

## BATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 16, 2017

This regular meeting of the Bath Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Martin. Other township personnel in attendance were Mr. Pitstick, Mr. Heizer, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; seconded by Mr. Pitstick. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to pay the bills totaling \$33,894.70; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

**GUEST:** Karie Novesl, Hylant Administrative Services, reviewed the Ohio Plan Package Proposal for the township's liability and property coverage for the year beginning September 1, 2017. Bath Township has had coverage with the Ohio Plan since 2006. The inflationary rate on property is the same as last year—1.5%. There was a decrease in the Special Property coverage due to the sale of the Gradall and an increase in Automobile coverage due to the purchase of the Chevy Silverado. This year's Ohio Plan Advantage calculation was 98% compared to last year's 40% that included the 2011 wind damage to the salt barn in the look-back period. The Ohio Plan Advantage premium contribution amounted to \$1,563 for this year. The total annual premium is \$14,250—\$2,409 less than last year. Ms. Novesl also provided a sheet comparing the Ohio Plan to the OTARMA coverage, noting several points: the Ohio Plan has occurrence coverage vs claims paid, in OTARMA's plan their board of directors is held harmless in the event of negligence, mistake or judgment, and OTARMA's inter-governmental agreement supersedes the insurance contract. Mr. Martin stated that the Board would be making a decision at the next meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup> when Mr. Ross would be in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Martin noted that the Walking Path Removal and Replacement Agreement between Bath Township and Design Properties XIII, Ltd. has been signed by both parties.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Mr. Heizer, Road Supervisor, reported that except for Dogwood Circle, Vectren has repaired all the road surfaces in Country Acres that they disturbed during their pipeline replacement project. Mr. Heizer had them redo Valleyview Drive to remove a bump. The road crew has sealed the repaired edges on Valleyview and Ravenwood in preparation for the chip/seal application. Mr. Heizer reported that they had visited Southeastern Equipment Company to see the hot box and while there looked at a 60-gallon tank to be used to spray tackless tack before laying asphalt. Mr. Heizer asked the Board to consider purchasing a KM hot box, cost \$22,000, that would facilitate laying cold patch and hot patch by allowing them to get two tons that can be kept warm instead of using the crew cab that can only hold one ton that can't be kept warm. Mr. Heizer noted that the road crew would like to trade the three park mowers for three new ones. Mr. Pitstick asked about a broom. Mr. Heizer stated that they are available as an attachment on any tractor with a three-point hitch.

Mr. Martin read Mrs. Phillips' cemetery report. The crew has started to lay out the area for concrete around the existing Columbarium and the one that will be installed in the early fall. They will be doing some plantings around the area. Mrs. Phillips requested approval to plant two more Cleveland Select Pear trees behind the Rose Mausoleum to compliment the three behind the Iris Mausoleum. Mr. Apple from Strausburg Nursery quoted \$160/tree. Mrs. Phillips will be purchasing a tree for a customer who wants to replace her tree along Memorial Way and would like to purchase all three trees at the same time. Deliver won't be until after the first frost. Concerning the Memorial Way trees, she reported that three more trees had to be removed. After examining the remaining trees, Mr. Patterson from TruGreen stated that they still have apple scab and are insect infested. He will be submitting a proposal to treat them along with the trees planted last year throughout the cemetery. Mrs. Phillips reported that she has a family interested in purchasing a 2-Person Crypt from Newcomer. It will be a side-by-side which requires an 8-grave lot. She provided a spreadsheet showing the proposed price compared to the 2-Person Crypts previously installed. Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve the proposed price of \$13,000; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Miller, Zoning Inspector, reported on his meeting with Marvin Kidd who has purchased the Greene Country Club property on Dayton-Yellow Springs Road. He shared with Mr. Miller several plans that he has in mind. One is cultivating a crop that is used to repel flies on cattle. Mr. Miller noted that agricultural uses would conform to zoning, but for anything else Mr. Kidd needs to bring it to him for review. Mr. Kidd is also thinking about using the buildings as a wedding venue and possibly reestablishing a nine-hole golf course. They discussed the noxious weed notice that Mr. Kidd had received. Mr. Miller recommended that he talk with one

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of the Trustees about it. Mr. Pitstick noted that he had talked with Mr. Kidd on Monday. Mr. Pitstick stated that there are a lot of noxious weeds on the property, but some are not that much of a problem for farmers. He told Mr. Kidd that his main concern was the Canadian thistle and that in order to control it he would need to mow and apply herbicide. Mr. Pitstick thought that Mr. Kidd was not interested in developing the area where a previous owner had laid out a PUD. Mr. Kidd also noted that several neighbors had asked him not to mow certain areas where milkweed plants are providing habitat for Monarch butterflies. Mr. Pitstick suggested that he remove the small trees in order to maintain the butterfly habitat. Mr. Kidd wants to keep the walking paths. Hops and catnip can be grown at the greens where water is available. Mr. Pitstick believes Mr. Kidd will work on the noxious weed problem and that he should be given more time since he is just getting started.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve an Application for Road Project: Grants to Townships from the Greene County Engineer for \$4,546.71 to pay a portion of the 2017 Chip Seal project done by Miller-Mason Paving; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

Mr. Pitstick made a motion to approve reallocations in the Cemetery Fund for \$3,890 from Repairs & Maintenance to Buildings and in the Road Fund for \$1000 from Motor Vehicles to Tax Collection Fees; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Frank Harmon, Ohio Insurance Services Agency: multiple statements and reports regarding OPEC-HC and the emergency meeting of the OPEC-HC Board on August 15<sup>th</sup>. One OPEC-HC resolution approves extending the deadline to rescind a notice of withdrawal from September 1 to October 31. Another resolution instructs each Member to indicate whether it wants Jefferson Health Plan or Benovation to serve as its administrator by no later than August 31. There was also a letter from Frank Harmon refuting statements made in an article in The Columbus Dispatch. Mr. Martin briefly explained the situation that has been transpiring for a number of months and stated that the Trustees would review the reports at home and discuss them at the next meeting.
- Greene County Prosecutor's Office: invitation to 2017 Open Meetings Act Update on September 27 at 6pm at Greene Memorial Hospital, Herman Menapace Center. Mr. Martin noted that the zoning boards should also be notified of the meeting.

Mr. Pitstick and Mr. Miller updated Mr. Martin about the new signage and lighting proposal from The Province that will be on the August 30<sup>th</sup> agenda. (See July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup> minutes.)

Mr. Ron Shields, 2800 Old Yellow Springs, spoke to the Board and Mr. Miller about the nuisance complaint against his neighbor at 2813 Old Yellow Springs Road. Mr. Shields said that he along with several neighbors do not have an issue with the condition of the property. Mr. Miller explained that the complaint about the condition of the two houses goes back to the time of the previous owner. He has been working with the resident trying to get him to clean up the area.

There being no more business, Mr. Pitstick made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll call: two ayes, no nays, motion carried.

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Elaine M. Brown, Fiscal Officer

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John O. Martin, Vice Chairman