



January 5, 2016

Bath Business Association Meeting Minutes

Present: Mark Frey, Jim Warzlow, Nadine Clar, Jody Konstand, Mary Anne Krejci, Kathy Sidaway, Liz Scott, Ellen Otto, Nancy Fay, Paul Meyer, Sarah Rauschenbach, Don Corbett, Dick Sutherland, Marie Dusini

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30.
2. Minutes from December approved as read.
3. \$7,176.74 in treasury.
4. Membership Report: 91 members, 40 are un-renewed as of this date. Jody is double and cross checking to see if anyone has been overlooked.
5. Township news-Vito Sinopoli sent the following update:

Proposed re-zoning of a 12 acre parcel at 4837 Medina Rd. is currently in the public hearing phase with the Board of trustees. The parcel, on the north side of S.R. 18 between Hametown and Harmony Hills Rd., has approximately 6 acres of wetland and the South Fork of Yellow Creek extends through it. The property owner seeks to re-zone from current R-2 zoning, 1 residential unit per 2.5 acres, to R-4, 4 units per acre. The re-zoning request first went to the Summit County Planning Commission where it was approved. It then proceeded to the Bath Township Zoning Commission, which also approved the request. The matter is now before the Board of Trustees for public comment and decision on January 19, 2016.

An unusually warm December 2015 had only one snow event in which township road crews applied salt to the roads. At \$54/ton, salt usage in December was roughly 10 tons. Our township salt barn has been topped off with 1200 tons, with total usage in Winter 2014/2015 at approximately 2200 tons.

With the retirement of Bath Police Captain Lang in December of 2015, part-time officer, Lane Watson, was moved from part-time to full-time by the Board of Trustees at the Jan. 4, 2016 meeting. Staffing is currently 20 full-time and 2 part-time officers.

Township offices sustained a lightning strike on December 27, 2015 at approximately 5:15 a.m. Phone service was disrupted for several days while crews from Frontier repaired damaged lines. Also, several pieces of radio equipment in the Bath Dispatch center sustained damage and had to be serviced. Although the primary police line and 911 remained operational, an emergency plan was implemented for roll over of phone calls to other local agencies

6. Welcome Bags-items were requested and can be dropped off at The Bake Shop
7. Cookie Tour-99 tickets were sold; 62 online and 32 in person. Cookbooks were sold after. A profit of \$670.00 was made; the biggest expense was the cookbook. Planning for 2016 is starting now. Suggestions of extending the time and possibly limit the event to 20 participants were made. There was discussion regarding the signage; larger signage that can be seen better, wood signs, businesses pick up their sign and put out. Businesses were encouraged to take better advantage of the advertising that went along with their cookie, examples were shown. The idea of a business tour was suggested so that we can visit each other. There is a Holiday Gazette publication, look into for next year and in addition promote the bridge lighting and other events.

There are still some missing candy cane signs, if you still have yours please return to Nancy at The Bake Shop

8. A thank you for the holiday party, it was enjoyed by all who attended. A special thank you to Jody and Bob for the delicious meat.
9. On March 2, 2016 there will be a focus group held for Revere to come in and present to us. There was discussion of promoting and encouraging members to come and potentially assigning members to call other members to invite.
10. The BBA Scholarship was discussed. The word needs to get out better regarding it. The website it is currently on is not user friendly. The suggestions of writing a letter to the editor or doing a press release were given.

Meeting adjourned 6 p.m.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 2nd, 5:30 p.m. in the Trustees Meeting Room