

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

February 10

2020

The Bath Township Board of Trustees met in the Trustees' Meeting Room on February 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township. The President of the Board, Mr. James Nelson, convened the meeting. Trustees present were Mrs. Becky Corbett, Mrs. Elaina Goodrich and Mr. James Nelson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Nelson requested, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved approval of the agenda. Mrs. Corbett seconded the motion; the motion passed.**

FISCAL OFFICER Sharon Troike

The Fiscal Officer recommended, and **Mrs. Corbett moved, to approve requisitions and regular purchase orders 2020-00271 through 2020-00329, and payments totaling \$135,706.51. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. The Fiscal Officer called the roll; all aye, the motion passed.**

The Fiscal Officer reported Correspondence, Board, Commission, and Committee log are available for public view.

The Fiscal Officer gave an overview of the 2019 versus 2018 financials of revenues and expenses for the township.

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Police Chief Vito F. Sinopoli

Overview of the Goals Set for 2019

Public Safety Issues

- Monitoring school safety remains at the top of the list of goals for 2019. During this past year, our department was actively involved in monthly safety meetings with the elementary, middle school and high school personnel and the SRO. Issues that have arisen this past year were quickly resolved and contained by concerted efforts of the school administration, SRO and our department.
- Also, in relation to the issue of public safety, places of worship are not immune to physical threats of violence. In November 2018, a worship security workshop was held which was well-attended. In January, a local place of worship asked that we review their security plan. We received a request for additional information from the Akron-Kent Islamic Mosque in March following the tragic shooting in New Zealand. Our department is always open and available to the community to continue this discussion as needed.

Communications Dispatch Services

- Capital improvements for the Communications Center have been an ongoing process this year. The new dispatch phone recorder was installed in January and training started shortly after for administrators to become acquainted with the updated system and two additional training sessions were implemented for dispatchers.

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- The NexGen 9-1-1 upgrades has been a challenge due to the cost and complexity of provider agreements. Multiple meetings and discussion along with developing Memorandum of Agreements have been put together for collaboration with surrounding communities – Cities of Hudson, Fairlawn, and Richfield. We will continue to work in that direction this next year to ensure that our Communication Center is adequately staffed and trained in the latest technology.
- Staffing changes in dispatch included the retirement of one full-time member in July. Subsequently, we hired a person who stepped into the full-time position having completed the 12-week dispatch program at Tri-C. When possible, our department is represented at the Tri-C Career Night and we have participated in the Job Fair at The University of Akron.

Officer Expectations and Performance Standards

- Productivity is always of concern and a unique goal to try and achieve. It was important to increase the number of preventative patrol and house checks. We now identify this as Community Policing. Community policing accounts for almost 50% of our calls for service each month. Overall, the number of police calls for service are on par for the year.
- A department goal is to train each of the shift supervisors on issues of motivation and how to best supervise the department members to utilize and maximize their skills accordingly. The Captain and Shift Sergeants will continue to review officer performance in accordance to the Ohio Collaborative Standards that we have not only obtained but must continue to achieve in 2019. Officers are expected to complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing professional training. This may include outside trainings attended and/or eOPOTA [online] courses.

Trainings: Department members spent over 1120 hours attending outside trainings.

Community Engagement

- Brookdale Senior Living March 14, 2019
- Bath Township Heritage [Homes] Tour 3.31.19 - Police gave assistance during the tour and Chief Sinopoli met with participants during the tour of the Administration Building.
- April 27, 2019 and October 26, 2019 National Drug Take Back Day at Acme Fresh Market in Montrose
- Project Pride April 27, 2019
- Herberich Primary School Staff Appreciation to Bath PD May 3, 2019
- Bath Home Tours May 23, 2019 - Police assistance with traffic control.
- Safety Town June 10-14, 2019
- Department Tour for Sanyuka Children's Choir from Uganda, July 1, 2019
- Putting with the Police – August 9, 2019
- Coffee with a Cop – October 2, 2019
- Fall into Nature – October 12, 2019
- Ride-Alongs with junior and senior students from the Barberton High School Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Program – October, November, and December 2019 [25 students have signed up to date to ride with officers for one 4-hour shift]
- Safety Forces Day at Lowe's – October 19, 2019
- Haunted Jail – October 27, 2019
- Scout Troop Visit - November 6, 2019

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- Shively Family Pies for PD – November 20, 2019
- Coordination Meeting with Heritage Crossing Administration for the *Blue Stops Here* November 21, 2019
- Black Friday Lowe's Home Improvement staff fundraiser [\$166.78] for Bath PD, December 4, 2019
- Christmas with a Cop – December 7, 2019

Technology

A generous donation was received from a community member in January which allowed the department to purchase two additional Motorola APX 600/700 portable radios and accessories.

Grants

The department received in June the Edward Byrne Memorial Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant [LE JAG] to fund the cost of two Motorola APX 600/700 portable radios and accessories.

Statistics – 2019

The Dispatch Center fielded a total of 13,356 calls for the police department as of December 31, 2019. This represents a 51% increase in calls from 2018. Community policing was a new initiative this year. It encompasses area checks, park and walk, and preventative patrol. The total number of calls for service specifically for community policing in 2019 was 5962.

Detective Bureau Statistics: Total Number of New Cases Assigned in 2019: 134

Burglary/Robbery/B&E: 19	Auto Theft: 3
Shoplifting: 17	Sexual/Harassment: 5
Theft: 63	Counterfeiting/Forgery: 9
Fraud: 6	Suspicious/Other Offenses: 7
Assault 5	

Department Changes

After 14 years with the department as a dispatcher, Jason Hurd left on April 19, 2019. Joyce Andrews retired on July 31, 2019 after 31 years of service as a dispatcher with our department.

Department Goals for 2020

The Bath Township Police Department will strive to provide residents and business owners with the most community focused, efficient and effective police service. To that end, the objectives for 2020 are as follows:

- Maintain innovative, honest and responsive leadership
- Review and update departmental guidelines and policies
- Recruit and retain the best possible police officers and communication specialists
- Provide quality training to police officers and communication specialists
- Promote police conduct that is responsive and sensitive to the needs of the community
- Promote aggressive crime fighting strategies to improve the utilization of patrol and investigative resources. This will assist in the identification, arrest, and conviction of individuals committing crimes within Bath Township.
- Require a professional work ethic and professional work product by officers engaged in routine police duties, and follow-up investigations
- Recognize exceptional work by police department employees

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- Stress the responsibility of all employees to be accountable to the department and the community for his/her actions

Recommendations:

Mr. Sinopoli recommended, and **Mrs. Corbett moved, to advertise internally for a full-time police officer from February 11, 2020 to February 24, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Fire Chief Robert Campbell**2019 Calls**

Station #1	Fire-319	EMS-473	Total-792
Station #2	Fire-114	EMS-407	Total-521
<u>Both Stations</u>	<u>Fire- 27</u>	<u>EMS-115</u>	<u>Total-142</u>
Totals	Fire-460	EMS-995	Total-1455

Special Run Request =10

Total 2019 Runs = 1, 465

Total Transports =687

Aid Given = 165

Aid Received = 86

Training:

The Fire Department staff attended 58 training classes with a total of 246.5 hours for both Fire and EMS combined.

Inspections:

A total of 761 inspections were completed.

Public Education:

156 hours of public education provided at the schools and numerous hours of public education provided to area businesses.

Recommendations:

Mr. Campbell recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved, to accept a Leave of Absence effective immediately until April 10, 2020 for part-time Firefighter/EMT Robert Motz.** Mrs. Corbett seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Service Director Caine Collins**2019 Year In Review****Equipment Purchased:**

- 2019 Case 590 SN Backhoe

Service Department Crews:

- Resolved 336 service requests
- Installed 32 residential driveway culverts and 8 road-crossing culverts
- Installed 399.5 tons of asphalt for spot repairs of roadways and drive aprons
- Corrected over 3410 linear feet of roadside ditching throughout the township
- Completed installation of the road signs provided under LTAP Township Sign Replacement Grant
- During the winter of 2018-2019, Service Department Personnel used a total of

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1527 tons of salt and spent approximately 1635 hours controlling snow and ice on township roadways

Major Road Construction:

- Bath Township participated in the Summit County Engineer's Regional Paving Program and utilized several separate construction contracts to complete 2019 road projects.

Yearly Totals:

- ODOT Item #448 Asphalt Paving of roads: 0.59 miles
- Concrete Road Pavement Repair: 1573 sq. yards, on 19 roads
- ODOT Item #405 Motor Paving w/Chip & Seal: 2.18 miles
- Concrete Sidewalk Replacement: 813 sq. feet on 9 roads

Bath Township Cemeteries:

- 24 burials occurred (10 full burials and 14 cremations)
- Installed 10 monument foundations
- 39 lots were sold, all of which were standard lots

2020 Objectives:

Bath Center Building:

Scheduled replacement of 5 heat pumps and replace upper parking lot

Historical Town Hall Building:

Create specs, bid out, and perform major exterior renovation

Roads:

Perform biennial township road network evaluation, and scheduled replacement of one 5-ton truck and one crew-cab pickup

January Report

Service Crew Monthly Report

- Resident Service Requests received: 4
- Resident Service Requests resolved: 4
- Township Service Requests received: 5
- Township Service Requests resolved: 5
- Asphalt Tons Used: 10.46

Snow & Ice Report for December

- Regular hours spent: 54.75
- O.T. hours spent: 163.75
- Total hours spent: 218.50
- Approx. Tons of Salt used: 324
- Gallons of Brine used: 300

Miscellaneous:

- Vehicle/Truck Maintenance and Repairs
- Shop Maintenance and Building Repairs
- Grounds Maintenance
- Cemetery Maintenance
- Roadway Brush, Tree Trimming & Removal
- Dead Animal Removal from Roadways
- Sinkhole Repairs
- Asphalt Road Repairs

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- Restorations
- Culvert Pipe Inspections and Clean-outs Checked
- Salted and Plowed Township Roadways
- Installed Benches in Cemeteries
- Seasonal Decorating.

Training:

- Summit County Safety Council Safety in Manufacturing Training.

Recommendations: None

Park Director Alan Garner **2019 Year in Review**

- Bath Township Parks continue to be a popular destination for residents and visitors of the community. Park personnel were busy assisting with the coordination of activities that included 220 shelter reservations at the Bath Baseball Park, Bath Community Park, and the Bath Nature Preserve, along with 1,135 scheduled field reservations for sporting events that took place in all of the township's four parks. Bath Parks estimates it had over 100,000 visitors for the scheduled sporting events, which included the Bath Baseball Park 20th anniversary celebration, the Minute Man Mile and 5k, and the Regal Beagle Ultra marathon. In addition to the shelter reservations and sporting events, park personnel assisted the Bath Park Board with their annual events throughout the year, such as 8th annual Chillin' on the Hill, the State of the Parks, the 9th annual Fall into Nature, and the 7th annual 8K Steeplechase/2K Family Fun Run. In June, the 4th annual Bath Art Festival was held with the largest turnout to date, everyone who attended enjoyed music, food, and artwork from 48 different vendors and artists.
- In 2019, Bath Parks saw the completion of several projects, highlighted by the StoryWalk® Trail at the Bath Community Park. This project was in the works for several years and because of the support from the Bath Township Trustees, the Bath Park Board, Fairlawn-Bath Library, and the Friends of the Fairlawn-Bath Library the ribbon cutting was held on May 11. The StoryWalk® Trail is located behind the Grange shelter on the North King trail. I encourage everyone to stop and enjoy a short stroll through the woods. If you already have stopped by, come back again as the stories will change regularly. Other projects that we were able to collaborate on included the football storage building expansion project with Revere Youth Football and the Regal Beagle parking lot expansion with the University of Akron Field Station. At the Bath Baseball Park, infield renovations were completed on fields 2, 4, 6, and 7 in the spring and fields 3, 5, and 8 in the fall. The Bath Community Park parking lot expansion was completed this fall adding 58 more parking spaces. This was a much needed expansion, especially during the Fall sports season when we often are at maximum capacity. This expansion will help alleviate some of the congestion. At the Bath Nature Preserve a new spilt rail fence was installed on the North Fork trail with some of the funding by Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition from the 2019 Summit County Community grant.
- As we venture into 2020, it is shaping up to be another exciting and busy year in the parks. Residents and visitors can look forward to the completion of many projects, which include trail improvements at Bath Nature Preserve and Bath Hill Park, a new park maintenance garage, and a restroom at Chief Logan trailhead. Other projects we are currently working on include the razing of

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4230 Ira Rd on the Bath Nature Preserve and we are also working with the Summit County Astronomy Club about the possibility of adding an informational solar system walk along the North Fork Trail. The trail would start at the Observatory (Ira Rd. trailhead) and follow the North Fork Trail ending at the Chief Logan trailhead, approximately 1.5 miles. With so many activities, events, and trails, there are many reasons to visit Bath Parks in 2020.

January 2020 Report

General Park Information:

- Park personnel checked and inspected all trails and playgrounds.
- Park personnel performed general grounds maintenance duties in all parks.
- All parks have been winterized for the season.
- Park personnel have been repairing and painting the picnic tables.
- Park personnel have been plowing and salting the parks as needed.

Bath Baseball Park:

- Park personnel constructed a new lost and found box for the upcoming baseball season.

Bath Nature Preserve:

- Park personnel installed plow markers throughout the park for the winter months.
- Park personnel installed the cross-country skiing trail markers for the winter months.
- Park personnel repaired windows and screens at the Regal Beagle that were damaged from a storm.

Recommendations:

Mr. Garner recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved, to remove full-time park laborer, Adam Smith, from probationary status, effective January 14, 2020.**
Mrs. Corbett seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Zoning Inspector/Administrator and Solid Waste Coordinator William Funk **2019 Zoning and Solid Waste Report**

Permits:

- 136 Permits Issued
- 32 Accessory Structures
- 31 Fences
- 21 Residential Additions
- 16 Sign Permits
- 14 New Residential
- 8 Swimming Pools
- 7 Subdivisions
- 5 Business Use Certificates
- 1 New Commercial
- 1 Commercial Additions

136 permits issued in 2019 vs. 149 permits issued in 2018
 New home starts increased by 4 in 2019 compared to 2018

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Appearance Review Commission:

26 reviews in 2019

- The ARC reviewed 17 signs including the new monument signage for Crystal Clinic, Diyanni Homes, R. B. Stout and Grace Church. They also reviewed new wall signage which included signs for Newey Foot Clinic, Broadview Eye Center, and Vivify Wellness at Avenues.
- The ARC reviewed 10 Site and/or Building reviews including a proposed office building on Rt. 18, the Olde Oak Subdivision, the outdoor classroom at Old Trail School, and the additions to Lakeside Christian Church and Grace Church.

Board of Zoning Appeals:

32 reviews in 2019

- The BZA heard 22 Residential cases and 10 Commercial cases.
- The BZA heard 29 cases requesting variances. These include 9 for accessory structures, 3 for over-sized free-standing solar panels, and 3 regarding lot splits or lot reconfigurations.
- The BZA heard 10 conditional use requests including three applications for free-standing solar arrays, the Olde Oak Subdivision, the Stone Mill Real Estate mixed-use development, and the outdoor classroom at Old Trail School.

Zoning Commission:

- The Commission reviewed Medical Marijuana and they hosted a meeting with Michelle Johnson of Environmental Design Group regarding medical marijuana regulations in the State of Ohio. The Commission drafted language and held a public hearing over Medical Marijuana. The Board of Trustees adopted language drafted by the Zoning Commission regarding the prohibition of Medical Marijuana. The approved language was added to Article 5, Section 502-A (4) Prohibited Activities and Article 16 Definitions and References.
- 502-A (4) Prohibited Activities (Modified)
No activities shall be permitted or authorized to be established which, when conducted in compliance with the provisions of this resolution, are or may become hazardous, noxious, or offensive due to the emission of odor, light, dust, smoke, cinders, gas, fumes, noise, vibrations, electrical interference, refuse matters, or water-carried wastes including, but not limited to, outdoor fire boilers. Any use or operations of medical marijuana cultivators, processors, dispensaries, and/or testing laboratories are prohibited.
- Definitions (NEW):
Cultivator (as used in Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code), An entity that has been issued a certificate of operation by the department to grow, harvest, package, and transport medical marijuana (as permitted under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code).
- Processor (as used in Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code), An entity that has been issued a certificate of operation by the department to manufacture medical marijuana products.
- Dispensary (as used in Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code), An entity licensed (pursuant to sections 3796.04 and 3796.10 of the Revised Code and any rules promulgated thereunder) to sell medical marijuana to qualifying patients and caregivers.

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- Testing laboratory
A laboratory that has been issued a certificate of operation by the Ohio Department of Commerce to have custody and use of controlled substances for scientific and medical purposes and for purposes of instruction, research, or analysis of medical marijuana.
- The Commission reviewed and drafted modified language for free-standing solar panels. The current Zoning Resolution permits 50 sq. ft. of area for free-standing solar panels upon conditional use approval. There have been variance requests to the Board of Zoning Appeals seeking a larger size due to limited regulations. The Commission has drafted language to permit up to 350 sq. ft. for free-standing solar panels.
- The Commission reviewed and drafted modified language for residential driveway setbacks. The current Zoning Resolution permits driveways to be one foot off of the property line. The Commission has drafted modified language that increases the setback to five feet off of the property line.
- The Commission also discussed potential impacts of safety bollards in commercial developments, parking stall widths, and regulations on small cell/5G technology.

Solid Waste:

- The Township elected to contract with Rumpke Waste for the “optional” fourth year option of the 2016 contract, for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The resident count for the trash and recycling program is 3,284. Out of those customers, about 218 are using the garage (or “Back Door”) service. There was a slight increase in fees per the contract with Rumpke. The semi-annual rates through June 2020 are as follows:

CURB:	\$108.00
SENIOR CURB:	\$91.00
GARAGE:	\$285.00
SR GARAGE:	\$250.00

- Rumpke collected 4,860.66 tons of solid waste and recycling in 2019. Of the material collected 22.2% were diverted to a recycling facility.
- The online credit card payment option continues to be a useful tool for customers desiring to pay with a credit card via www.bathtownship.org. In addition, many customers make use of free, online bill pay service through their personal checking accounts.
- Solid Waste Customers who are renting or leasing their residence in the township shall provide a signed release from the landowner to the township allowing for a party other than the landowner to contract for service prior to the trash service start date.
- In September, all past due charges for Solid Waste service are placed as a lien on the property tax duplicate, regardless of the party holding the delinquent account. Properties that are assessed shall be required to pay the amount of one quarter of service in advance before service can be reinstated. Upon vacating the residence, the customer must notify the Township to avoid continuing charges.

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- The township continued the partnership with Simple Recycling in an effort to increase recycling opportunities for our residents. The program is focused around repurposing and recycling household textiles. Simple Recycling provides residents with 20-gallon bags that are collected on regularly scheduled trash days. In 2019, the program collected 41,225 lbs. of textiles that were repurposed or recycled. Since the program's inception in 2014 Simple Recycling has collected over 265,000 lbs. of textiles.

Systems Administration:

- Projects: Increased password complexity for improved security, Virtualized the Bath-SSI server for the new VIP software, Created a VPN for remote access, Setup VIP on the VPN access, Installed new recorder server and added additional phone lines with the option to record calls, Added two battery backups and monitoring to dispatch, Setup new internet service and VPN for the Ira Rd. Service garage for the fuel management system, Virtualized a desktop for the new fuel management system, Added camera system to the Ira Rd. Service garage, Upgraded the Wi-Fi in the Service building, Implemented web content filtering for increased security, replaced Kronos time clock outside of the weight room, and installed scanners on individual PC's.
- Shutdown network and computers immediately following the finding of suspected cryptolock virus attack on the network. All files that were infected by the cryptolock virus were removed from the network and a clean backup was utilized to restore the files.
- Regularly scheduled computer replacements were done throughout the township.
- The existing servers and computers were maintained throughout the year and critical updates were completed as scheduled.

Miscellaneous:

- On February 14, 2019 the Zoning personnel held the annual meeting at Mustard Seed for all township zoning boards. The meeting was designed to give an overview of the previous year and a look ahead.
- Township zoning personnel and various board members attended the APA Ohio Conference in downtown Cleveland.
- Attended bi-monthly PIPE meetings for the Summit County Communities for Clean Storm Water and completed the 2018 NPDES Annual report for the Ohio EPA.

January Report

Permits

During the month 10 zoning permits were issued in the following categories:

- Fence 3
- New Residential Dwelling 2
- Accessory Structure 2
- Residential Addition 1
- Sign 1
- Business Use 1

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Zoning Commission

December 12, 2019 Zoning Commission

- The Commission finalized the proposed changes to the area of free-standing solar panels. The current regulations conditionally permit 50 sq. ft. of area and the Commission is recommending to increase the area to 350 sq. ft.
- The Commission discussed the current residential driveway setback of one-foot and the reported impacts that it has had to neighboring properties. A recommended increase to a five-foot setback has was reviewed.
- The Commission discussed parking space sizes and impacts to parking lots and setbacks.

Appearance Review Commission

December 2, 2019, the Appearance Review Commission reviewed the following cases:

- ARC 19-19, Tim Ruzic of FMD Architects for Grace Church, approved the proposed sports complex and multi-purpose rooms for Grace Church at 754 Ghent Rd., located in the R-2.
- ARC 19-26, Jeffrey Clark of Easy Sign Group for Diyanni Homes, approved the proposed monument sign for Diyanni Homes at 21 N. Hametown Rd., located in the B-4.

Solid Waste

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| • New Customers | 12 |
| • Canceled Customers | 11 |
| • Vacation Customers | 28 |
| • Total Customers | 3,284 (218 Garage Door Customers) |

Bath Township utilizes GPS Insight to track our trash trucks.

Online bill payments for Solid Waste are available through Bath Township's Website on the Solid Waste Page.

Simple Recycling collected 3,606 lbs. of textile recycling products in the month of November.

Recommendations: None

Township Administrator Vito Sinopoli

Report: 2019 Year in Review

North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve:

- Through an unexpected partnership with the land conservancy group known as Trust for Public Land (TPL), Bath Township will soon be the recipient of a 73.8-acre parcel located at 4400 Everett Rd. known as the North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve. Bath Township, in conjunction with TPL, obtained Clean Ohio funding of \$1,650,000, to acquire approximately 73.8 acres for the permanent protection of 6,028 linear feet of primary headwater habitat streams and 9 acres of wetlands within the Yellow Creek watershed. The acquisition creates the North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve which will be owned and managed by Bath Township.

Montrose- S.R. 18 Sidewalks:

- In a partnership with Copley Township, Bath Township, through the efforts of Mrs. Goodrich and Copley Township Trustee Helen Humphrys, applied for and received a grant to study connectivity in the Montrose area. Pedestrian and bicycle access in the area was central to the grant's purpose and the firm of Environmental Design Group (EDG) was selected to prepare a study report.

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- The construction firm of Daniel Terreri and Sons from Youngstown, Ohio was awarded the contract to construct sidewalks along the north side of S.R. 18 from Cleveland Massillon Rd. to the entrance to the Holiday Inn west of Springside Dr.

1070 Ghent Rd. :

- On December 29, 2010, Bath Township acquired vacant property at the intersection of Ghent and Cleveland Massillon Rd. for the sum of \$316,500.00. Stonemill Real Estate LLC offered \$390,000.00 to purchase the property and construct a building in which a wine bar/ restaurant would be located. On December 3, 2019, the property transferred to Stonemill Real Estate LLC for the agreed contract price.

