

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2026**

The Bath Township Board of Trustees met in the Trustee Meeting Room on April 6, 2026 at 6:30pm 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 6:30pm.

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

1. Mrs. Troike requested, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to modify the agenda and delay recognition of Larry Hershey to a future meeting when his family can attend. Mrs. Troike seconded the motion. Two Ayes. One Nay. Motion passed 2-1.**
2. Mrs. Troike requested, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve the agenda as modified. Mrs. Troike seconded the motion. Two Ayes. One Nay. Motion passed 2-1.**

FISCAL OFFICER LAURA TUTTLE

Report/Recommendations

1. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve regular purchase orders 2026-00435 through 2026-00596 and payments in the amount of \$201,742.82.**

Included in the payments are the following:

- \$55,445.84 to Montrose Ford for vehicles (Police)
- \$37,445.00 to Baker Vehicle Systems Toro Workman (Parks)
- \$15,750.00 to Hummel Construction for improvements to NFP (Admin)
- \$13,360.00 to Summit County Fiscal Officer for radios (Police, Fire and Service)
- \$11,061.95 to Burns Industrial Equipment for a forklift (Service)
- \$10,800.00 to ASAP Door Company for garage door repairs (Fire)

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

Mr. Gaffney, **AYE**

Mrs. Troike, **AYE**

Mrs. Goodrich, **AYE** **Motion Passed**

2. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-22 Amendment to Permanent Appropriations:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22
TO AMEND THE 2026 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED
RESOURCES AND PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, after careful review of the 2026 budget submitted to the Summit County Budget Commission on April 1, 2026, the Department Heads and Township Administrator under 505.032 (F) developed permanent appropriations to operate the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer reviewed the permanent appropriations budget and submitted documentation to create the 2026 Certificate of Estimated Resources, certifying the expenditures were within the 2026 Official

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Certificate of Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer has now identified one fund where it must increase revenue received from a grant and transfer to the revenue account in a special revenue fund to satisfy current expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Bath Township, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, the following adjustments need to be completed to bring the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources in line with the Permanent Appropriations, the following adjustments need to be made with an **INCREASE TO**:

2026 Certificate of Estimated Resources

Fund 661 Body Worn Camera Grant
\$22,536.00

2026 Permanent Appropriations

Fund 661 Body Worn Camera Grant
\$22,536.00

FURTHER, that said money is appropriated as allowed by law and the Fiscal Officer requests an amendment before the Summit County Budget Commission.

Seconded by Mr. Gaffney, discussion and roll called:

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

Resolution Adopted

3. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 9th and February 23rd, 2026, Regular Trustee Meetings. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
4. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 13th, 2026, Public Hearing. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
5. 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 promote Matthew Mihalik to Sergeant, effective April 6th, 2026, at the prevailing rate of pay as outlined in the FOP Labor Agreement, with a one-year probationary period as stipulated in the Bath Township 2026 Organizational Personnel Policy Manual. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

OATH OF OFFICE FOR SERGEANT MATTHEW MIHALIK

The Oath of Office of Matthew Mihalik, full-time Police Sergeant administered by Board President Sharon Troike.

2. Chief Sinopoli recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to approve the selling of the 2021 Ford Explorer and the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe through the Akron Auto Auction once the new police vehicles have been outfitted and are ready to be put in service. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
3. Chief Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to enter into an agreement with Ryan-Ramsey HR Solutions LLC for staff sergeant testing in the amount of \$3,075. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
4. Chief Sinopoli recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with**

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Summit County for the AT&T Vesta Hosted Solution for 911. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF JOHN RODRIGUEZ

Report/Recommendations

1. Interim Fire Chief Rodriguez recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve the purchase of 3 AutoPulse and 2 AEDs from Zoll Medical in the amount of \$88,000. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

SERVICE DIRECTOR CAINE COLLINS

Report/Recommendations

1. Service Director Collins recommended, and **Mrs. Goodrich moved to approve the purchase of a 2026 Case 521G Wheel Loader from Southeastern Equipment for \$155,635.03 after trade in of our 2014 Case 521F XR Wheel Loader. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
2. Service Director Collins recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to enter into an agreement with Pavement Management Group (PMG) to reinspect and rate the entire township roadway system, update road inventory and provide pavement condition analysis reports and projections for a cost not to exceed \$18,000. Mrs. Goodrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

PARKS DIRECTOR JEFF FRANCE

No Report/Recommendations

PLANNING DIRECTOR/ ZONING INSPECTOR WILLAM FUNK

No Report/Recommendations

ADMINISTRATOR VITO F. SINOPOLI

Report/Recommendations

1. Administrator Sinopoli recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-23 Approving Separation of Discover Bath Barns:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HERITAGE CORRIDORS OF BATH COMMITTEE TO SEPARATE THE “DISCOVER BATH BARNs” SUBCOMMITTEE AND APPROVING ITS TRANSITION TO A SEPARATE INCORPORATED ENTITY EFFECTIVE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Bath Township Board of Trustees established and sponsors the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB) for the purpose of preserving, promoting, and highlighting the historic and cultural heritage corridors throughout Bath Township; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Heritage Corridors of Bath (HCoB) Committee formed a subcommittee known as “Discover Bath Barns” for the purpose of identifying, promoting, and highlighting historic and significant barns located throughout Bath Township; and

WHEREAS, since its formation, Discover Bath Barns has grown in participation, programming, and community engagement; and

