

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE VILLAGE OF BATH
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath was held on the 17th day of October 2016 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	Clerk/Treasurer:	Jacqueline Shroyer
Deputy Mayor/Trustee:	Michael Sweet	Police Chief:	Chad Mullen
Trustee:	Jeanne Glass	Code Enforcement:	Ralph Senese
Trustee:	Mark Bardeen	Attorney:	Patrick McAllister
Trustee:	Melanie Coots	BEGWS Chair:	Harold Rodbourn
Street Superintendent:	Jeff Muller	BEGWS Director:	Guy Hallgren
BEGWS Employee:	Andrew Burdin	BEGWS Employee:	Royce Hoad

Absent:

Fire Chief: Joe Washburn

Public Hearing:

Local Law #5 – Amend Chapter 28 Utility Commission:

Public Hearing was opened at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Sweet was the only person who spoke at the public hearing. Sweet hoped this public hearing would have been removed from the agenda. The Commission was formed in 1938. In 1968, Mr. Lapp (Superintendent of BEGWS) wrote “The management of these utilities is professional management isolated and divorced from any and all considerations of political partisanship, personal interest or other short-range pressures.” There was a period of time when the commission was dissolved by the Village Board. In 2011, the Village Board reestablished the Utility Commission with the members that are currently on there today. Since 2011, the Utility Commission ran the utility company for nearly 2 years when there was no Director. It worked hard to implement the audit recommendations that lead to many issues at BEGWS and have spent many hours working hard to make BEGWS respected in the community again. Approving this local law change will certainly cast doubt on their performance and more importantly their characters as distinguished individuals. Approval of these changes circumvents their authority and will make their efforts “meaningless”. These changes are not supported by the commission. Trustee Sweet felt the Village Board could place their efforts elsewhere instead of trying to manage BEGWS firsthand and allowing the Utility Commission to do the job they were hired to do.

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to close to the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Regular Meeting:

Appointments:

Accept Resignation for Rhonda Sweet – BEGWS Commission:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to accept the resignation of Rhonda Sweet for the BEGWS Commission. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Accept Resignation for Christine Congdon for Planning Board:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Coots to accept the resignation of Christine Congdon for the Planning Board. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Accept Appointment for Mike McNally for Planning Board:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen to accept Mike McNally for the Planning Board. There was no second to the motion. The motion was denied.

Visitors:

John Stranges – Spirit of Christmas/Hometown Banners:

John Stranges was unable to attend for represent the Chamber of Commerce. Mike Sweet represented the Chamber for their requests regarding Spirit of Christmas and the Hometown Banners.

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Coots to close Liberty Street from E. William to Steuben on December 2, 2016 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Spirit of Christmas. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to expand the Hometown Hero Banners to additional streets. 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 \$131,499.20 plus the Paradise Printing bill for \$199.04 and the Bath Electric bill for \$6,612.50. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Department Head Reports:

Jeff Muller, Street Superintendent:

Street Report was received.

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to keep the compost site open through November 12, 2016. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Chad Mullen, Police Chief:

Police Report was received.

Ralph Senese, Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement Report was received.

Joe Washburn, Fire Chief:

Fire Department Report was received.

Guy Hallgren, BEGWS Director:

BEGWS Report was received.

Jacqueline Shroyer, Clerk/Treasurer Report:

Clerk/Treasurer Report was received.

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to transfer \$275.00 from A9060.8 HRA – Contract Employee to A9060.82 HRA – Dispatchers for overages due to new contract. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Mayor von Hagn:

Appoint Jeffrey Muller to BEGWS Commission:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Coots to appoint Jeffrey Muller to the Utility Commission for the remainder of Rhonda Sweet’s term. Trustee Sweet was opposed and the motion was carried.

New Business:

Local Law #5 – Amend Chapter 28:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Glass to approve local law #5 to amend Chapter 28 of the Code of the Village of Bath pertaining to the Utility Commission. Trustee Sweet Opposed and the motion was carried.

Road Millings:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the Street Department to donate millings to the Steuben County Fairgrounds. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

USDA Grant Resolution:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BATH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BATH, NEW YORK

DATE APPROVED: Monday, October 17, 2016 DATE: Monday, October 17, 2016

INTRODUCED BY: Trustee Bardeen SECONDED BY: Trustee Glass

VOTE:	Mayor von Hagn	Aye	Nay	Absent
	Trustee Glass	Aye	Nay	Absent
	Trustee Bardeen	Aye	Nay	Absent
	Trustee Coots	Aye	Nay	Absent
	Trustee Sweet	Aye	Nay	Absent

TITLE: Village Authorizing the Use of the USDA Grant and Loan Funds

WHEREAS, the Village of Bath provides protection and community services through its department of public works and police department;

WHEREAS, the Village police department is in need of a new police vehicle and the Village Department of Public Works is in need of a new snow plow truck;

WHEREAS, the Village has been awarded a USDA Rural Development grant of \$60,000 and a loan of \$92,300 to assist in purchasing a new police vehicle and new snow plow truck;

NOW THEREFORE, be resolved that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the use of the USDA grant and loan funds in combination with Village funds to finance the purchase of these vehicles.

Attest hereto: _____
Jacqueline Shroyer, Village Clerk/Treasurer

New Copier Lease:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Coots to approve the new copier lease for 63 months with Toshiba Business Solutions. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Set Public Hearing for Local Law on Chapter 40:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to set the public hearing on Local Law on Chapter 40 for November 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Set Public Hearing for Local Law on Nuisance Buildings:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Glass to set the public hearing on Local Law on Nuisance Buildings for November 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Set Public Hearing for Local Law on Fencing:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to set the public hearing on Local Law on Fencing for November 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Street Department Employee Hire:

Motion made by Trustee Coots, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to approve the hiring of Andrew Spears to the Street Department to replace Kyle Weaver for the position of Village Maintenance Worker effective October 31, 2016. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjourn Regular Meeting/Executive Session:

Motion made by Trustee Bardeen, seconded by Trustee Glass to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bath at 7:04 p.m. to go into executive session for personnel and contractual. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Return to Regular Session:

Motion made by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to return to regular session at 7:34 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Sweet, seconded by Trustee Bardeen to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. All present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jacqueline Shroyer
Clerk/Treasurer