

BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 19, 2017

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Ross. Other township personnel in attendance were Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Heizer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Trimbach, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5th meeting; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$108,065.27, which includes \$62,219 for road projects and \$12,139 for the initial payment for the columbarium; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

GUEST: Thomas Genna, General Manager of The Province, made a presentation to the Board on proposed plans to install new signage and lighting at their complex at the corner of Kauffman and Zink Roads. One sign would be on the retaining wall facing Kauffman Avenue. The other a one-sided sign mounted in a wooden pergola would face Zink Road. Low-wattage, solar-powered downlights for nighttime illumination would be used. Mr. Ross noted that the current signs are small. Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, suggested making the proposed Kauffman Road smaller and less bright. Mr. Genna stated that the designs were based on The Provinces's corporate logo. Mr. Pitstick saw no problem with the signs, but would like to visit the site before making a decision. Mr. Ross noted that the full Board would be in attendance at the August 30th meeting which would give them ample time to view the site.

OLD BUSINESS: Concerning the walking path, Mr. Ross reported on a meeting in the park with Lance Oakes to view the current path and discuss a mutually acceptable redesign. Instead of going around the woodlot, Mr. Oakes suggested a jog north of the basketball court that would meander through the trees. Mr. Ross figured that the pathway would run between trees that are 15-18 feet apart. Mr. Oakes' company will do the installation. After completion, they will then remove the section being bypassed. They will also deed the property that contains the southern section of the path to the township. Mrs. Brown expressed concern about digging around the trees since some excavation will be necessary to install the path. Mr. Oakes will have an agreement drawn up which Mr. Ross will submit to Assistant Prosecutor Hayden for review.

Mr. Ross gave an update on the health insurance renewal situation. OPEC-HC is offering a renewal "as is with a 7% increase over 2017 contributions (Premium Equivalents & ADR)." In an email from the Ohio Insurance Services Agency it was noted that, pending approval by the OPEC-HC Board, there will be a change in the composition of the Board. Ohio Insurance Services and the OPEC-HC Administrator will no longer hold seats; and the member agreement term will be a one-year commitment rather than three. Mr. Ross has talked with the R.L. King Agency in Toledo. They offer Anthem coverage through the Chamber of Commerce Alliance. At present Bath Township is not a member, but he doesn't believe that this will be a problem. However, R.L. King doesn't seem to have a plan for our Medicare employees. Since there might be litigation involved if the township does not continue with OPEC, Mr. Ross suggested that the Board go into Executive Session for further discussion. OPEC's new Benovation insurance has received negative comments from some entities. However, our employees have not had any problems so far possibly because Mr. Ross held an instructional meeting for the employees when they received the Benovation insurance cards.

Mr. Ross read Resolution 23-2017 providing for the appointment of Patrick Partee to the position of Cemetery Grounds Foreman and to receive an annual stipend of \$2500, paid monthly, in addition to his regular hourly wage, effective July 13. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Mrs. Phillips' report provided pricing for the columbarium panels. After examining the columbarium at the cemetery, Mr. Pitstick expressed the opinion that some type of design was necessary to distinguish one from the other. He also noted that etching would not hold up as well as a carved panel. He then made a motion to have design panels put on at a cost of \$1895 each with an additional \$100 labor fee for installation on the existing Columbarium. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. Mrs. Brown suggested that a leaf design would complement the flower designs used on the mausoleums. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mrs. Phillips noted that they will be pouring foundations again next week. She is encouraging callers to get their orders in now if they want them done before winter.

Mr. Heizer, Road Supervisor, reported that the Miller-Mason Paving Company would charge \$10,000 to fog seal all 15 roads that were in this summer's chip and seal road project. He also reported that he along with Mr. Pitstick and other members of the road crew had met with Rick

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Reynolds, the company representative that supplies the emulsion to Ray Hensley Inc., to evaluate last year's chip seal application to Cedarwood, Hickorynut, and Butternut in Country Acres. Mr. Reynolds determined that the application was done correctly. Mr. Pitstick said that after questioning Mr. Reynolds and closely examining the road surface, he agreed with him. The road is sealed. The chip/seal has gone down into the grooves, but it just doesn't look as nice as they had hoped. Mr. Pitstick speculated that maybe the roads should have been done sooner. This year's chip/seal on Boxwood abuts Hickorynut and Butternut which will allow for comparison. Mr. Ross asked Mr. Heizer to set up an appointment with Ryan Terry to discuss microsurfacing. There was a brief discussion about slurry, crack sealing, and microsurfacing and how well the roads hold up using the various applications.

Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, reported that he had turned information on a partition fence issue between the residents at 3713 W. Enon and 617 W. Dayton-Yellow Springs over to Assistant Prosecutor Hayden for her advice.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve reallocations in the Cemetery Fund for \$4278 to Buildings, \$2278 from Improvement of Sites and \$2000 from Machinery, Equipment & Furniture; and in the General Fund \$200 to Other-Dues & Fess from Other-Professional & Technical Services; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve a purchase order for 400 tons or less at \$48.32/ton from The Detroit Salt Company through the SWOP4G bid; seconded by Mr. Ross. Mr. Heizer stated that 100 tons are for Miami Township. Mrs. Brown noted that this bid is not "more or less" as it has been in the past and that deliveries will be made within 3-5 business days after Detroit Salt receives a written notice. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

Mr. Ross reported that the township had received the Workers' Compensation rebate in the amount of \$6,086 (66% of the 2015 policy year premium).

The Board reviewed the pending items list. Mr. Ross plans to contact Mad River Township Trustee Kathy Estep about renewal of the Mud Run Road maintenance agreement.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross stated that Assistant Prosecutor Hayden could not attend tonight's meeting, but that he feels it is imperative that the Board discuss certain issues about OPEC-HC since litigation might be involved. He will convey this to Ms. Hayden tomorrow. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Ross called the regular meeting back to order. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ross. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

Steven E. Ross, Chairman