

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
BUDGET MEETING
MARCH 7, 2024**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 7th day of March 2024 at the Village of Bath, Village Hall, located at 110 Liberty St., Bath, NY 14810. This meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Sweet at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	Michael Sweet
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Karen Causer
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen
Trustee:	Melanie Coots
Trustee:	Jeffrey Muller
Clerk/ Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Chief of Police:	Colin Taft
Code Enforcement:	Bradley Hill
Fire Chief:	Michael Fiordo
Street Superintendent:	Jason Causer

Hunt Engineers – Discuss Additional Expenses for PD Renovations:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Coots to approve the change order proposal for Kuehne Construction and UNYSE Environmental for the work to encapsulate the remaining plaster ceiling in its entirety in the amount of \$30,609.95. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Creating Unarmed Court Security Position:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Causer to approve the Chief of Police to create an unarmed court security position effective immediately. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Dumpster Days:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve Finger Lakes South Enterprises to donate four dumpsters for the Village of Bath’s Dumpster Days at \$85 per ton. Dumpster Days will happen on April 20 & April 27. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve Bid for Tahoe Replacement:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe bid to Joe Basil Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$55,736.25. This Tahoe will replace the Tahoe that was totaled on January 20, 2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approve 211 Retirement Waiver:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Chief of Police to submit another 211 waiver request for Seth Zawko for the period of April 1 through July 1, 2024. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Budget:

The Board reviewed the budget which started out with a 21.52% tax increase.

The Department Heads met prior to the board meeting to go through their tentative budgets – being able to reduce their expenses to start the budget meetings with a 10.93% tax increase.

A list of Discussion points was reviewed and discussed.

Approve 2 year buyback on Loader:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to approve the purchase of the 2 year buyback on the Loader in the amount of \$35,674.35. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Causer to adjourn the budget meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 5:29 p.m. to go into executive session for discussion on 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 and the salaries of employees. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Muller to return to regular budget session at 5:37 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Coots to adjourn the budget meeting at 5:37 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer