

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2014**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 16th day of June 2014 at the Village of Bath, Village Hall, located at 110 Liberty St., Bath, NY 14810. This meeting was called to order by Mayor William von Hagn at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor:	William von Hagn	BEGWS Director:	Guy Hallgren
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Jeanne Glass	Street Superintendent:	Jeff Muller
Trustee:	Mike Sweet	Fire Chief:	Dave Dowdle
Trustee:	Mike McNally	Clerk/Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen		

Absent:

Attorney:	Patrick McAllister
Police Chief:	David Rouse
Code Enforcement:	Ralph Senese

Public Hearing:

Sewer Rate Increase:

Public hearing was open at 5:30 p.m.

No discussion was made.

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Glass to close the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Regular Meeting:

Appointments:

Walt Longwell – Historical Preservation Committee:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the reappointment of Walt Longwell to the Historical Preservation Committee for another 3 year term. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Tom Sears – Technology Committee:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the reappointment of Tom Sears to the Technology Committee. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

David Rouse – Technology Committee:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the reappointment of David Rouse to the Technology Committee. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Correspondence:

Carol Gould – Pulteney Park Request:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the request to use Pulteney Park on June 28, 2014. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Music in the Park Banner on Clock:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee McNally to amend the December 17, 2012 minutes regarding the banner use on the clock. The board will allow organizations to come before the board for permission each time the organization would like to hang a sign under the village clock. The use of the clock to hang a sign would only be for one to three days prior to the event and must be removed right after the event is finished. No more than twice in a calendar year will any organization be able to utilize the use of the clock for that purpose unless approval by the board states otherwise. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion made by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the request for the Central Steuben Chamber of Commerce to hang the Music in the Park Banner at Pulteney Park Clock from June 25, 2014 to August 7, 2014. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

David Clark – Permission for Free Work Project:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the request for permission for two service missionaries to work on projects for the village under the supervision of street superintendent, Jeff Muller, for the summer. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Christ Community Church:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the request for the use of Pulteney Park on August 1, 2014 from 7 – 9 p.m. for Christ Community Church. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Audit of Bills:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve the payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$105,070.04. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Department Head Reports:

Jeff Muller, Street Superintendent:

This summer the street department will be paving the following roads:

West Morris Street from Pine Street to Steuben Street.

Rumsey Street from Fairview Drive to the Railroad Tracks.

East William Street from McMaster Street to May Street.

Wilson Avenue.

Dave Rouse, Police Chief:

Chief of Police, David Rouse, turned in his monthly report to the board of Trustees.

Dave Dowdle, Fire Chief:

The agreement between the fire department and the Village of Bath is ready to be signed.

Guy Hallgren, BEGWS Director:

The gas line on Liberty Street will be replaced. The materials have been ordered and the utilities will proceed with the project in July. The 6" gas main that was installed in 1952 will be replaced. They will start on the east side of the street first and replace about 80 feet sections at a time to not to disturb too many businesses. They will be approaching the village board soon with a bond resolution to do the project.

Committee Reports:

Trustee Bardeen:

The John Southard Youth Group has their summer schedule completed. They will hold registration for the summer program on June 18, 2014 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Bath Community Day Care.

Trustee Glass:

Mossy Bank had their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Saturday June 14, 2014.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold their general membership meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 5:00 at the fairgrounds. The SPCA will be present and tours of the fairgrounds will take place.

Trustee McNally:

At the Planning board meeting, LaPierre withdrew his application to build off of Haverling Street.

The Bath Ambulance purchased the Wallace house and will be building on to their building. It will go from a two bay to a three bay and the house will be offices.

Trustee Sweet:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee McNally to approve any mowing expenses to come out of the code enforcement budget. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Mayor von Hagn:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Sweet to terminate the agreement with Steuben County for the Mental Health Transports. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

New Business:

Sewer Rate Increase:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the increase in the sewer rates by 12.5%. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Move October 20, 2014 Meeting:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee McNally to move the October 20, 2014 board meeting to Wednesday October 22, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Approval of BEGWS Budget:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve the 2014 – 2015 BEGWS budget. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

ARC Grant:

The plans on the municipal parking lot are 75% complete and will be 90% complete by the end of the week. Engineering bids will be advertised to go out to bid July 7, 2014.

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to allow Mayor, William von Hagn and Deputy Mayor, Jeanne Glass, to approve the plans once they are completed. Trustee Glass abstained from this motion and the motion was carried.

Motion made by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Sweet to approve Street Superintendent, Jeff Muller, to go out to bid on the engineering for the ARC Grant with the approval of the final plans from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Budget Discussion:

The board discussed the use of the Fund Balance over the past 5 years. In the past 5 years, the village has used \$371,647.87 of fund balance to keep the tax increases down. The board is discussing new ideas on how in the future we can keep the tax increases at lower rate.

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to direct the Mayor to go to the county and acquire a seniority list. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Thank you from WVIN:

Dave Taylor Smith wanted to thank the board from everyone at the radio station for all efforts made for Turtle Beach. The event was a huge success and raised over \$42,000.00, which was a record high. There will be 88 organizations who will receive funding from this.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 7:18 p.m. to go into executive session for contractual purposes. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Sweet to return to regular session at 7:49 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee McNally to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer