

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2026**

The Bath Township Board of Trustees met in the Trustee Meeting Room on January 26, 2026 at 4:00pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township. The President of the Board, Mrs. Sharon Troike convened the meeting. Trustees present were Mr. Sean Gaffney and Mrs. Elaina Goodrich.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Troike called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Troike requested the audience join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Mrs. Troike welcomed everyone in attendance and stated the purpose of the meeting is to conduct the business of Bath Township. There will be time for citizen comments at the end of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Troike requested, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

FISCAL OFFICER LAURA TUTTLE

Report/Recommendations

1. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve regular purchase orders 2026-00251 through 2026-00282 and payments in the amount of \$77,324.17.**

Included in the payments are the following:

- \$15,500.00 to Richfield Village for Q4 2025 School Resource Officer expenses (Admin)

Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. The Fiscal Officer called the roll.

Mr. Gaffney, **Aye**

Mrs. Goodrich, **Aye**

Mrs. Troike, **Aye**

Motion Passed

2. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to approve meeting minutes for the January 12, 2026 Regular Trustee Meeting. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
3. Fiscal Officer Tuttle stated the correspondence log is available for public view.

POLICE CHIEF VITO F. SINOPOLI

Report/Recommendations

1. Chief Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve the purchase of a computer in the amount of \$3,800 to be used to support drone software for traffic cash reconstruction. The computer was partially funded with the Bath Community Fund Grant received in 2025. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

FIRE CHIEF ROB CAMPBELL

No Report/Recommendations

SERVICE DIRECTOR CAINE COLLINS

Report/Recommendations

1. Service Director Collins recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-05 OEPA Chloride Reduction Grant:

Mrs. Goodrich introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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RESOLUTION 2026-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (OEPA) CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) offers the Chloride Reduction Grant Program to assist local governments in reducing chloride pollution in Ohio's waterways caused by road salt and deicing operations; and

WHEREAS, excessive chloride levels can negatively impact surface water, groundwater, aquatic life, and drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Bath Township is committed to implementing best management practices to reduce the environmental impacts associated with winter maintenance operations; and

WHEREAS, Bath Township seeks to apply for Ohio EPA Chloride Reduction Grant funding in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes the purchase of live edge/articulated blades and a mechanical sweeper to improve the cleaning of exterior loading and storage areas, thereby reducing residual salt and chloride runoff into stormwater systems and nearby waterways; and

WHEREAS, the proposed equipment will allow for more efficient salt recovery and cleanup, supporting compliance with environmental best practices and advancing the goals of the Ohio EPA Chloride Reduction Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA requires formal authorization by the governing body to submit a grant application and, if awarded, to accept and administer the grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bath Township Board of Trustees, Summit County, Ohio:

1. Hereby authorizes Service Director Caine Collins to apply for Ohio EPA Chloride Reduction Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the purchase of live edge/articulated blades and a sweeper to reduce chloride pollution from exterior loading and salt handling areas.
2. Authorizes Service Director Caine Collins to execute all documents, agreements, and assurances necessary to submit the application and, if awarded, to accept, implement, and administer the grant in accordance with Ohio EPA requirements.
3. Affirms its commitment to properly manage and maintain the equipment purchased with grant funds and to use the equipment for its intended environmental purpose.

FURTHER, that the Fiscal Officer be directed to use Special Revenue Fund 648 and if the grant is awarded, to amend the 2026 Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Permanent Appropriations to reflect the new revenue and expenses.

Mr. Gaffney seconded the resolution and discussion was held.

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The Fiscal Officer called the Roll:

Mrs. Troike, **AYE**
Mr. Gaffney, **AYE**
Mrs. Goodrich, **AYE**

Resolution Adopted

PARKS DIRECTOR JEFF FRANCE

Report/Recommendations

1. Parks Director France recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve the purchase of ABI Force baseball infield groomer from Baker Vehicle for \$37,445. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
2. Parks Director France recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to approve the contract with Lewis Landscape for renovations of baseball fields #2 and #5 at the Bath Baseball Park, for a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

PLANNING DIRECTOR/ZONING INSPECTOR WILLAM FUNK

Report/Recommendations

1. Zoning Inspector Funk recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-06-A Ghent Interchange Mixed Use Overlay Trustees Resolution:

Mr. Gaffney presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2026-06-A

**TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BATH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION
TO APPROVE THE GHENT INTERCHANGE MIXED-USE OVERLAY ZONING AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held by the Bath Township Board of Trustees on January 13, 2026, for the purpose of hearing testimony from both proponents and opponents on an amendment to the Bath Township Zoning Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, all statutory requirements relating to the process of this public hearing have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the Summit County Planning Commission recommended to approve the zoning amendment on May 29, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Bath Township Zoning Commission recommended to approve the zoning amendment on November 13, 2025; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bath Township Board of Trustees approves the following text amendment as attached hereto:

1. Article 6, Section 604 Bath Township Ghent Interchange Mixed-Use Overlay (GI-O designation)

FURTHER, the modifications to the zoning amendment include the following:

1. (B) Subarea 2 – Residential Area: This subarea will allow residential uses only with an overall development density that shall not exceed 2 units per acre.
2. (B) A proposed development within subarea 2 of the GI-O District shall be not less than 10 acres of contiguous land and the required minimum frontage on a public street is 300 feet.

FURTHER, the Bath Township Zoning Commission and the Summit County Planning Commission be advised of this action by the Fiscal Officer, Laura Tuttle.

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Mrs. Troike seconded the motion; discussion and roll called:

Mrs. Troike, **AYE**
Mr. Gaffney, **AYE**
Mrs. Goodrich, **NAY** **Resolution Adopted**

2. Zoning Inspector Funk recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-06-B Zoning Text Amendment Trustees Resolution:

Mrs. Goodrich presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2026-06-B

TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BATH TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE BATH TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held by the Bath Township Board of Trustees on January 13, 2026, for the purpose of hearing testimony from both proponents and opponents on an amendment to the Bath Township Zoning Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, all statutory requirements relating to the process of public hearings have been met; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bath Township Board of Trustees approves the following text amendment as attached hereto:

1. Article 5, Section 502-A(4) Prohibited Activities
2. Article 13, Section 1306-F Off-premises signs
3. Article 13, Section 1309-A(1)(G) Off-premises signs
4. Article 16, Section 1603 Definitions and References

FURTHER, the Bath Township Zoning Commission and the Summit County Planning Commission be advised of this action by the Fiscal Officer, Laura Tuttle.

Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion; discussion and roll called:

Mrs. Troike, **AYE**
Mr. Gaffney, **AYE**
Mrs. Goodrich, **AYE** **Resolution Adopted**

3. Zoning Inspector Funk recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-07 Revoking the Moratorium for Construction in the B-1:

Mr. Gaffney presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2026-07

TO REVOKE THE MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE GATEWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-1)

WHEREAS, the Moratorium has been in effect for a period of approximately one year from the approval of Resolution 2025-21 or until changes were enacted to amend the Zoning Resolution of the Township or the Township enacts a resolution to address these issues or until the Board approves legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium, whichever comes first; and,

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WHEREAS, the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan has been completed and was accepted by the Board of Trustees on May 5, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the process of reviewing the Bath Township Zoning Resolution has been completed upon the recommendation from the Bath Township Zoning Commission on November 13, 2025, to approve a zoning amendment to Article 6, Section 604 Bath Township Ghent Interchange Mixed-Use Overlay; and,

WHEREAS, the Bath Township Board of Trustees approved the recommendation from the Bath Township Zoning Commission on January 26, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees hereby revokes the moratorium on the granting of certain permits or certificates for any new construction or development within the Gateway Business District (B-1).

Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion; discussion and roll called:

Sharon A. Troike, **AYE**
Sean F. Gaffney, **AYE**
Elaina E. Goodrich, **AYE**

Resolution Adopted

ADMINISTRATOR VITO F. SINOPOLI

Report/Recommendations

1. Administrator Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve the annual Unmanned Risk Management insurance policy covering township drones in the amount of \$4,811.95. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
2. Administrator Sinopoli recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to accept the notice of retirement for Fire Chief Rob Campbell effective March 20, 2026. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
3. Administrator Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to accept the notice of retirement for Police Captain Steve Brown effective March 31, 2026. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
4. Administrator Sinopoli recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-08 Supporting the 2026 Quilt Square Design Competition:

Mrs. Goodrich presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 2026-08

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING TRUSTEE SUPPORT FOR SPONSORING THE
HERITAGE CORRIDORS OF BATH 2026 QUILT SQUARE DESIGN CONTEST, AN
AM250-ALIGNED COMMUNITY PROJECT COORDINATED THROUGH THE DISCOVER
BATH BARNs COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Bath Township Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of preserving, celebrating, and promoting the Township's cultural heritage, history, and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Corridors of Bath Quilt Square Design Contest is a community-based project coordinated through the Discover Bath Barns Committee and aligns with the America 250 (AM250) initiative commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, the 2026 contest introduces a new format in which participants submit original quilt square designs rather than completed quilt squares, thereby encouraging broader community participation, increased accessibility, and enhanced creative expression; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 contest theme, “**Quilting 250 Years of Spirit,**” invites participants to develop designs that reflect the historical legacy, civic pride, and enduring spirit of the Bath community; and

WHEREAS, the contest is proposed to run from March 9 through April 17, 2026, and will utilize the prior year’s contest rules with appropriate modifications to reflect the design-only submission format and updated theme; and

WHEREAS, Bath Township’s sponsorship of this project will demonstrate support for local arts, history, education, and civic engagement while complementing Bath Township’s participation in AM250-related programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bath Township Board of Trustees, Summit County, Ohio, that:

1. The Bath Township Board of Trustees hereby expresses its support for and sponsorship of the Heritage Corridors of Bath 2026 Quilt Square Design Contest, coordinated through the Discover Bath Barns Committee.
2. As sponsor, Bath Township agrees to consider and approve a Township-owned location for the display of the finished barn quilt designs, including the winning design.
3. Bath Township authorizes the use of its name as project sponsor in promotional and publicity materials related to the contest.
4. Bath Township agrees to participate in or otherwise support a simple unveiling or public display event at a time and location mutually agreed upon by the sponsor and the Discover Bath Barns Committee.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion, discussion and roll call:

Mrs. Troike, **AYE**
Mr. Gaffney, **AYE**
Mrs. Goodrich, **AYE** **Resolution Adopted**

5. Administrator Sinopoli recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-09 Bath Community Fund Impact Grant – Discover Bath Barns:

Mr. Gaffney introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BATH TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2026-09
TO APPLY FOR THE BATH COMMUNITY FUND IMPACT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Bath Community Fund (BCF) carries out volunteer service in the local community and raises funds to improve the lives of residents in the Bath Township area, and;

WHEREAS, BCF has been supporting the community through contributions since 2016, and;

WHEREAS, BCF has monies available as an impact grant to be used for applicable projects in the community connected with the America 250 celebration, and;

WHEREAS, the Discover Bath Barns Committee desires financial assistance in the amount of \$500, for the America 250th celebration and expenses related to the AM250 Themed Quilt Square Design Contest for the 2026 calendar year;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bath Township Board of Trustees:

1. Approves the filing of an application to the Bath Community Fund; and
2. Ellen Purduyn is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance; and
3. Bath Township has obligated the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible under the terms and conditions of the grant program.

FURTHER, that the Fiscal Officer be directed to use Special Revenue Fund 685 and if the grant is awarded, to amend the 2026 Certificate of Estimated Resources and the Permanent Appropriations to reflect the new revenue and expenses.

Mrs. Goodrich seconded the resolution and discussion was held.

The Fiscal Officer called the Roll:

Mrs. Troike, **AYE**
Mr. Gaffney, **AYE**
Mrs. Goodrich, **AYE** **Resolution Adopted**

TRUSTEES: ELAINA GOODRICH, SHARON TROIKE, AND SEAN GAFFNEY

There was a moment of silence in honor of retired Bath Township Police Detective Debbie Yarcheck, who served as an employee from 1979-2018.

FUTURE TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Appearance Review Commission	February 2, 2026, 5pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	February 9, 2026, 6:30pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Discover Bath Barns	February 10, 2026, 5pm	Bath Church
Zoning Commission	February 12, 2026, 6pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Water and Sewer District	February 17, 2026, 6pm	Trustee Conference Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	February 17, 2026, 7pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	February 23, 2026, 4pm	Trustee Meeting Room

*A full list of events and meetings is posted to www.bathtownship.org and updated weekly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

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Sharon A. Troike, President
Bath Township Board of Trustees

Sean F. Gaffney, Vice President
Bath Township Board of Trustees

Elaina E. Goodrich
Bath Township Board of Trustees

Laura Tuttle
Fiscal Officer

Date: January 26, 2026
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