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WHEREAS, Discover Bath Barns, a subcommittee of the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB) has grown to include 30 volunteers and launched exciting new programs such as the Heritage Corridors of Bath Barn Trail, a Barn Quilt Square Competition, a Barn Quilt Workshop and a Summer Speaker Series; and,

WHEREAS, the Bath Township Board of Trustees expresses its sincere gratitude for the awareness Discover Bath Barns has brought to the historic barns in Bath Township, which has revived enthusiasm for the Heritage Corridors of Bath and strengthened community engagement in local preservation efforts: and,

WHEREAS, the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB) has recommended that Discover Bath Barns separate from the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee and transition into a separate incorporated entity in order to further expand its mission and organizational capacity; and;

WHEREAS, the Bath Township Board of Trustees finds the proposed separation is in the best interest of both the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB) and Discover Bath Barns subcommittee, and supports the continued preservation and promotion of Bath Township's historic barns through a separate incorporated entity;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Bath Township Board of Trustees that the Bath Barns Trail and the Bath Barn Social shall remain under the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB) following the separation; and,

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

1. The Board hereby accepts the recommendation from the Chairman of the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB), through correspondence dated November 6, 2025, to separate the Discover Bath Barns subcommittee from the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB).
2. The Board approves the transition of Discover Bath Barns into a separate incorporated entity, no longer operating as a subcommittee of the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee (HCoB) or as a township-sponsored organization.
3. The effective date of the separation shall be December 31, 2026, or earlier if mutually agreed upon and administratively finalized prior to that date.
4. Upon the effective date, Discover Bath Barns shall operate independently and shall no longer represent itself as a township committee, subcommittee, or sponsored organization of Bath Township.

FUTHER, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon signature of the Bath Township Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Goodrich seconded the Resolution, discussion held and roll called.

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

Resolution Adopted

2. Administrator Sinopoli recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-24 Reworks Community Recycling Access Grant:

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

**BATH TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2026-24
TO APPLY FOR THE 2026 REWORKS COMMUNITY
RECYCLING ACCESS GRANT**

WHEREAS, ReWorks has grant monies available through its Community Recycling Access Grant; and,

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WHEREAS, the Community Recycling Access Grant has funding available in a reimbursement program for Bath Township; and,

WHEREAS, the grant will reimburse the township for residential recycling projects that increase the diversion of solid waste from landfills; and,

WHEREAS, the Bath Township Board of Trustees desires financial assistance for residential recycling projects;

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

1. Approves the filing of an application to the Community Recycling Access Grant Program.
2. That Caine Collins and/or Beth Reinart are 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.
3. That 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 to be reimbursed.

FURTHER, that the Fiscal Officer be directed to use Special Revenue Fund 208 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.

The Fiscal Officer called the Roll:

Mrs. Troike, **AYE**

Mr. Gaffney, **AYE**

Mrs. Goodrich, **AYE**

Resolution Adopted

3. Administrator Sinopoli recommended that the Trustees consider Resolution 2026-25 To Certify Mileage Road and Bridge Levy:

Mr. Gaffney offered the following resolution for consideration:

**RESOLUTION 2026-25
A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL
OFFICER TO CALCULATE THE MILLAGE, EXPRESSED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS
FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S
APPRAISED VALUATION FOR BATH TOWNSHIP'S PROPOSED 2.0-MILL RENEWAL
WITH A 1.0 MILL INCREASE FOR A COMBINED 3.0 MILLS TO THE ROAD AND
BRIDGE LEVY #77 THAT EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2026 WITH COLLECTION
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027. Amended
(ORC §5705.03 AND ORC §5705.25)**

WHEREAS, the Bath Township Board of Trustees in its desire to make informed decisions for future planning of Bath Township, needs to know the amount of revenue a 2.0 mill levy renewal with 1.0 mill increase would generate; and,

WHEREAS, Bath Township has a current 1.4 mill Road and Bridge Levy along with a .6 mill Road and Bridge Levy that expire on December 31, 2026, with collection year through December 31, 2027; and,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees seeks to renew the existing 1.4-mill levy and .6 mill levy and to increase with a 1.0 mill levy on the November 3rd, 2026 general election ballot for the purpose of the operation and maintenance of the Bath Township Road and Bridge system and capital projects in accordance with R.C. 5705.19(G) and R.C. 5705.25 and presented to and levied upon the entire territory within Bath Township, Summit County, Ohio;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bath Township Board of Trustees hereby requests that the Summit County Fiscal Officer calculate said millage expressed in dollars and cents for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised valuation for a 1.4 mill renewal, .6 mill renewal and a 1.0 mill increase to the Road and Bridge levy for a period of five years for tax year 2028 and collection year beginning in 2029.

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

FUTURE TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Zoning Commission	April 9, 2026, 6pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Discover Bath Barns	April 14, 2026, 5pm	Bath Church
Board of Trustees Meeting	April 20, 2026, 4pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Water and Sewer District Board	April 20, 2026, 6pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	April 21, 2026, 7pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Project Pride Community Roadside Cleanup	April 25, 2026, 9am - 12pm	Roadsides throughout Bath Township
Appearance Review Commission	May 4, 2026, 5pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	May 4, 2026, 6:30pm	Trustee Meeting Room

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

1. Miekeleen Hart of 155 Province Point, shared on behalf of Bath volunteers for service and provided information on the Tour of Distinctive Homes. There will be a home tour watch party on May 30th at Bath Church from 9am to 12pm, along with a catered brunch.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

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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: April 6th, 2026
Bath Township Board of Trustees

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