

Bath Township Timeline through 1970

Compiled from Trustee's Minutes and Land Deeds by Elaina Goodrich, Trustee
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Note: The minutes from 1817 to 1865 are missing. Beginning in 1865 minutes are written in pen and ink. The minute's book from 1865 to 1914 is in delicate condition with many pages faded beyond readability.

- **1817**-Ezekiel Williams Trust and Abby Williams received \$1 from Jason Hammond, John Holmes and Moses Latta, "a committee appointed by the inhabitants thereof to explore a piece of ground for the building of a meeting house thereon and for a burying ground." Township No. Three Lot 46.
- **1863**-The ¼ acre **Ira Cemetery** originally owned by Erwin J. Hammond and later sold to William Cranz, was transferred to Bath Township.
- **1865**-The electors gathered at the center of Bath and elected the following **township officers**: three trustees, a treasurer, an assessor and two constables, also twenty-six road district supervisors, three judges of election and two clerks of election. One person accepted as Justice of the Peace.
- **1866**-Trustees received "of the following veteran soldiers for their **bounty money**." Eight men received \$100 to \$107 each. The amount received by the trustees was thirteen hundred and six dollars "the remainder (after paying \$807) of which was paid over to the twp. Treasurer."
- 1866-The trustees granted six men permits for **cattle to run at large** in the highway.
- **1870**-Leased land to the Township **Board of Education** on northwest corner of Lot 60 for schoolhouse purposes for rent of \$5 per annum.
- **1871**- Trustees **levied for road purposes** a tax of eight-tenths of a mill on the taxable valuation of the Township. Also levied three hundred and seventy-five dollars for Township Fund.
- 1871-Received seventy-six **votes for Town Hall** sixty-one against Town Hall.
- **1872**-Trustees Andrew Hale, John Swigart and David Castteter (?) of the First Congregational Church of Bath sign a **quit claim** deed to Bath Township for \$150 on Lot 46 four acres of land "being the same premises conveyed by Ezekiel Williams and Abby Williams to Jason Hammond, John Holmes and Moses Latta for and in behalf of the inhabitants of said Bath Township by us dated October 7th AD 1817 and recorded in Medina County Records Book F page 30 & 31."
- 1872-Leased one half acre on the south west corner Lot 43 to the Board of Education for **school** purposes at a cost of \$5 per annum.
- **1878**-William Cranz sold for \$1 part of Lot 30 to Bath Township for Ira Cemetery.
- **1879**-Othello Hale deeded the historic Hale section of the **Ira Cemetery** to the township.
- 1879-It stated that "Expenditures **Cemetery Fund**
Beginning March 3, 1879
Gave Orders to"...

H.B. Davis	\$11.25,
Peter Reis	\$1.50,
R. Shaw	\$3.00,
C.O. Hale	\$36.52 and
J.R. Moon	\$22.65
Total\$74.92.

- **1882-Ditch No 1** established in 11 sections to be 12 feet wide at the top, 3 feet wide at the bottom and 8 ½ feet deep (page 133-135 in the 1919 book). In 1922 extended 600 feet south.
- **1888**-At a special election called after a petition is received, Bath Township votes for the sale of intoxicating liquor sixty-seven; **against the sale of intoxicating liquor** one hundred and thirty-seven.
- **1889-Toolhouse** at Bath Center (behind the Historic Bath Town Hall) is built by M. C. White for \$180.
- **1890**-Land deed sold to Bath Township for \$1 by the trustees of the Church of the Evangelical Association—signed by Smith Hancock, Milton Walker and Henry Carr for **East Bath Cemetery**.
- **1892**-An additional acre was conveyed by the Shaw family to Bath Township for **Shaw (Moore’s Chapel) Cemetery**.
- **1896**-The mowing at **Bath Center Cemetery** was \$19 per year. Care of the **Town Hall** \$13, care of the **Tool House** \$3 and care of the **Cemetery at Center** \$4 per year.
- 1896-The trustees reduce the number of **road districts** from 27 to 4. “It is understood that a person’s tax shall be worked in the district in which he lives.”
- **1901**-Granger Township receives from Bath Township a “quick” claim for \$1 for **East Granger Cemetery**.
- **1903**-The graves at the **James Edgar** farm are moved to the Cemetery at Bath Center to receive proper care and attention.
- **1904**-bought one **road machine** on trial from the National Drill & Mfg. Co. Chicago, Illinois for \$225.
- 1904-1905-Frame **Bath Township Hall** built with a \$2800 four year bond issue bearing interest at five percent through First National Bank.
- **1905**-Took testimony from F. Porter and Al Smith, **sheep claims** that were killed by dogs.
- **1906-Montrose Cemetery**, jointly owned by Copley and Bath, was expanded by purchasing a school lot being offered for sale from the Copley Board of Education for \$64 for 80 sq. rods.
- 1906-Bath Township is divided into two **road districts**.
- **1907**-Trustees made the following **levy**

For Township purposes.....	2/5 mills
For Road purposes.....	3 mills
For Relief of the Poor.....	2/5 mills
For Cemetery.....	1/5 mills
For Town Hall.....	1/4 mills
For Debt.....	1 1/4 mills
Total.....	5 4/5 mills.
- **1909**-1914-It was proposed to improve under the State Highway Commission by grading, draining and improving main roads and assume the cost of fifteen percent. If an issue of bonds was necessary it was put before the electors of Bath Township.
- **1910**-1942-The **Bath Center Cemetery Association** was given (as quoted in 1916) “full control of the care of the Cemetery at Bath Center, in them in instructing the sexton, in the matter of locating graves the Twp. Clerk shall have the authority to locate the grave in the lot.” It was established that this association and the three trustees have a joint meeting each year in May subject to the call of the board of trustees to review cemetery affairs. They agreed to charge \$8 (in the new part), \$5 (in the old part) and \$3 (in the old part if the party already “occupied a lot”) for cemetery lots. Of particular interest was the period during the Great Depression, in the early 30’s cemetery jobs were given to community members that were in

desperate need. In 1934, the trustees allotted \$150 for maintenance of this cemetery. This association managed the cemetery until 1940 when the township hired a sexton. In 1942, the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of the **Bath Center Cemetery Association**.

- **1911**-The trustees closed **Ghent and Hurds Corners Schools** “for one week or until the health officer relieves the quarantine and all High School students in the district.”
- 1912-The township proposed a tax levy for the purpose of building a **receiving vault** at Bath Center Cemetery for a cost of \$1200. The vault was used to hold bodies during the winter for burial after the spring thaw. In March, 1913, the “proposition” was taken up with a Cleveland architect. In May W. B. Thompson bid on erecting the vault for \$1450.
- **1913**-1917-The trustees agreed to a settlement of \$275 to Chester F. Purdy for diverting a water course that resulted in a loss of mill income.
- 1914 A “**lighting system**” was purchased for the Town Hall from W. H. Wager for \$45.
- **1914**-Bill of L. H. Point of \$5.51 for **coal** and coal hauling was paid.
- 1914-**Budget** the trustees asked for:
 - \$400 in General Fund
 - \$3050 in Road Fund
 - \$400 in Cemetery fund
 - \$150 in Town Hall Fund
 - \$150 in Poor Fund
- 1914-Ten **road districts** were created.
- **1915**-The question of issuing and selling **road bonds** with interest coupons attached for the township’s portion of improving Ghent Road (“here to fore constructed by the state”) amounting to \$3528.59 and Bath Richfield Road at 15% as agreed to with the Summit County Commissioners amounting to \$14,131.93 and bear interest at 5% was submitted to a vote of the qualified electors and approved by two-thirds of the voters. Bonds sold to the First, Second National Bank of Akron, Ohio. The Richfield Road was to be brick and to remain 14 feet wide.
- 1915-Owing to the change in the number of hours constituting a day’s work in the law, the township adopted the following **scale of wages**: road superintendents \$.30/hour, men working for the supervisor \$.22 ½ per hour, teams working for the supervisor \$.27 ½ per hour and the same rate for the supervisor’s teams.
- 1915-At the settlement meeting held at the end of the year, the following **salaries** were paid: Treasurer \$398.89, Clerk \$125, Trustee Myers \$39, Trustee Vallen \$37.50 and Trustee Andrew \$28.50.
- **1916**-The township accepted a deed of the cemetery known as the **Miller and Public Cemetery** (Stony Hill Cemetery) situated on Smith Road on the South part of Lot 100 of Bath Township.
- 1916-Trustees accepted a temporary **county “charge”**, a woman with eight children and a husband that had “left for parts unknown.”
- 1916-Trustees requested that the county commissioners straighten **Ghent Richfield Road** just north of Ghent by extending the bridge 30 feet west and “to make such further changes that will eliminate the danger of... (the) curve.”
- 1916-The township borrowed over three years \$1339.40 to pay the cost for the improvement of **Akron-Medina Road**. People protested the amount charged to them in frontage on this road.
- **1917**- Township paid 7.5 percent of improvements to **county road #95**.
- 1917-Trustees authorized that individuals may build **private vaults** in designated areas (appears to be at Bath Center Cemetery).

- 1917-The county commissioners agreed to build a retaining wall on the west side of the town hall and the trustees agreed to build a wall on the south side of the town hall (each not to exceed \$775).
- **1918**-In **annual settlement** meeting two trustees received \$47.50 and one trustee received \$55.00 treasurer received \$152.20 and clerk received \$150 for salary.
- **1919**-Trustees met the **first Monday of each month**.
- 1919-Trustees approved paying 30% for “the promotion of the following **proposed road**” starting at Bath Center and west to Farley’s Corners (2 ½ miles).
- **1920**-In a joint meeting, the Bath Township Board of Trustees and the Board of Education appointed an honorary five member committee who appointed “two acting and working assessors” whom the Summit County Auditor appointed and compensated to **reappraise the real estate in Bath Township**.
- 1920-The Davis Bros. presented a **sheep claim** for \$260 and J. W. Shorts presented a **cow claim** for \$200. Approved.
- 1920- A family was placed upon the **County Poor Fund**.
- 1920-The Summit County Commissioners and the Bath Township Board of Trustees were petitioned for **improvements to a road** running east and west between Ira Station and Hammonds Corners. Board of Trustees and the County Commissioners each paid \$195 and the residents paid \$293. Ten days later the trustees approved cindering the road east of Whitcraft Store to the top of the hill west of the Cheese Factory. Trustees paid \$50 and residents paid \$150.
- **1921**-1922-Trustees approved a petition for the **improvements** to Ghent Granger Road from Cleveland Massillon Road to Hopkins Road. Short and McAllister Road repaired.
- **1922**- Approved that if the townships in the county lower their valuations then the township requested that the commissioners lower Bath **Township’s valuation**.
- 1922-Bath Stow **road paved** (from Bath Center to Medina Summit Line) paid by 65% county road levy, 20% township road levy, and 15% assessed to abutting land owners.
- 1922-Hammond’s Corners Ira **Road paved**.
- 1922-**Extended ditch** No.1 for 600 feet south.
- 1922- **Ballot issue** for or against “exempting interest and sinking fund levies on account of outstanding bonds from all tax limitations.” The additional rate was 1 mill for 10 years.
- 1922-Approved new **electric light** and wiring for the town hall at a cost of \$745.24. In 1923, approved a motion to sell the **electric light plant** in the town hall to Chas. Monegan for \$275.
- **1923**-Approved \$500 for the “**dragging fund**” for the roads.
- 1923-**Improvements** approved to I C H #116, County Highway #48 also known as Porter’s Hill, County Highway #253 also known as Hametown Richfield Road, County Highway #114 aka Croton House Richfield Road, C. H. #48 Bath Stow Road for Shoemaker Hill, C. H. #46 aka Hammonds Corners Ira Road. From this date forward roads become a regular expense.
- 1923-1924 Approved to “fix up” **Mont Rose Cemetery** and Bath pay half, **Stony Hill Cemetery and East Granger Joint Cemetery**.
- 1923-1924-Purchased coal and **poor supplies** for the Petty’s.
- **1924**-1935-Dr. R. Smith was paid \$27.60 for **medical services** for the Holderfields for the past year. These expenses continued through 1935.
- 1924-Al Boltz was paid \$3 for **3 chicken hawks**.
- 1924-1930 Ellen Allman was paid \$5 a month for **soldier’s relief**.
- **1925**-1935-Hired Mary Linder to do the **janitor work** at the Town Hall for \$100 per year to keep the lawn mowed, wash windows at least twice a year and give the hall “a good general

cleaning once a year.” In 1934, she was paid \$100, she received \$80 and had to pay \$20 for telephone, she did not have to do the lawn.

- 1925-Rejected J. Messinger’s **claim for his auto top** which was destroyed by a limb of a tree in front of the Ira Spitzer Farm.
- 1925-Accepted the bid of \$110 for **painting the town hall**, tool house and toilet with white lead and oil paint.
- **1926**-Twenty-eight people paid for **shoveling snow** (ranged from \$1.35 to \$27.23)
- 1926-Considered the matter of **relief** for Mrs. Grace Wine by visiting the family.
- 1926-Placed on the ballot a **2 mill road levy** for 5 years.
- **1927-1928**-At a **joint meeting of the Board of Education** and Board of Trustees outlined a suggested **Road Program** for the next three years. In 1928 a letter was sent to the Board of Education stating the trustees were unwilling to direct the engineer and contractor after not meeting the approval of the Board of Education and that they should deal with the engineer directly in regard to the grading agreement.
- **1928**-Trustees investigated a complaint in regard to the **poor family** in the H. C. Freeman home. They reported it was a man and woman and a 9 year old grandchild.
- 1928-1932-The trustees determined to **“look after”** the Gliddens.
- 1928-**Insurance** paid on the Town Hall \$11.80.
- **1929**-Copley Township and Bath Township jointly purchased a **stop and go light** for the intersection of U. S. Highway #21 and State Route #18 in the village of Montrose. The township paid \$184.60 (half).
- **1930**- **“Looked after”** the Jones family (he was from France and she was from New York, they had six children under 11). Paid him \$6 for cutting brush on the roadside against an \$8.50 bill. The “other \$2.50 to be applied on his other bills when we aided him in groceries”. A month later paid out of road fund \$24.38.
- 1930-appointed two men to **appraise the real estate** and property of Bath Township.
- 1930-Poor fund report John Hammersmith **was hurt** in a clay bank slide.
- **1931**-Paid E. S. Shaw \$1 for a **chicken hawk**-it had a 48” spread.
- 1931-The Poling family (man and wife and four children) were found in very **poor** circumstances. The trustees “decided to help them to groceries from Acme store #13 not to exceed \$5 per week.” Also sent them one ton of coal.
- 1931-Authorized “the School Board to advertise and sell their 1/3 interest in the **horse sheds** located on the Old School Grounds.” Received \$16.34.
- 1931-Hired **Road Superintendent** at \$.50 per hour, \$.75 for him and his team, \$.40 for a laborer and \$.65 for a laborer and team.
- 1931-**Doctor bill** paid for George Richards broken leg \$50.
- 1931-Placed on the ballot a **2 mill road levy** for 5 years.
- 1931-Approved to “pay the **men who are begging** something to eat for themselves and their families \$.20 per hour and that their auto license number...be left with the Township Clerk until further notice.”
- 1931-Called in Mr. Baxter “who lives on the Old Brindley Place” and offered him a road job, he refused.
- 1931-1932-E. R. Sherbourne who lived “on the Old Geo. Damon Place” **asked for work**. Trustees helped with groceries and paid him for labor on the roads. He had the lowest bid on painting the town hall for \$55. Trustees bought paint for two coats at \$36.15. He mowed Moore’s Chapel and glazed the windows in the town hall.
- **1932**-Authorized “to do away with the **Hawk Bounty Fund.**”

- 1932-**Burial expense** for Mary Edna Freed paid \$50.
- 1932-Twenty-four more families reported for **poor** fund. One woman with five children lost her husband when he was “killed accidentally by a rifle ball”. Two men out of work for nearly a year.
- 1932-**Budget** Trustees salary...\$650, Clerks...\$250, Supplies...\$100, Town Hall...\$300, Cemetery Tools...\$10, Other Expenses...\$75, Compensation...\$200, Memorial Day...\$10, **Poor...\$2000**, Bond interest and sink...\$600.
- 1932-All gas tax money available, Road...\$219.82, two mill levy...\$3280.18.
- 1932-The trustees “took to Jed Davises today

242	24 ½ #	sacks of flour,
34	5#	sacks cracked wheat.
- **1933-Poor fund authorized:** Relief of the poor \$2000, Medical services \$920.95, Burial expenses \$250.
- 1933-**Notice sent to City Hospital** of Akron, People’s Hospital of Akron and St. Thomas Hospital. “You are hereby notified to accept no more charity patients from Bath Township unless at your own risk without conferring with the Bath Township Trustees first.”
- 1933-Paid the People’s **Hospital** for Celia Porter Seward Wolf “who we injured in auto accident at Bath Center” \$160.75.
- 1933-Paid City **Hospital** care of Etta Bunker \$30.05 and care of Sophia Baxter \$67.50.
- 1933-**Poor fund registered** eight new families.
- **1934**-In January only the Dime Savings Bank offered a **bid of 1% on the township fund** of \$5500. That was not a legal bid so the money was withdrawn and placed with the treasurer of Summit County. In July they went to bid again, this time the bid was awarded to the Dime Bank for ²/₁₀ of 1%.
- 1934- The trustees approved \$90 for Shaw, Ira, East Bath and Stony Hill **Cemeteries** and approved \$150 for the Bath Center Cemetery Association to take care of that cemetery.
- 1934-Wm. Pierson was dispensing the “**charity relief fund.**” Two men were present wanting work. Anderson requested 4 pairs of shoes and the trustees gave him an order on the Whitcraft Store for them.
- 1934-A special meeting was called to discuss the roads and the poor. Two men were there requesting aid. The trustees agreed to **pay common labor** \$.30 per hour 8 hours per day. Single men to work one day per week and married men with a family to work two days per week. One month later it increased to \$.40.
- 1934-Special meeting called to recommend the names of 25 men for “**new work registration**” plus 5 men that were on “direct relief”.
- 1934-**Budget:** General Fund \$4885, Road and Bridge \$3550.
- 1934-Sixteen family names sent to **Summit County Relief Administration.** Wm. Pierson will “parcel out relief material” to them.
- 1934-In October this letter was received by E. S. Shaw (the clerk); “The Federal government has ruled that no one is eligible for relief work who is not registered in the **National Employment Bureau.** Those who have cards that are punched once a month, are registered, do not register again. The men and women who are old enough to work in each family, must also possess cards, women’s work does not include housework. “There will be a representative of the National Employment Bureau with me in the Town Hall in Bath Wednesday, November 7th, at 1:00 PM and we hope to have the opportunity of registering every man and woman of working age while we are there. Kindly notify Trustees.” Fifty-two families were notified.

- **1935**-1937-Linder janitor \$90 through May 1937. In June 1937 paid \$7.50 to Mary Linder estate for balance of work.
- 1935-Seven families requested **relief**.
- 1935-Paid \$25 **hospitalization** to Children's Hospital to remove a tooth from Chester Arthur. Paid \$11 rent for Lilly Arthur.
- 1935-**Sheep claim** of \$82 made with two witnesses. Others continue to make claims.
- 1935-Town Hall requested for **orchestra practice**.
- 1935-Paid \$26 for 13 days of care of Norman Ruch at **Summit County Home**.
- 1935-Paid \$13 to Children's Hospital for **tonsil operation** for W. Stephenson.
- **1936**-E. L. Halderman oldest **Justice of the Peace** of Bath Township dies.
- 1936-Thirty-five people paid for **shoveling snow**.
- 1936-Certified payment for Arthur Dunham to Lake Side University **Hospital** for \$4 per day not to exceed 30 days.
- 1936-Four roads approved for improvements by **W. P. A. Construction**.
- 1936-1939-Clerk mailed B. J. Gortner, N. Royalton Ohio a revised **order for groceries** for Mrs. Wing for \$5 every 15 days. Later requested order returned because they moved to Parma. \$15 paid regularly thereafter for groceries. 1938 reduced from \$15 to \$10 per month. In 1939, requested help from the **Cuyahoga County Relief Bureau** for surplus food and clothing for the Wing family because Bath Township does not participate in surplus commodities. They reduced their order to \$7.50 every 15 days.
- 1936-Trustees notified Fred Anderson they could **not give aid to anyone on W.P.A. work**.
- 1936-In August, authorized ballot issue for bonds for \$8000 for **fire fighting equipment** and housing.
- 1936-Wrote Mrs. Bessie Kingsley, "In as much as the State Examiner has ruled that the Township Trustees can only give **temporary relief**, but on account of you living with your sister we have felt that the \$10 grocery orders we have allowed you was only temporary relief, and any further aid would be permanent aid which would be through the County Home."
- **1937**-Mailed a list of **road tools**, machinery and material to the Engineer:
1 four-wheel six-foot grader...\$20, 1 slag spreader...\$10, 1 slip scraper...\$5,
6 road floats...\$25, 4 mattlocks...\$4, 8 shovels...\$5, 3 axes...\$3, 3 scythes...\$4,
2 picks...\$3, 2 wheel barrows...\$8, 1 plow...\$5, corrugated pipe...\$30.
- 1937- Paid **Cemetery** Association \$175 for care of Bath Center Cemetery. Paid \$100 for care of Moore's Chapel and Stony Hill Cemeteries. Paid \$50 for care of Ira and East Bath Cemeteries.
- 1937-Township paid for **county road improvements** of widening, grading and ditching. The county furnished a tractor and blade, the trustees paid for the fuel and operator. Slag was being used for road improvement.
- 1937-Bond issued for \$10,000 for **fire apparatus**, equipment and housing.
- 1937-Paid \$145 for an **iron railing** on the west and south side of the Town Hall.
- 1937-Paid St. Thomas Hospital \$112.50, Children's Hospital \$30, City Hospital \$54, City Hospital \$58.50, City Hospital \$45, several **doctor bills** and two burials.
- 1937-1938-Paid \$25 to Copley for care of Mont Rose Cemetery per year.
- **1938**-The trustees "are **opposed to centralization of relief**, furthermore wish to handle their own direct relief cases as they have done in the past."
- 1938-Paid People's Hospital \$45, **Children's Hospital** \$44, Children's \$9, Children's \$4 per day, and one burial \$35. Wrote Children's in February that they prefer to send cases to St. Thomas. If an emergency case were admitted they would pay the same rate as their agreement

with St. Thomas. In June, refused payment to Children's on the grounds that it was not an emergency.

- 1938-Four new **grocery orders** for \$10, \$14 or \$16 per month. Shoes and clothes purchased for children.
- 1938-Complaint registered about **Crystal Lake Road Bridge** built by W. P. A. not being large enough to carry heavy volumes of water during heavy rains.
- 1938-1953-Agreement made with **Stony Hill Fire Protection Association** for fire protection for Bath Township for \$25 per month. Increased to \$32 in 1939, to \$41.66 in 1940 then increased because of the purchase of new equipment to \$66.66 in 1941, \$83.43 in 1942 through 1945 (\$1000 per year), \$66.66 in 1946 (Bath Volunteer Fire Dept. provided protection as well beginning in 1946). They provided protection through 1953.
- **1939-Fixed wages:** labor \$.40 per hour, Superintendent at \$.50 per hour, man and team at \$.90 per hour, man and tractor at \$1.00 per hour.
- 1939-Three new **grocery orders** for \$10 or \$14 per month.
- 1939-Eleven **hospital bills** paid.
- 1939-Seven added to **relief**.
- 1939-1942-**New Relief Law** discussed. Transferred \$800 to the County Treasurer from the Poor Relief Fund to be used by the County Commissioners for poor relief. At the same time transferred \$1500 from Poor Relief to Hospital Fund. Transferred \$400 from Poor Relief to the Town Hall Fund. Transferred \$100 from the Poor Relief to the Cemetery Fund. County Relief Investigator was in the township on relief work. In 1942, asked for the return of the \$800 because the Attorney General ruled it illegal.
- 1939 Increased the **Clerk's salary** by \$100 under a new law.
- **1940-Clerk's salary** set at \$350.
- 1940-Trustees recommended Martin Road for a **W. P. A. project**.
- 1940-1954-John Rooy Jr. hired to care for all five cemeteries and act as **Sexton** for \$620. Mr. **Rooy** worked for the township thru July, 1954.
- 1940-Thirteen **hospital bills** paid.
- 1940-Trustees purchased three dozen **folding chairs** for the town hall.
- **1941-** The **trustees** were paid every three months-C. P. Hopkins was paid \$56, Eber Shoemaker was paid \$70 and J. P. Davis was paid \$87.50 as was the clerk Wm. M. Pierson. Trustees were originally paid once a year which in 1934, went to twice a year.
- 1941-1942-**Oiled 200 feet of township road** in front of each house. Cost at \$.06 $\frac{3}{4}$ per gallon not to exceed \$300. 1942 cost \$.08 $\frac{3}{4}$ per gallon.
- 1941-One **hospital bill** paid.
- **1942-**Township tools now included a **power mower**.
- 1942-The Town Hall approved as an office for **Civilian Defense**.
- 1942-Board accepted the resignation of the **Bath Cemetery Association**.
- 1942-Two **hospital bills** paid.
- 1942-County Engineer authorized to blade, **remove snow**, and apply salt and cinders to roads in the township. The township paid for materials and use of equipment.
- **1943-Fixed wages** were approved: labor \$.70 per hour, man and team \$1.50 per hour, man and tractor \$2 per hour.
- 1943-The Board was legally advised not to spend any more funds on **Montrose Cemetery**. Therefore they relinquished any responsibilities for maintenance or sale of lots.
- 1943-**County Engineer** authorized to mow roadsides.

- 1943-Trustees requested that the County Engineer spread calcium chloride for dust treatment in front of all houses and that the township would assume the cost.
- 1943-Purchased **U. S. Government Bonds** (Serial G) with \$800 of Cemetery Endowment funds.
- 1943-**Trustee J. P. Davis forced to resign** due to ill health.
- **1944**-A. C. Alexander **appointed trustee** by the oldest Justice of the Peace in Bath Township, Warren Fryman.
- 1944-Right-of-way approved for a **gas line** on Hametown-Richfield Road in front of Moore's Chapel Cemetery.
- 1944-In February, purchased a new **Honor Roll for the Service Men** of Bath Township. Paid [Arthur] Ellis and [Richard] Wistedt \$250.
- 1944-**County Engineer** authorized to scrape, drain and mow the following township roads: Bath-Stow, Oak Hill, Hametown-Richfield, Cleveland-Massillon, Martin, Mt. Rose Blvd. and Clouse Ave. The township paid for labor and materials.
- **1945-Bath Volunteer Fire Department** requested aid in the form of a truck chassis and equipment for fire fighting. Approved not to exceed \$1600. Universal Motor won the bid for a 1 ½ ton Ford truck for \$1224. Authorized purchase of one front end pumper unit for the truck for \$193, plus supplementary equipment for \$42.75 from Office of Surplus Property (U.S. Government). The unit didn't fit so it was returned and a new unit for \$446.20 was purchased.
- 1945-Ross L. **Duncan appointed Chief** of the Bath Township Volunteer Fire Department.
- 1945-Requested of County Engineer cost to **black top** Hametown-Richfield, Oak-Hill, Martin, and Bath-Stow Roads.
- **1946**-Bonds for the township **Constable** and **Justice of the Peace** signed and accepted.
- 1946-Purchased an **oil burner** for the town hall furnace.
- 1946-Ghent and Hammond's Corners provided "**artificial lighting**" by Ohio Edison Co.
- 1946-Trustees allowed the **Town Hall** to be used for school purposes. The basement was used five days a week for biology and the main hall was used one day a week for music.
- 1946-Board of Trustees **paid firemen** on duty \$1 per hour.
- 1946-Board of Trustees permitted the Committee of the Community Counsel to put **water in the Town Hall**.
- 1946-Trustees gave Wm. Mettler authority to put **toilets in the Town Hall** if funds were available.
- **1947-Jehovah Witnesses** were denied use of the Town Hall for a series of meetings.
- 1947-Bath Volunteer Fire Department was at a meeting in reference to **minors being on the Fire Department** and getting their parent's consent.
- 1947-1950-**Iradale Allotment** on C.H. #47 approved.
- **1948**-The **Bath Volunteer Fire Department** told to present their bills monthly by noon on the first Monday of each month. Firemen were paid quarterly.
- 1948-1949-Wm. Mettler, Chairman of the Bath Community Counsel presented a petition requesting that the Trustees proceed with **Township Zoning**, establish a Zoning Commission and fund it. The Trustees appropriated \$400 to complete a study. The Trustees appointed R. Hopkins, Russell Harp, Rice Hershey, Homer Steiner, A. C. Hough to the Zoning Commission. Leonard Heibel, Akron City Planning Engineer and Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals, was hired as consultant for \$450. He first presented a map with zoning classifications as recommended by the Zoning Commission and then the ordinance. A Public Hearing was held and one change was made. The County Zoning Commission approved. Another Public

Hearing was held with 90 people in attendance. On September 23, 1949 the Trustees adopted the Zoning Plan and placed it on the ballot. Failed.

- 1948-Paid "Collector of **Internal Revenue**" \$15.80. Also note John Rooy, a township employee, had "**withholding**" subtracted from pay.
- 1948-Trustee **E. R. Rockwell resigned** and Mrs. C. C. Foglesong J. P. of the Township appointed Homer E. Fox.
- 1948-Board accepted the grading and surfacing of **Ghent Road View Acres Allotment**.
- 1948-The Board of Education agreed to pay half the expense of **installing a water system at the Town Hall** provided their half did not exceed \$300.
- 1948-**Wm. Pierson, Township Clerk-Treasurer, died**. Trustees appointed **Ford S. Crile**.

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- **1949-Trustee Fox had an emergency operation.**
- 1949-Paid Anthony Ritch \$8 per month to **house the fire truck**.
- 1949-Township accepted the following **township roads** and provided for their upkeep and maintenance: Ghent Road Acres, Ghent Hills Allotment, and Yellow Creek Heights.
- 1949-**Bank balance** exceeded \$20,000 so the Trustees requested additional collateral from the Dime Savings Bank.
- 1949-**Appropriated \$29,634.40** for the year, included County Health Department-\$1350, Election Expense-\$100, Workmen's Comp.-\$75, Firemen's pension Fund-\$887.98, Bond Retirement Fund-\$3.39.
- 1949-Richfield-Hametown Road approved to have $\frac{7}{10}$ of a mile "**black topped**".
- 1949-Ross L. Duncan **Fire Chief resigned**, Clarence Brock reported 22 members voted for Don Kramer as Chief. Approved.
- 1949-**Stony Hill Fire Protection Association** requested \$1200 per year; Trustees accepted the contract for \$800 per year.
- 1949-**Telephone** installed in the Trustee's office.
- 1949-Because the clerk receives only a few bills by the first Monday of the month, the **meeting date** for the Trustees was changed to the second Monday of the month.
- 1949-Ralph Andrew was hired to **paint the Town Hall**, cemetery fence and iron railing for \$450.
- 1949-Evans Insurance Agency **insured the Town Hall** and tool shed, plus their contents for \$18,000 at a cost of \$468 over three years.
- 1949-Approved purchase of a **used tank truck** for \$400 from Potter Oil Co. for the Bath Township Volunteer Fire Department.
- 1949-1950-Approved Gale B. Gault et al. request for the **vacation of Water Street** in Ghent.
- 1949-Bath Volunteer Fire Department requested the Trustees determine the best site for **fire department buildings**.
- 1949-Trustees approved the purchase for a **fire siren** for Noland's Service Station in Ghent for \$225 similar to the one at Bath.
- **1950**-Paid Clarence Brock \$5 per month (plus coal for heat) to **house the new fire department truck**.
- 1950-**Appropriated \$31,430.91** for the year.
- 1950-Approved a group of boys be allowed to use the Town Hall for **Junior Achievement** meetings to learn all phases of operating a business.
- 1950-The County provided **snow removal** for \$2500 and **road oiling** for \$2836.13.
- 1950-**Stony Hill Fire Protection Association** discussed with Copley and Bath the sharing of expenses. Their shortfall was made up with donations and fundraisers. Firemen were not

compensated. The case was made that Copley should help support the association since calls were answered in Copley and some of the firemen were from Copley. Copley reviewed the situation.

- 1950-1951-Summit County Planning Commission had received a ruling that as soon as an allotment was recorded the roads in that allotment became the responsibility of the Trustees. Also no allotment would be recorded until it had been approved by the Trustees. James and Mildred Olds put up a bond of \$1000 that guaranteed Glengary Drive in the **Iradale Allotment** would be completed. The Trustees approved the allotment.
- 1950-O. Clare Conlan requested changing **Hopkins Road to Crystal Lake Road**. Approved.
- 1950-**Rothrock Road** vacated.
- 1950-Don Short was deputized by the Summit County Sheriff and was in radio contact with them. The Trustees had the F.C.C. license. He provided **private patrol system** in Bath Township for \$3 for residence and \$5 for a business per month.
- 1950-Summit County Planning Commission recommended a system of **house numbering** in the unincorporated area. Approved.
- 1950-**Street marker signs** authorized for Montrose and Clouse.
- 1950-**Bath View Allotment** (Orchard Drive) approved.
- **1951-Appropriated \$28,171.75** for the year.
- 1951-Appointed A. J. MacDonald as **Director of Civil Defense**. He made appointments of eight key personnel.
- 1951-Letter from **Alpha and Beta Garden Clubs** stated they were sponsoring a program for the “beautifying of Bath Township.” They felt that **proper zoning** was fundamental to “keeping Bath beautiful.” A group was formed to maximize interest including: Trustees, Zoning Commission, Bath Alpha Garden Club, Bath Beta Garden club, P. T. A., Grange and Farm Bureau Council.
- 1951-Ageement signed with the City of Akron, Copley Township and Richfield Township for the “**mutual interchange of fire protection services.**”
- 1951-**Telephone service** installed for Stony Hill Fire Protection Association for \$10.35 per month.
- 1951-Harley Boltz presented a **claim** for 10 chickens killed by dogs, witnessed by two people, forms filled out and sent to the County Commissioners. These claims continued through to the present time.
- 1951-In April, trustees authorized the **Zoning Commission** to proceed with the formulation of a zoning resolution after meeting with the Zoning Advisory Council. Stephen Servednesky, State Examiner, gave a verbal opinion that the previous Zoning Commission was no longer in existence because their terms expired upon the defeat of the zoning resolution at the ballot in 1948. Therefore, the trustees appointed a “new” commission.
- 1951-“**Patrol and policing of roads fund**” was set up to pay for help with students crossing the road from the town hall to the school on U. S. Route 21.
- 1951-Hillandale Road and **Hillandale Allotment** approved.
- 1951-In 1946, Bath Volunteer Fire Department had purchased the lot on the south-west corner of Bath-Stow Road and Route 21 for \$4500 by collecting \$100 donations from interested members. They presented to the trustees the proposition of **building a fire house** for fire equipment. The lot would be donated if financing of \$15,000 were found for the building. The firemen would provide from their treasury \$4500 and from the annual horse show \$1500 and \$200 a month would come from the township to pay a bank loan at 2%. The trustees did not have the money. A bond issue for \$20,000 (.72 mills) over ten years was submitted for the

ballot. Also a tax levy for 3 mills over two years was submitted for the ballot. Both were for the purpose of erecting and equipping a fire department building.

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- 1952-**Appropriated \$41,115.03** for the year.
- 1952-1953-**Warranty deed** received for the 1.05 acre Linder property on the southwest corner of Cleveland-Massillon and Bath-Stow Roads. Arthur Wyatt, supervising architect was hired to design a **fire department and community building**. He was paid \$2953.76 over the course of the project. Bonds were issued to J. A. White and Company (3%) for \$20,000. Gilpin Construction Company erected and provided equipment for the building for \$41,255. It was occupied May 1, 1953.
- 1952-The Zoning Commission recommended a **Zoning Resolution** to the trustees after having a public hearing and consulting with the Summit County Planning Commission. The trustees adopted the plan after a public hearing was held. It was placed on the ballot. Passed. In June a Bath Township Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Inspector were appointed. Zoning fees were set.
- 1952-The **telephone** company was instructed to remove the town hall phone.
- 1952-**Revere Heights** (Sellman and Valley Brook Road) Allotment approved.
- **1953**-Mr. Bert F. Stauffer **resigned as trustee** due to illness and Clair B. Alexander was appointed.
- 1953-**Appropriated \$69,445.46** for the year.
- 1953- "South Street" in the Village of Ghent which was an extension of Yellow Creek Road was changed to **Yellow Creek Road**.
- 1953-Fire Department had **four phones** hooked up and requested another siren making all three on one circuit.
- 1953-**Revere Road** on Lot #72 was established as a township road and improvements approved.
- 1953-The township had 7.87 miles of numbered roads and 7.03 miles of allotment roads. The trustees requested that Bath Road, Revere Road and Hametown Road be taken into the **county road system**.
- 1953-A two mill **levy** for roads and a one and a half mill levy for the general fund (including fire department operations) each for five years was placed on the ballot.
- 1953-**Revere Drive** improved. Lockhart won the bid with \$3784.70. Paid by assessing property owners.
- 1953-Kemery, Ghent Hills and Hametown were improved by the county by **oiling and chipping**. The Township paid \$3745.
- 1953-The contract for service from the **Stony Hill Fire Protection Association was not renewed**.
- 1953-Negotiated a \$25 a month fee with the School Board to open the **Town Hall for kindergarten class** pending the **completion of the school addition**.
- 1953-Roads in Bath **Highland Allotment** accepted.
- 1953-Amended the zoning to allow public sewer and water to be connected to any single family dwelling and change to **B-1 on Cleveland-Massillon Road** between Ira and Everett to the depth of 450 feet because of the new planned turnpike.
- 1953-1956-Initiated civil action against a **trailer park** on Cleveland-Massillon Road which was operated by George and Julia McPherson and was not permitted according to the zoning resolution. The Judge upheld Bath's ban on trailer camps. Judge Harvey ruled that Bath has a right to be entirely residential with the exception of one business center if it desires. It does not

need to supply all the services its people might want. The decision was held up in the Ninth District Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. In 1956, petitioners seeking a public vote presented two zoning issues to the trustees: one to repeal a section of Article XIII, two to amend B-1 to include trailer parks. The trustees declared they were not in compliance with legal procedure. The petitions should have gone to the zoning commission. It was too late to submit them and go through the proper procedure to meet the deadline for a ballot issue. Therefore, the 52 “trailerites” living at the trailer park had to leave. If they don’t go Judge Harvey had ordered the water turned off. Advised that newly enacted laws had the effect of reversing the court decisions and would allow trailer parks.

- 1953-**Mill-Vale Allotment** roads (Sky-line Drive) accepted—James Olds developer.
- 1953-Threatened to penalize Albert Wirz for erecting a dwelling on Hickory Drive without a **zoning permit**. He took out a permit.
- **1954-Appropriated \$49,475.55** for the year. Tax valuation for 1953 was \$5,800,000 wages paid \$8,412.
- 1954-Placed on the ballot a general fund **levy** of 1 ½ mills for two years. Approved.
- 1954-Township **road mileage** was 12.93. Maintenance and snow removal by the County cost \$6000.
- 1954- Four **street lights** placed at Bath-Stow Road and Cleveland-Massillon Road.
- 1954-Bath **Grange** rents the town hall for \$100 per year and pays for the hook-up of the fire department sirens at Bath and Bath Center.
- 1954-**Springcrest Allotment** on Richfield-Hametown Road approved.
- 1954-**Zoning amended to add cemeteries** to Article IX provided it was at least 20 acres.
- 1954-Purchase orders needed a **requisition** submitted in triplicate for any item over \$25.
- 1954-Established **Sourek Road** and assessed improvements against the abutting property owners.
- 1954-**Newman Allotment** reviewed.
- 1954-**Partridge Lane** in Quality Living Subdivision accepted.
- 1954-**100 chairs** at \$4.55 each purchased for the town hall.
- 1954-Additional roads in **Ghent Road View Acres Allotment** accepted.
- 1954-The township requested the County to make and erect **road signs**.
- 1954-1956-**Ranchwood Acres Allotment** and Ranchwood Road approved.
- 1954- The town hall balcony is rented to Mrs. Falar at \$1.40 a day for a **nursery school**.
- 1954-**Trustee Jared E. Davis dies** while in office. Justice of the Peace Charles Staats names **Earl H. Miller** as trustee.
- **1955-Appropriated \$62,246.08** for the year. Salaries \$8574.02 and tax valuation \$7,200,000 for 1954.
- 1955-Edison planned a **\$15 million power distribution center** on Ghent Road.
- 1955-**Ghent Hills Allotment** approved (N. and S. Martadale and Fulton).
- 1955- **Mileage** certified to the county was 21.28.
- 1955-The Township selected Trustee A. M. Honeywell to help formulate a **county building code**.
- 1955- **Bath Antique Show** was once again held in the town hall. The interior had been repainted and the floors refinished.
- 1955-Bath Fire Department bought a **new fire engine** for \$13,580 of which \$4580 was contributed from the Volunteer Fire Department.
- 1955-**Bellaire Allotment** (N and S Martadale and Fulton) on Lot 53 and 54 approved.

- 1955-Petitions for **road improvements** were received from residents and were acted on by assessing the abutting homeowners a portion of the cost for repairs.
- **1956-Appropriated \$70,114.37** for the year. Salaries \$8461.52 and **tax valuation** for 1955 \$8,650,000.
- 1956-Rules and regulations for **opening of public roads** and their restoration were adopted.
- 1956-Requested the State Highway Department to survey the conditions on Route 21 to determine **a reduced speed**.
- 1956-1957-**Newman Road** changed to Spring Valley.
- 1956-1957-**Millvale Allotment** approved (Yellow Creek Road West).
- 1956-**Road levy for 1.85** mills for five years.
- 1956-**Quality Living Allotment** (Pheasant Hill) approved.
- **1957-Appropriated \$94,796.18** for the year. Salaries \$8792.68 and **tax valuation** for 1956 \$10,100,000.
- 1957-Trustees decided to **meet twice a month** on the first and second Monday.
- 1957-Clerk's **pay** was \$500 per year. Caretaker for the cemeteries received \$1200 annually. Building inspector was paid by fees from his work. Thirty members of the volunteer Fire Department received \$2 per call and per training instead of \$1 previously received for calls only. The fire chief received no special compensation. Zoning inspection fees were set at 1.1 cents per square foot.
- 1957-**Ghent Ridge and Springwater Allotment** on lot 63 approved.
- 1957-1959-A petition signed by 225 residents protesting activities at **Stouts** was presented to the trustees. It stated that Stouts Nursery housed and repaired from 12 to 18 trucks in a building which was supposed to be used as a barn according to the zoning certificate. From 25 to 50 employees drove their cars to work which was a safety hazard. Trees, shrubs, etc. were being brought in from other nurseries and this made it a retail and commercial activity which is prohibited in R-1. Residents sought an injunction. The prosecuting Attorney indicated that an injunction could be "maintained". He left it to the discretion of the trustees. An injunction was pursued. The court however ruled in favor of Stouts since the use of the property in this manner was established before the effective date of the zoning resolution. Violations of court order noted.
- 1957-**Three amendments to zoning** resolution presented 1) a dwelling shall have a minimum living area of 1000 square feet for one story, 2) zoning fees of 1.1 cents per square foot per structure and signs by square feet established, 3) builder needed permission to put in driveway culvert. Trustees approved all three changing the 1000 feet to 960.
- 1957-Wye Road and Granger declared a **4-way stop**.
- 1957-Fifteen calls for **grass fires** in March were made. Public was notified of the danger.
- 1957-1959-Trustees requested that **Revere and Hametown Roads** be designated as county highways.
- 1957-**Boltz Estates** (Boltz Road and Lakeview) accepted.
- 1957-**Echo Hills allotment** (Echo Hills Road) approved.
- 1957-1959-**Lois Drive**, an Earl H. Miller subdivision, Willow Echo Allotment on Lot 78 approved.
- 1957-A claim for **death benefits** by J. Verne Newman's widow was made. He was killed in a traffic accident in Sept.1956 while on his way home from a fire in Copley to which the Bath Volunteer Fire Department was also summoned. His widow received \$400 for the funeral and \$12,000 in compensation over six years.

- 1957-A hearing was held on turning the 180-acre **Hale home into a museum**. The home was willed to the Western Reserve Historical Society by Hale's great granddaughter Clara B. Ritchie who died Dec. 14, 1956 at the age of 87.
- 1957-The **Volunteer Firemen's Dependant Fund** was established in the revised code.
- Harmony Hills Allotment accepted.
- 1957- B. J. Richards of the Cuyahoga Valley Inter-Community Improvement League discussed the matter of the Cuyahoga River Valley site for a **north-south super highway**. It would begin near Medina and run east parallel and north of Rt. 18 from Stony Hill proceeding north-east to Botzum in Bath. Trustees refused approval of this route in the township. They requested a feasibility study of a highway in or adjacent to Cuyahoga Valley be fully investigated. A letter from the Ohio Department of Highways stated they were building portions of St. Rt. 8. A northwest highway in the vicinity of Rt. 21 was under construction or advanced planning also.
- 1957-Plans reviewed to make alterations and improvements to the floor and ceiling of the Fire Department upstairs so it could be used as a **trustee meeting room**.
- **1958-Appropriations \$94,742.23** for the year. Wages were \$12,122.31 and tax valuation for 1957 was \$11,750,000.
- 1958-Expenses to be paid if trustees attended the Ohio State Trustees and Clerks Assoc. **annual convention** in Columbus.
- 1958-**Greenbriar Allotment** (Carle Road) accepted.
- 1958-Two Cleveland-Massillon Road residents were concerned about **Ace Lumber Company**. Signs.
- 1958-**Zoning board members** were paid \$5 for their attendance at each meeting.
- 1958-Trustee **Alexander suffered a coronary thrombosis** and was taken to the hospital. He was absent for three months.
- 1958-Invitation to bid **on painting the town hall** at Bath Center white semi-glossy with black trim.
- 1958-**Ten phone hookup** for the Fire Department completed.
- 1958-Ordered **48 street signs** for questions call Trustee Miller at MOhawk6-2958.
- 1958-County agreed to seal **roads** for \$7322.70, stabilize roads for \$14,500.80 and stabilize roads with no chips \$2052.
- 1958-**Chief Tom Paulett** of the Volunteer Fire Department was paid \$10 per month.
- 1958-1959-**App's Ghent Ridge** accepted.
- 1958-**Bath Players** rented the town hall for \$4 per night to stage one play this season and three in 1959. Rescinded and determined to pay \$25 per play which included rehearsals. Renewed in 1960.
- 1958-Natural **gas furnace** installed in the town hall for \$790. Duct work replaced for \$870.19 with a \$50 credit for salvaged material. Storm windows and screens replaced for \$464.57.
- 1958-1959-**Meadow Park** approved.
- 1958-1959-Johnson's **Ohio Motel** was accused of renting on a weekly or monthly basis. Seven families were found living there. They had 60 days to leave. A cease and desist order was issued.
- 1958-**"Cold Patch"** tried on the roads
- 1958-**Ghent Hills and Bellaire** (Martadale, Walnut ridge and Bonnebrook) accepted.
- 1958-1959-**Vesper and Hickory Roads** were private, in order to be public the right-of-way of 25 feet had to be dedicated for public purposes.

- **1959-Appropriations \$107,112.52** for the year included: general purposes-\$9950; cemetery-\$3525; lighting-\$900; fire protection-\$14,331.20; deductions by county auditor-\$6142; road and bridge-\$66,062.71; bond retirement-\$3110.63 and zoning-\$3090.98.
- 1959-Clarance Brock hired as **custodian and volunteer fireman on fire house duty** paid \$335 per month.
- 1959-Mrs. Woods from “Volunteers for Service” requested use of the town hall for **recreational activity for teens**. They paid for three loud speakers for the building.
- 1959-The Public Utilities Commission requested Northern Ohio Telephone Company and Western Reserve Telephone Company to consider the objections by residents over the telephone boundaries of West Richfield exchange and Montrose exchange causing **telephone toll charges** within Bath.
- 1959-**Zoning changed** in Ghent Square in the area of Wye and Yellow Creek from R-1 to B-1.
- 1959-The town hall was requested for **an art exhibit and sale**. Approved.
- 1959-Annual **mileage report** for Bath Township-25.82 miles.
- 1959-**4-H Club** meetings held over summer at the town hall.
- 1959-**Budget forms** were required to be completed.
- 1959-**Appian Way**, a private road, was improved at a cost to the homeowner and petitioned to be dedicated as a public road.
- 1959-The clerk had received “**undivided liquor funds**” since 1948 but not since 1957. Two taverns (Triangle Inn at Ghent and the Clearview Inn at Bath) operated in the township. Inquiry made as to where the funds the township should have received were.
- 1959-**Round Rock Drive** petitioned for establishment as a public road.
- 1959-65-**Tyson** subdivision (Briarhill) Lots 43 and 44 approved.
- 1959-**Rolling Meadows** allotment approved.
- 1959-**Clair Alexander** retired as trustee.
- **1960-New trustee Gunnar Soderberg** served with Trustees A. Honeywell and Earl Miller; Clerk Ford Crile.
- 1960-**Police** protection established through Bath Auxiliary Police.
- 1960-**Bath population 4540** according to the U.S. Census.
- 1960-**Short Hills Estates** allotment approved.
- 1960-1965-**Barrett** allotment approved (Orchard and McVey).
- 1960-**Appian Way** dedicated.
- 1960-Bath Volunteers for Service are seeking a **library** and a **Community Center** for the township.
- 1960-**Meadow Park** allotment approved.
- **1961-Police Constable** appointed.
- 1961-**North Fork** allotment approved.
- 1961-Review of the **zoning resolution** by Bobotek and Jeutsch.
- 1961-**Burkhardt** approached the township for approval of developing 160 acres on Rts. 18 and 21 to be called Montrose Mall Development architect John Graham estimated cost \$22,000,000.
- 1961-1962-**Three zoning changes** proposed from R to B-1: one on Rts 18 and 21, one on new and old 21 and Rt. 176 and one extension on Cleveland-Massillon and Everett making it 800 ft. deep. Denied. Trustees reconsidered (with the use of deed restrictions on the land certain R-4 areas were restricted and limited) and voted approved. Referendum petition with 211 signatures. Subsequently, 90 signatures were withdrawn leaving an insufficient number (121 of 142 necessary) to place it on the ballot.

- 1961-**Revere Manor** Subdivision Lot 92 approved.
- 1961-Committee created to study the feasibility of a **Community Center**.
- **1962-1967-Hilary Heights** (Ghard or Heiber) allotment approved (St. Francis, St. Vincent and Holliston) Lot 92.
- 1962-1966-**Annexation** request received from Fairlawn on Lots 92 and 93 for land adjacent to Smith and Ghent to Sourek of 213 acres by Judson Osterhof called the Eaton Property. Public hearing for rezoning held in 1966. Denied.
- 1962-Voters approved the issuance of notes for \$100,000 for a **Fire Department building** addition.
- 1962-1964-**Zickefoose** junk yard ordered to dismantle on “Sorrick” Rd. Trial set for April 16, 1964.
- 1962-1967-**Ranchwood** allotment (Larkspur etc.) Lot 62 approved.
- **1963**-Fifteen member Planning Council appointed to review the **zoning resolution**.
- 1963-**Police** sworn in as Summit County Sheriff’s deputies.
- 1963-**Crystal Lake** allotment by Federated Homes approved.
- 1963-1964-Addition to **Fire Department building** approved (Kenneth F. Wiley, architect) and \$50,000 of notes offered for sale by Akron Dime Bank. Thos. Dillon was awarded the general contract bid for \$58,418, Dies Electric for \$5710 and Troxell Plumbing and Heating for \$12,978 to build three bays (one for police), a meeting room, police office and remodel kitchen. Dedication was April 19, 1964.
- 1963-**Redwood Knolls** allotment developed by Albert Wirz approved.
- 1963-1964-**Old Connecticut Land Grant** allotment Lot 67 and 68 approved (referenced Bellaire Estates allotment approval in 1955 to provide an outlet to public road south of S. Walnut Ridge).
- 1963-**Yellow Creek Woods** allotment Lots 73 and 88 (Berrywood and Treecrest) approved.
- 1963-1965-**Alice Stacy** applied for a rezone on Medina Rd. to Clouse. Denied because it was uncertain where the new expressway was to be located. She appealed to Common Pleas Court and it was dismissed.
- 1963-Contracted with the Sheriff for two deputies to provide **police** services.
- 1963-1967-**Rohner Acres** (Rohner subdivision) OL 71 approved.
- 1963-Frank **Billman** applied for a **rezone** for Ghent at the intersection of Cleveland-Massillon.
- 1963-1965-**Sunny Acres** allotment Lot 70 off Sand Run Road.
- **1964**-1966-Volunteers for Service suggested a house or back of the Aberth Hardware for a **library**. The Bath Library was eventually located in a former residence at 3687 Ira Road.
- 1964-1966-**Twin Ledges** subdivision OL 43.
- 1964-**Valley View Estates** OL 30 and 31 approved.
- 1964-1967-**Rolling Retreat** (Rolling View, Retreat Dr.) allotment Lot 81 approved.
- 1964-1967-**Oak Knoll Estates** Lot 52, 53, 68 and 69 (Sugar Knoll and Oak Knoll) approved.
- 1964-**Bath Township has 34 miles** of roads; tax valuation is \$22,600,000 with a budget of \$117,000.
- 1964-1967-**Birch** allotment Lot 35 (Orchard Dr.) approved.
- **1965-Milvale** allotment between Granger and Shaw Rds. Proposed two cul-de-sacs which the trustees objected to.
- 1965-**Bath Township Advisory Council** created on August 2.
- 1965-Proposed construction plans reviewed for **I-77**.
- 1965-**Alfered Snider** allotment (off Westridge) approved.

- 1965-1966-**Carmel Estates** (NW corner of Revere and Smith) approved. Requested a rezone for duplexes. Approved a two-family on two acres. Referendum planned. Max Wyant, developer, withdrew rezoning.
- **1966**-On January 7, Mr. Honeywell and **Mr. Miller** sworn in as trustees in Mr. Miller's Akron General Hospital room after a pony cart accident in which he dislocated his hip. On January 13 he died from a heart attack three days after a hernia operation. At the next meeting on January 17, the trustees asked for a silent prayer out of respect to the memory of Earl Miller.
- 1966-**Architectural Advisory Committee** formed to review retail and commercial structures and subdivision plans.
- 1966-**Revere Manor** subdivision (Lot 8 and 9) approved.
- 1966-Akron Public Library purchased two lots for a **library** at Smith and Hickory Roads.
- 1966-Property (88 acres) on **Everett Road** proposed for educational-recreational use.
- 1966-**Bath Players**, who have used the Historic Town Hall for their plays for many years, purchased the Hissong's Bob-O-Lin Farm Barn at 3316 Everett for their productions. This barn had been used for square dances since the 50's. Since the use for dance hall purposes predates the zoning resolution the trustees do not request the Bath Players to apply for a variance.
- 1966-**Revised Zoning Resolution** from W. E. Von Guuton(?) and Spiro Gonwar(?) was ready for public hearing.
- 1966-1967-**Hill and Dale Estates** approved.
- 1966-Advisory Council recommended the creation of a **Board of Park Commissioners**.
- **1967-Tax valuation \$27,750,000. Tax Levy \$3.50. Budget...**
 Receipts\$179,601
 Payments.....\$149,850

General Executive Services.....	\$8,478
Town Hall.....	\$1,733
Board of Health District.....	\$10,118
Cemeteries.....	\$3,799
Lighting.....	\$1,728
Fire Protection.....	\$28,503
Highway.....	\$67,590
Zoning.....	\$1,980
Police protection (Twp. Share)...	\$22,458
Miscellaneous.....	\$3,459.
- 1967-**Sheriff** created post #3 for better service; all Bath Police Constables had been deputized by the sheriff; Bath Twp. Police Department paid through the Sheriff's Policing Rotary Fund. "Internal police problems have plagued the township" in recent months. Chief Cole resigned and Chief Ferguson appointed and he also served as Lieutenant in the Sheriff's office.
- 1967-Signatures of 281 people supported the establishment of a free **public park**. A Board of Park Commissioners was appointed to organize a park district. They recommended a levy of .5 mills to generate \$75,000 per year for five years to provide for three or four neighborhood playfields. YMCA proposed a large community swimming pool facility.
- 1967-**Revision of Zoning Resolution** hearing held. Zoning authorities had revised plan which cost \$6000. Sent out questionnaire. Bath Township Planning Commission, with the aid of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and approved by Summit County Planning Commission, was approved by the Trustees with changes. Some properties reverted from business to residential. Trustees requested an immediate restudy of certain areas. Referendum petitions presented by Frank Billman. Some residents protested change from B-1 to residential.

- 1967-Bath residents complained that students at Eastview and Revere Schools had to call **long distance** to call home. Northern Ohio Telephone Company heard concerns about service difficulties.
- 1967-**Louthan sued** Zoning Board of Appeals. Decision reversed by Court of Common Pleas.
- 1967-**Knollwood Dr.** dedication as a public road-court summoned.
- 1967-**Bath Post Office** requested that Bath Police continue to lock building at approx. 8 pm.
- 1967-Plans were made for the **Sesqui-centennial** (150 years).
- 1967-Proposed vacation of **Montrose Ave.**
- 1967-Thomas Dillon proposed cluster and open space development for southeast corner of **Revere and Everett.**
- 1967-**B-2** office-research district proposed.
- 1967-**Streelighting** proposed for hazardous intersections.
- 1967-**Park land** (Birch property) being held with a \$200 option.
- 1967-One mill general operating levy, half mill park levy and referendum on the **November ballot.**
- 1967-**Park levy** defeated. Trustees pay for the option on 50 ½ acres after the failure of the levy.
- 1967-Because of the volume of **gasoline** used by the township Bolin Oil Co. put in a storage and gas pump free. Gasoline was priced at \$.216 per gallon.
- 1967-Board of Education offered for sale the .9 acre lot on the **southeast corner of Bath and Cleveland-Massillon** which was used for parking. Bath Township offered \$1999. School Board rejected the bid (property is valued at twice that).
- 1967-**Averill Property** through North Star development proposes 43 two-family homes in a cluster development on 41 acres on Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Zoning did not permit it.
- 1967-**Burkhardt property** proposed development on northwest corner of Rt. 18 and Cleveland-Massillon Rd. on 163 acres (Springside Dr.).
- 1967-**Sanitary sewers** put in on Sand Run Parkway.
- 1967-Police Department sought information on an **FM band** previously purchased.
- 1967-**Fire Inspection** program established.
- 1967-**Bath-Crest Estates** (Bath-Crest Rd. off Smith Rd.) approved.

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- **1968**-Trustees withdrew township proposal of \$1999 to buy $\frac{9}{10}$ acre **site of old Bath High** purchased in 1888 (Bath Rd and Cleveland-Massillon south of Town Hall) by the Bath School District and belonging to the Revere Board of Education. It was purchased for \$3500 in October.
- 1968- Annual **appropriations** were \$179,034.
- 1968-Bath **Advisory Council** met with trustees.
- 1968-**Mutual aid** contract signed between Bath Township and Richfield Village.
- 1968-**Meetings** were held the first three Mondays at 7:30 pm with the second meeting devoted to the fire and police departments.
- 1968-**Welcome Wagon** briefed trustees on their organization as they requested a welcome letter from the trustees to new residents.
- 1968-Discussed paving **Mackinaw and Caledonia Ave.**
- 1968-**Bath Community Council** declared inactive and defunct.
- 1968-North Star Development Corp. proposed cluster housing on 42 acres of land on **Cleveland-Massillon Rd.** rejected by Zoning Commission. Trustees set a hearing. Withdrawn.
- 1968-Denied zoning application for a **riding school** proposed by James Lemmon on Everett Rd.

- 1968-Approved **drainage easement** for Baylis-Sorrells.
- 1968-**Zoning text** and map changes adopted including five acres for R-1. Twenty-one referendum petitions submitted with 415 signatures (378 certified) were declared invalid because they didn't have an "affidavit of the circulator" as prescribed by law. Tri-County Planning and Bath Township Planning Commission recommended revisions.
- 1968-Township **Highway and Services Superintendent** authorized at \$3.60 /hr.
- 1968-Interim funds invested in United States **treasury bills** (principal amount \$70,000 at maturity).
- 1968-Lighting contract with Ohio Edison for 60 **street lights** approved.
- 1968-Aetna Insurance Co. medical and life **insurance** accepted for a total of \$2000 paid by the township for employees. PERS increased rates to 7.7% for employees and 9.3% for employers.
- 1968-DNR reported on a survey of the recreational potential of the **Cuyahoga River Valley**.
- 1968-**Bath Antique Show** held at the Town Hall.
- 1968-**Bath Sesquicentennial** celebration held in July.
- 1968-Approved use of the Town Hall by the **Bath Squares** (square dancing).
- 1968-1969-**Annexation** hearing for Eaton property, Lot 92 and 93 totaling 115 acres held. Commissioners approved request by petitioners for withdrawal of request. In 1969 they requested a change in zoning from R-2 to R-4 and E-3 (?).
- 1968-Board of Commissioners disapproved construction of a road over Lot 21A in **Bellaire Estates Allotment** No. 2 to connect Old Line Dr. in the old Connecticut Land Grant Allotment No. 1 and South Walnut Ridge Rd. in the Bellaire Estates Allotment No. 2.
- 1968-**Alley in Ghent** proposed to be vacated.
- 1968-**No parking signs** placed on Cleveland-Massillon and Ira and Bath Rd. near intersection.
- 1968-**Sewer plant** proposed for Richfield.
- 1968-Advisory Council recommended the township use inheritance funds to buy the **Birch property** for a Town Hall site. Trustees approved purchase of 38.2 acres for \$50,000 plus a lease and option to purchase an additional 11.5 acres from Larson for future township purposes.
- 1968-Burkhardt Consolidated requested two **billboards** for their industrial research park.
- **1969-Rules and Regulations Resolution:** Three monthly meetings at 8 pm; three Trustee's salary \$2800/yr.; Clerk salary \$3600/yr.; Clerk-\$750/yr.; Police Chief Ferguson-\$9600/yr.; Asst. Chief W. Gravis-\$8700/yr.; patrolman \$7200; volunteers/Police Constables-\$2.50/hr. for ten hours/month; Fire Chief Hershey-\$1400/yr.; Assist. Chief D. Gravis-\$360/yr.; Captain-\$270/yr.; Chief at an additional \$56.84/shift; AC and Capt. to serve as full-time firemen-\$7560/yr.; volunteers-\$120/yr. and \$2.75/call and \$3.25/training; Highway and Service Superintendent-\$3.90/hr.; mileage-\$.10/mile; Zoning Inspector-\$1700/yr.; Custodian-\$1500/yr.; Cemetery Caretaker-\$250/mo.
- 1969-Bath Community Center Development Committee made of representatives from ten organizations was created to determine the use of Birch property (**Bath Community Activity Center**). Purchased 38.1739 acres (later purchased an additional 3 acres) on Lot 35.
- 1969-Lighting contract added 20 **street lights**.
- 1969-**Hill and Dale Estates** Section B and **Country View Estates** approved by Summit County Planning.
- 1969-**Revere Woods** (Coronado) and **Carmel Estates** (Pebble Beach) requested reduction in speed limit.
- 1969-Trustees approved revised zoning creating **new R-4 and B-3 districts**.
- 1969-**Volunteer Fire Dept** (Bath Fire Dept Inc.) purchased 4 acres at Revere and Everett Roads for fire training for \$15,000.

- 1969-**Pay phone removed** from Town Hall because it wasn't paying for itself.
- 1969-Requested **two traffic lights** at the intersections where Ira and Bath cross Cleveland-Massillon Rd.
- 1969-**Bathcrest Estates** Section A approved by Summit County Planning.
- 1969-**Hills and Dales Estates** Section D approved by Summit County Planning. Trustees approved Hills and Dales Section C. (generally Bath Hills Blvd.)
- 1969-Acme Ash Service Co. collected **rubbish** in Bath at a rate of \$3.00/mo. for two cans.
- 1969-Northerly 60 ft. vacated on **West Alley** in Ghent Allotment.
- 1969-Traffic light requested at **Herberich School** Smith Rd.
- 1969-1970-**Bath Township Community Development Corp.**, Inc. was incorporated on June 20. Fifteen governors were appointed (ten were appointed by listed organizations and five were appointed by the trustees). In 1970 considered three backstops for Little League, a well, and a shelter.
- 1969-The Bath Township Advisory Council recommended that the **Bath Police Department** be retained as an independent organization without formal affiliation with the Summit County Sheriff. The trustees agreed because the new civil service requirement would not allow a joint agreement to continue. Therefore, they created the Bath Township Police District in October.
- 1969-**Ledgewood Acres** Subdivision proposed.
- 1969-**Colony Hills Allotment** for condominium lots were in violation of zoning since they were 1 ½ acres to the center line of the road. Lots were reconfigured to the right-of-way.
- 1969-Sixteen residents complained of a **kenel operation** at 2436 Revere Rd. There were apparently up to 19 dogs kept on the property. The trustees requested that they cease and desist from operation. Owner indicated it was a hobby.
- 1969-1970-**Stout's** was requested to cease and desist from certain non-nursery operations as noted in a Journal Entry of the Summit County Common Pleas Court. Court hearing in December moved to October-November after several delays.
- 1969-1970-**American Oil Co.** sued Bath Township in Common Pleas Court for high-rise sign. Demurrer overruled. Stop order placed on building since zoning permit was not requested. Court rendered a decision in November.
- 1969-Fire Chief reported that the **Horse Show** net profits were \$7210.81
- 1969-Rezoning of **gas station** on Yellow Creek and Cleveland-Massillon from B-1 to B-2 approved by Zoning Commission. Trustees did not act on this therefore it was approved.
- 1969-Rezoning of Lutz property at **710 Ghent** from R-2 to R-4 for apartments denied.
- **1970-Clearwater Sand and Gravel** zoning request from R-2 to R-4 multifamily was rejected.
- 1970-**Police mutual aid** agreement signed with Northampton, Copley and Fairlawn.
- 1970-**Dr. E. W. Brucks** (Bath Animal Hosp.) asked for a rezoning to match the non-conforming use of property on Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Rezoning approved by trustees provided there were land restrictions on the deed.
- 1970-First annual **Bath Police Golf Outing** was a success.
- 1970-Charges for opening and closing **cemetery grave** set at \$100 (\$70 for labor and \$30 for the general fund). Grave lots (four sites) established at \$100.
- 1970-A request by **Bathcrest** to rezone from R-2 to R-3 was withdrawn.
- 1970-Northern Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency requested input from the township on the proposed **I-77**.
- 1970-At the completion of **redcoration** of the police department an **open house** was held at the Safety Building.
- 1970-A **fire mutual aid** agreement with Granger Township approved.

- 1970-Rezoning of **Eaton property** from R-2 to R-4 and B-3 denied. A portion rezoned from R-3 to R-4 plus 150 foot buffer was created.
- 1970-A **fire mutual aid** agreement with City of Akron approved.
- 1970-Oak Hill speed limit changed from 60 to 20 mph to accommodate the 30,000 visitors to **Hale Homestead**.
- 1970-Grange held **township picnic**.
- 1970-**Nursery operation** requested to cease on Everett Rd.
- 1970-**Zoning Resolution** 411-1 established district as 1 ½ acre single-family dwellings.
- 1970-One mill fire and 1 mill police levies plus a 1.6 mill road renewal **levy** placed on ballot.
- 1970-Judge rules that BZA must allow a building permit for **Marathon Oil**. The zoning inspector questioned approval since the set backs were non-conforming.
- 1970-**Zoning** resolution 421-5 added to allow more than one principal building and/or use permitted.
- 1970-**Rezoned** Sitz parcel on Everett off Cleveland-Massillon from B-1 to R-2.
- 1970-Preliminary approval for the **Spring Hill Allotment** from Summit County Planning.