

**January 28, 2025 Regular Meeting**  
Bethel Township Trustees  
3333 Lake Road  
7:00 p.m.

**Welcome, pledge and prayer:** