

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

The Bath Township Board of Trustees met in the Trustee Meeting Room on February 23, 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 2026-00332 through 2026-00377 and payments in the amount of \$99,322.98.**

Included in the payments are the following:

- \$15,819.17 to Environmental Design Group for plan design and engineering (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 stated the correspondence log is available for public view.

POLICE CHIEF VITO F. SINOPOLI

Report/Recommendations

1. Chief Sinopoli recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to approve the Hall Public Safety Upfitters for purchase and installation of equipment in two 2026 PD vehicles in the amount of \$21,679.30. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
2. Chief Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve posting internally for the position of Police Captain. The job posting will remain open from 2/24/2026 to 3/6/2026. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

FIRE CHIEF ROB CAMPBELL

Report/Recommendations

**Bath Fire Department
2025 Annual Report**

2025 Goals:

- Work closely with our adjoining communities to improve training and emergency responses across the area.
- Add necessary full-time and part-time staff to provide consistent coverage and reduce overtime needs.
- Maintain reliable apparatus and equipment to provide the best possible services.
- Continue to exhibit fiscal responsibility with an eye toward the future.
- Establish a solid succession plan for changes in department leadership anticipated in 2026.

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2025 Calls:

Yearly Call Total	1,928
Fire	620
EMS	1,308
Total Transports	901

Facility Destination Summary:

Akron General Medical Center	359
Akron General Medical Center-West	298
Akron City Hospital	116
Cleveland Clinic – Medina Hospital	56
Children’s Hospital – Akron	30
Barberton Citizen’s Hospital	13
UH – Ahuja Medical Center	11
Metro Health – Brecksville	11
Summa Western Reserve Hospital	5
Akron General Medical Center – North	1
Cleveland Clinic – Brunswick	1

Call Volume Per Year:

2021	1,551
2022	1,559
2023	1,651
2024	1,780
2025	1,928

Fire vs EMS Calls:

	<u>Fire / EMS</u>
2021	471 / 1,080
2022	493 / 1,066
2023	546 / 1,105
2024	544 / 1,236
2025	620 / 1,308

Training:

Total Classes	116
Total Hours	428.25

Joint Fire Training Facility:

- The training facility on S. Cleve-Mass Rd in the City of Fairlawn continues to grow and develop.
- Grants awarded from Bluecoats of Summit County and Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis have allowed for additions of several training props at the site.
- This site is instrumental to provide joint training among our local communities while allowing personnel and equipment to remain in service and ready to respond to incidents when needed.

Public Education:

Fire prevention and safety in the schools and businesses
Smoke detector program
Knox Box Program
Safety Town
Fall into Nature
Halloween Party

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<u>Total Inspections:</u>	<u>422</u>
Annual	329
Reinspection	40
Consult	20
Plan Review	10
Fire Protection System	6
Fire Drill	5
Tornado Drill	5
Alarm System Test	2
Knox Box	2
Home Inspection	1
Hood and Duct	1
Smoke detector install	1

Recommendations:

No recommendations.

SERVICE DIRECTOR CAINE COLLINS

Report/Recommendations

Bath Service Department
2025 Annual Report

Service Department Personnel:

- Sean Humphrys – Promoted as the Assistant Service Director on 6/22/2025
- Ricky Brogan – Promoted as a Road Foreman on 7/7/2025
- Owen Pasterchek – Transferred from PT Service Level 1 to FT Equipment Operator/Laborer on 7/7/2025
- Davis Pickett – Transferred from Seasonal to a PT Service Personnel on 11/18/2025

Equipment Purchased:

- 15 vehicle radio replacements from Vasu Communications: \$45,942.15
- Kenworth T480V Cab & Chassis from Hissong Kenworth: \$141,149.76
- 5-ton dump body/equipment package from Henderson Products \$ 147,925.38

Service Department Crews:

- Received 275 new external service requests. Resolved 276 external service requests.
- Received 90 new internal facility-related service requests. Resolved 84 internal requests.
- Installed 19 residential driveway culverts, 3 road-crossing culverts, and 10 catch basins.
- Installed 409.37 tons of asphalt for spot repairs of roadways and drive aprons.
- Corrected over 2,131 linear feet of roadside ditching throughout the township.
- During the winter of 2024-2025, Service Department Personnel used a total of 1893.50 tons of salt and spent approximately 1299.24 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 2025 road projects.

SCE Region Program Yearly Totals:

- ODOT Item #448 Hot Mix Asphalt Paving: 0.5 miles.
- ODOT Item #405 Motor Pave with #422 Chip & Fog Seal: 1.51 miles.
- Concrete Panel Replacement: 1480 Sq. Yards of concrete road panel replaced.

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Bath Township Cemeteries:

- 45 burials occurred (24 full burials and 21 cremations)
- Installed 35 monument foundations
- 91 graves were sold

Bath Township- Organic Recycling:

Collected and transported 1,010 cubic yards of organic waste.

Bath Township Facilities:

Service Building: Completed construction on building expansion project.

1. Service Director Collins recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to enter into a contract with Ingersoll Landscape Company for early spring, late summer and fall fertilization treatments at Moore's Chapel Cemetery in the amount of \$2,173.67. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

PARKS DIRECTOR JEFF FRANCE

Report/Recommendations

**Bath Parks Department
2025 Annual Report**

Equipment Purchased:

2018 Ford Explorer purchased from Bath Police Department.

Projects and Improvements:

Bath Hill Park: Installed a new shelter.

Bath Baseball Park: Nothing to report.

Bath Community Park: Upper Playground expansion, new equipment installed, and rehabilitation completed. Removed Lower Playground next to Tennis and Pickleball Courts.

BNP: A kayak launch was installed at Bath Pond. New benches were placed at the University of Akron field station and the Regal Beagle, along with a new ash bin and grill. Landscaping improvements were completed at the park entrance, replacing the existing materials with stone. A new entrance sign was installed, along with larger stones to create the appearance of a stone garden.

NFP: A memorial bench in honor of Alan Garner was installed along Loop 2.

Parks Facilities Reservation Stats for 2025:

Bath Baseball Park Shelter	13
Bicentennial Shelter	33
Grange Shelter	54
Regal Beagle	57
Bath Baseball Park Games	427
Athletic Field	426

Baseball Field Stats:

For the Baseball Season (April 1 through October 31), the ballfields were playable 77% of the time, precipitation on 46 days, with an approximate total of 21.76 inches.

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Miscellaneous:

- The Park crew assisted with numerous special events throughout the year: Spring into Nature, Bath Art Fest, Run to the Sun 5K, Fall into Nature, and Suns out Funs out.
- They refurbished and painted all the Bath Park entrance signs, the University of Akron Field Station sign, and the Fire Station 2 sign.

2026 Goals:

- **Bath Baseball Parks:** Begin process of rehabbing fields, starting with fields #2 and #5. Continuing to improve the other fields as year progresses. Improving walking paths by adding ODOT 10 stone.
- **Bath Community Park:** Continue development of Master Plan and begin construction of Phase 1, which begins on June 8th (Parking lot expansion, Stormwater, Pickleball and Tennis court replacement).
- **North Fork Preserve of Bath:** Trail improvements by adding ODOT 10 stone to Loops 1 and 2.
- **Bath Nature Preserve:** Trail Maintenance adding ODOT 10 stone to trails and begin work on Victory Gallop Trail.
- **Bath Parks Division Personnel:** Hire Part-Time Personnel Level 1.

PLANNING DIRECTOR/ ZONING INSPECTOR WILLAM FUNK

No Report/Recommendations

ADMINISTRATOR VITO F. SINOPOLI

Report/Recommendations

1. Administrator Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve the annual contract with All Traffic Solutions for speed trailer equipment management and reporting software in the amount of \$2,450.00. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
2. Administrator Sinopoli recommend, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to accept the donation from Kerry O'Brien in the amount of \$2,750.00 to assist with expenses associated with the DJI Terra Drone Software. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
3. Administrator Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to enter into an annual contract with CivicPlus for social media archiving in the amount of \$4,188.00. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

TRUSTEES: ELAINA GOODRICH, SHARON TROIKE, AND SEAN GAFFNEY

1. Mark Frey, President of Bath Community Fund, shared updates on fund financials and community impact, along with dates of upcoming BCF events.

FUTURE TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Appearance Review Commission	March 2, 2026, 5pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	March 9, 2026, 6:30pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Heritage Corridors of Bath	March 11, 2026, 4:30pm	Trustee Conference Room
Zoning Commission	March 12, 2026, 6pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Water and Sewer District Board	March 16, 2026, 6pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	March 17, 2026, 7pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Park Board	March 19, 2026, 6pm	TBD
Board of Trustees Meeting	March 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 4:37pm.

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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
Bath Township Board of Trustees

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