BBA - Member Meeting
October 7, 2025

Guest Speaker: David Axson
Watch recording of the presentation on our YouTube channel here:
https://youtu.be/0FVBr23cLJA?si=lOwGVcGdRReFZK2o

I submit the following Administrator's Report for next week's BBA Meeting:

- Bath Township recently acquired a residential property at 1170 N. Cleveland Massillon Rd. contiguous to the Bath Center Campus. While there are no confirmed plans for development of the parcel, future expansion of the campus would now be possible with this additional property.
- Bath Township officials are closely monitoring legislation recently approved that eliminates emergency and replacement levies. Replacement levies are used to adjust levy collection to align with current property valuation. Under Ohio law, levies passed in a given year are restricted and can collect only at the property valuation existing in the year a levy was passed. A reduction factor is applied to voter-approved levies to ensure the levy collects at a rate no higher than the valuation in the year in which the levy was approved. Concurrent with this legislation is a citizen led initiative to abolish property taxes, the result of which would be devastating to townships and school districts. The group, AXOHTAX.COM, is collecting signatures to place an amendment on the ballot in 2026 to abolish taxes (418,000 signatures needed).   Bath Township is working with the Ohio Township Association, as well as the Township Association of Summit County to inform voters of the devastating consequences if such a measure would pass. Because there's no alternate funding plan in place, emergency services, zoning, road maintenance and parks would effectively be shut down.
- Non -emergency calls to Bath Dispatch are now being handled by an AI attendant through the firm Aurelian. The system is designed to be very interactive, unlike a phone tree many of us have experienced when calling phone carriers and other national retailers. The system works in the background, allowing dispatchers to visually see information that the AI attendant is generating. It allow dispatchers to prioritize 9-1-1 emergency calls, particularly during major storm events and other emergency incidents. If a call enters the system as a non-emergency, but the attendant distinguishes through voice inflection or other circumstances that it's an emergency, the call is transferred to a live dispatcher.

Thank you,
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Next meeting:
November 4, 2025 at the Bath Township Trustee's Room, 3864 W Bath Road. We will be discussing 2026 dues and presenting the 2026 budget and slate of officers for consideration.