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Becken, to leave Open Meeting and enter into Executive Session at 5:16 p.m. for: (1) proposed, pending or current litigation, (2) collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of Civil Service Law, (3) employment history of particular persons. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Matthew Whedbee left Executive Session at 5:44 p.m.

The following action was taken by formal vote during Executive Session, and shall be made available within one week in accordance with Public Officers Law (Chapter 47) Open Meetings Law (Article 7) Minutes (Section 106 (3)):

Utilities Operations Manager Provisional Appointment:

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Alger, to approve the provisional appointment of Dave Townsend to Utilities Operations Manager position until a NYS Civil Service examination is held and a certified eligible list is established and used to make a permanent appointment in accordance with NYS Civil Service Law. The appointment is subject to the completion of a pre-employment background check, physical and drug screening. Chairman Muller abstained, all others present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Plaskov, seconded by Commissioner Alger, to leave Executive Session and return to Open Meeting at 6:24 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 6:25 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:
March 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**