

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2025**

The Bath Township Board of Trustees met in the Trustee Meeting Room on October 6, 2025 at 6:30pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township. The President of the Board, Mrs. Elaina Goodrich convened the meeting. Trustees present were Mr. Sean Gaffney, Mrs. Elaina Goodrich, and Mrs. Sharon Troike.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Goodrich called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**WELCOME**

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

**FISCAL OFFICER LAURA TUTTLE**

1. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended, and **Mrs. Troike moved to approve regular purchase orders 2025-01157 through 2025-01220 and payments in the amount of \$128,268.52.**

Included in the payments are the following:

- \$11,569.42 to Dell Marketing LP for computer replacements (Police/Roads/Admin)
- \$31,740.00 to Belfor USA for release of fire escrow funds (Fire)

**Mr. Gaffney 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 **Mr. Gaffney moved to approve meeting minutes for the 9/15/25 Special Meeting. Mrs. Troike seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
3. Fiscal Officer Tuttle recommended, and **Mrs. Troike moved to approve meeting minutes for the 9/8/25 and 9/22/25 Regular Meetings. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**
4. Fiscal Officer Tuttle stated the correspondence log is available for public view.

**POLICE CHIEF VITO F. SINOPOLI**

**Report**

Chief Sinopoli presented the September report for the Police Department; a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**Recommendations**

1. Chief Sinopoli recommended, and **Mr. Gaffney moved to hire Catherine Wheeland for the position of full-time Communication Specialist, effective October 13, 2025, at the hourly rate of \$30.19/hour (after 48-month rate) in accordance with the FOP labor agreement and subject to compliance with all rules and regulations of Bath Township, along with a one-year probationary period. Mrs. Troike seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.**

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**FIRE CHIEF ROB CAMPBELL**

**Report**

Chief Campbell presented the September report for the Fire Department; a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**Recommendations**

1. Assistant Chief Rodriguez recommended, and Mrs. Troike moved to hire Alexander Briant as Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic at the pay rate established by the 2025 IAFF contract effective October 8, 2025, subject to all the rules and regulations of Bath Township, the successful completion of a medical and physical examination, along with a one-year probationary period. Mr. Gaffney seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.

**Oath of Office**

The Oath of Office of Alexander Briant, full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, was administered by Board President Elaina Goodrich.

**ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR SEAN HUMPHRYS**

**Report**

Assistant Service Director Humphrys presented the September report for the Service Department; a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**No Recommendations**

**PARKS DIRECTOR JEFF FRANCE**

**Report**

Parks Director France presented the September report for the Parks Department; a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**No Recommendations**

**PLANNING DIRECTOR/ZONING INSPECTOR WILLAM FUNK**

**Report**

Planning Director/Zoning Inspector Funk presented the September report for the Zoning Department; a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**No Recommendations**

**ADMINISTRATOR VITO F. SINOPOLI**

**Report**

Administrator Sinopoli presented the September report for Administration; a copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

**Recommendations**

1. Administrator Sinopoli recommended, and Mr. Gaffney moved to hire Michelle Smith for the position of Part-time Finance Coordinator effective November 3, 2025, at the hourly rate of \$25.00 and subject to compliance with all rules and regulations of Bath Township, along with a one-year probationary period. Mrs. Troike seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion passed 3-0.

**TRUSTEES: ELAINA GOODRICH, SHARON TROIKE, AND SEAN GAFFNEY**

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**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

Aimee Wade, on behalf of ADM Board of Summit County, shared information on services offered and impacts with the upcoming election.

Andrew Barry, on behalf of the Summit County Executive's Office, shared information on the proposed charter tax amendment and impacts with the upcoming election.

**FUTURE TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Zoning Commission	October 9, 2025, 6pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Discover Bath Barns	October 14, 2025, 5pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	October 20, 2025, 4pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Water and Sewer District Board Meeting	October 20, 2025, 6pm	Trustee Conference Room
Board of Zoning Appeals	October 21, 2025, 7pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Halloween Fire and Police Open House	October 26, 2025, 3-5pm	Lower parking lot 3864 W. Bath Rd.
Bath Township Trick or Treat	October 26, 2025, 5-7pm	Community Wide
Appearance Review Commission	November 3, 2025, 5pm	Trustee Meeting Room
Board of Trustees Meeting	November 6, 2025, 6:30pm	Trustee Meeting Room

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

JoAnn Alexander, 270 Harmony Hills Drive, Akron OH 44333, attended on behalf of the Bath Homeowners Association and spoke about the upcoming Candidates Night, being held on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 6:30-8:30 pm, at Bath Church Fellowship Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

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Elaina E. Goodrich, President  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

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Sharon A. Troike, Vice President  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

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Sean F. Gaffney  
Bath Township Board of Trustees

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Laura Tuttle  
Fiscal Officer

Date: October 6, 2025  
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Chief of Police Report October 6, 2025

**Department Trainings:**

Officer Chapman – Glock Armor Training 9/23/2025

**Department Highlights:**

Sydney Uridel from The University of Akron joins our department as an Intern for 10 weeks beginning 9/3/2025.

Letters of Appreciation were sent to the department on 9/16/2025 from Mr. Ruff's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th-grade classes at Old Trail School and posted for the officers to see. This was very appreciated by the officers.

A special thank you goes out to Mr. John Kim and Associates from Symphony Financial Services for providing lunch for the Bath PD staff on September 24, 2025.

Thank you to the local Walmart for their donation of two bicycles for the Fall into Nature raffle.

Our department received a Flock Alert on September 30, 2025, for a reported missing person from another community. Officers responded to the location and were able to make a traffic stop. Officers made transport arrangements for the individual to a local hospital, who was experiencing a mental health crisis. Thank you to Sgt. Alexander, Officers Campbell, Klein, and Pemberton, for their quick response and professional handling of this situation.

**September Statistics:**

All Calls for Service 1,972 [100%]

Community Policing 1,416 [72%]

Traffic Stops 64 [3%]

Traffic Accidents 52 [3%]

Alarm Drops 20 [1%]

Sexual Offense 0 Robbery 0 Burglary 1 All other calls for service: 420 [21%] Booking Charges [Total] 17

*OVI/DUI 1*

Theft 4

Assault 1

Resisting Arrest 1

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To: Bath Township Trustees – Sean Gaffney, Elaina Goodrich and Sharon Troike Fiscal Officer – Laura Tuttle

Bath Administrator - Vito Sinopoli From: Rob

Campbell, Fire Chief Date: October 6, 2025

September 2025 Calls

Station 1 = 68

Station 2 = 68 All Stations = 7

Total = 143

*EMS = 101*

Fire = 42

Total Transports = 67

Mutual Aid Given= 8 Mutual Aid Received=

7

Yearly Call Total: 1,413 EMS = 959

*FIRE = 454*

TRAINING:

Classes = 14

Hours = 32

Firefighters Brent Bergdorf and Trent Ware attended OHCON, Ohio Public Safety UAS Conference on the latest drone technology, real-world tactics, and mission-ready solutions.

INSPECTIONS:

Annual 48

Plan Review 1

Reinspection 5

TOTAL 54

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**SERVICE DIRECTOR Caine Collins**

AGENDA FOR THE TRUSTEE MEETING 10.6.2025

**Buildings and Grounds:**

No new business to report.

**Roads:**

**Service Crew Monthly Report for**

**September** Resident Service Requests

received: 22 Resident Service Requests

resolved: 20 Township Service Requests

received: 12 Township Service Requests

resolved: 8

Right of Way Permits: 2 Utility & 2 Residential

Drive Culverts: 2

Drive Tie-Ins: 2

Asphalt Aprons: 3

Catch Basins: 2

Linear Feet of Ditching: 400'

Approx Tons of Asphalt Used:

29.84

**Miscellaneous:**

Vehicle Maintenance/Repairs; Shop, Buildings, and Grounds Maintenance/Repairs; Cemetery Maintenance, Restorations, Foundations, and Burial Assistance; Roadway Tree Trimming and Removal; Roadside Mowing; Dead Animal Removal from Township Roadways; Installation and Repairs of Address Markers and Street Signs/Posts; Pothole Patching; Road Repairs; Continuous Cleaning and Sanitizing of Shop and Trucks; Service Request Requests and Restorations; Roadside Sign Removal; and Emptying of the Organic Recycle Trailer.

**Training:**

ODOT District 4 Snow & Ice Control Workshop: Ricky Brogan, Ryan Bracken, Greg Klebs, Ben Mathie, Nick Barker, Owen Pasterchek, and Doug Fair

Summit Soil & Water District MCM Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping Workshop: Sean Humphrys

2025 APWA Ohio Public Service Institute: Sean Humphrys

**Cemetery Burials:**

Moore's Chapel: 3 Cremations

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**BATH PARKS DIRECTOR Jeff France**

AGENDA FOR THE TRUSTEE MEETING 10.6.2025

General Park Information:

Park personnel checked and inspected all the trails, performed routine inspections on the playgrounds, performed general buildings and grounds maintenance/repairs, and completed vehicle and equipment maintenance/repairs

Bath Baseball Park:

The ballfields were playable 87% of the time. Records show there was precipitation on 4 days in September, with an approximate total of 2.51 inches.

Bath Community Park:

Wertz Geotechnical Engineering did minor clearing and boring in preparation for continued work on the master plan project for the Bath Community Park.

Bath Hill Park:

No new business to report.

Bath Nature Preserve:

Park personnel spent time preparing for the Fall into Nature Event that took place on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Park personnel installed four benches at the Akron University field station in the Bath Naure Preserve.

North Fork Preserve of Bath:

North Fork Preserve is closed due to Hummel construction beginning work on Barn Restoration Project.

Training

- Colin Tuttle attended a Certified Playground Safety Inspector Course
- Jeff France attended the Ohio Public Service Institute Training (Supervisory Skills)
- Kelly D'abramo obtained her CDL-A
- Evan Osborne completed his CDL-A on-line training

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To: Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator, Executive Assistant  
From: William Funk Planning Director/Zoning Inspector  
Date: October 2, 2025  
Re: Zoning Report for the month of September

Permits

During the month 19 zoning permits were issued in the following categories:

- Accessory Structure 4
- Fence 4
- Swimming Pool 3
- Sign 3
- Residential Addition 2
- New Commercial Building 1
- Business Use 1
- Subdivision 1

Zoning Commission

September 11, 2025, Zoning Commission public hearing:

- The Zoning Commission reconvened their public hearing on the proposed Ghent Interchange Overlay District. The Township gave a presentation to the commission and updated them on a potential development on subarea 1. The commission heard comments from the public. Following discussions the commission moved to postpone the public hearing until the November 13, 2025, meeting date.

Appearance Review Commission

September 8, 2025, the Appearance Review Commission reviewed the following cases:

- ARC 25-15, OLIO Development Group for Raising Cane's, recommended to approve the proposed signage for Raising Cane's at 3921 Medina Rd., located in the B-2 Business District.
- ARC 25-16, Tom Giltner for Corner Provisions, recommended to approve the proposed building signage for Corner Provisions at 1070 Ghent Rd., located in the B-1 Business District.
- ARC 25-17, Lindsey Gartman and Amy Ford for Woven Works Bookshop, recommended to approve the proposed signage for Woven Words Bookshop at 843 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd., located in the B-5 Business District.
- ARC 25-18, Tom Stenger for Iradale Allotment, recommended to approve the proposed signage for the Iradale Subdivision at the intersection of Ira Rd. and Kemery Rd., located in the R-2 Residential District.
- ARC 25-19, Jeff Clark of Easy Sign Group for Yellow Creek Veterinary Surgery, recommended to approve the proposed signage for the Iradale Subdivision at the intersection of Ira Rd. and Kemery Rd., located in the R-2 Residential District.

Board of Zoning Appeals

September 16, 2025, the Board of Zoning Appeals heard the following cases:

- BZA 25-21, Mike Orley of Boulder Homes, approved a variance request to encroach upon the riparian setback for a new residence at 4245 Cliff Spur Dr., located in the R-2 Residential District.
- BZA 25-18, Carly Detar of OLIO Development Group, approved a variance exceed the area and location of wall signage for Raising Cane's at 3921 Medina Rd., located in the B-2 Business District.
- BZAA 25-19, Tom Giltner for Corner Provisions for Corner Provisions, tabled a variance to exceed the area and location of wall signage for Corner Provisions at 1070 Ghent Rd., located in the B-1 Business District.

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- BZA 25-22, Joe Chiera, approved a variance request to encroach upon the side yard setback and to exceed the footprint area for an accessory structure at 682 N. Hametown Rd., located in the R-2 Residential District.

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Solid Waste

- New Customers 16
- Vacation Customers 15
- Total Customers 3,427

Miscellaneous

- None

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To: Board of Trustees  
From: Vito F. Sinopoli, Township  
Administrator Date: September 22, 2025  
Re: Administrator's Report – 9/22/25

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*REPORT:*

The Ohio Legislature recently overrode the Governor's veto and eliminated the ability for townships to place new replacement levies on the ballot. This is an important change for local governments like Bath, because replacement levies have long been one of the most flexible tools for managing township budgets and keeping up with rising costs.

To explain it simply, a replacement levy takes the place of an existing levy when it expires and resets the revenue based on current property values. This allows the township to keep service levels stable as expenses go up over time. With this change in state law, Bath can no longer propose replacement levies at all.

Renewal levies are still allowed, but renewals are based on property values from when the levy was first approved. That means if a levy was passed decades ago, it's still locked in at that old value, no matter how much the costs of providing services have increased.

The concern is that without replacement levies, townships across Ohio will lose a critical tool for long-term financial planning. The Ohio Township Association (OTA) has expressed disappointment in this decision because it makes it harder to prepare responsibly for future operational needs.

While this won't have an immediate impact on the levies already in place, over time, it will limit Bath's ability to maintain funding levels for essential services like police, fire and EMS, roads, and park maintenance. Without the option of replacement levies, Bath will likely face situations where revenues can't keep up with costs, and that could force difficult decisions about service levels. So, while nothing changes overnight, this is a significant shift that all residents should be aware of. It will have long-term implications for how townships manage budgets and deliver services to residents.

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