Stormwater:

- Since the May 12, 2014 storm event, the township has been eager to learn more about available options for stormwater management. Representatives from the Summit County Engineer's Office, Summit County Council, Summit County Prosecutor's Office, the Army Corps of Engineers, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Yellow Creek Foundation and the Citizens for Yellow Creek were all part of the discussion on how best to address stormwater in the Yellow Creek Watershed immediately following the 2014 storm.
- After evaluating a number of options, the Board of Trustees approved a resolution at its meeting of November 20, 2017 opposing a plan for the creation of a watershed conservancy district. The Board, however, adopted a separate resolution voluntarily opting into the Summit County Engineer's Surface Water Management District. Under the plan, residents in Bath Township are assessed a monthly fee to address stormwater projects on a prioritized basis. The decision to participate in the program came after a long and thorough analysis of all available options. The Summit County Engineer recently reported revenues collected in 2019 of approximately \$350,000 from the Surface Water Management District.

2020 Goals:

North Fork Yellow Creek Preserve:

- Continue working with Trust for Public Land to finalize the property acquisition of the 73.8 acre parcel at 4400 Everett.
 - Evaluate structures on property and determine permitted uses under the terms of the Clean Ohio Grant.
 - Consider stormwater mitigation opportunities for the site, consistent with the Clean Ohio Grant.

Facilities Improvements:

- Examine existing facilities and prioritize capital improvements with efficiency and longevity at the forefront. The township previously completed roofing replacements on the BCB (Bath Center Building) facilities, the Ira Rd. storage facility, as well as window and door replacements on the Bath Center Building. Concrete steps near the rotunda area on the south side of the Bath Center Building were replaced in 2019.

Continue with scheduled replacement of HVAC heat pump units throughout township Bath Center Building. Under the service agreement with Gardiner Heating Co., all 52 units in the township building were inspected, ages were verified and general maintenance was performed. Replacements will be performed on the oldest units first, with additional units to be serviced or replaced when they experience major mechanical problems.

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- In 2020, the township hopes to do a full restoration of the Bath Center Building asphalt parking lot. The township contracted with GPD Engineering on core samples of the lot to determine base suitability.
- Finalize any additional VIP software changes from SSI (Software Solutions Inc.) VIP Analytics upgrade to coincide with server replacements.

Heritage Corridor:

- Improvement of community focal points along the Heritage Corridor to create, enhance, or sustain a strong township.

Employee Development:

- Having experienced a number of employee retirements and other personnel changes during the past four years, it has become increasingly important to adopt a plan to ensure the stability of township departments through personnel staffing. An aggressive plan for recruitment and hiring of part and full-time employees to fill positions will be adopted.

Recommendations:

Mr. Sinopoli recommended, and **Mrs. Corbett moved, to pay Nick's Landscaping in the amount of \$5,800 for the Christmas Tree Recycling program. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion; the motion passed.**

FUTURE TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Thursday, January 9, 2020	Zoning Commission, TMR	7:00 PM
Monday, January 13, 2020	Board of Trustees Work Session, TCR	9:00 AM
Thursday, January 16, 2020	Park Board, TMR	6:00 PM
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	Board of Trustees Work Session, TCR	10:30 AM
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	Board of Trustees, TMR	4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	Water and Sewer District Board, TCR	6:00 PM
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	Board of Zoning Appeals, TMR	7:00 PM
Monday, January 27, 2020	Board of Trustees Work Session, TCR	9:30 AM

TCR-Trustees Conference Room (Administrative Offices)

TMR-Trustees Meeting Room, lower level, Bath Center

HBTH-Historic Bath Town Hall

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jeff Wilhite of Summit County Council reported that Veronica Sims will now serve on Council representing District 5.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

James Nelson, President
Bath Township Board of Trustees

Becky Corbett, Vice President
Bath Township Board of Trustees

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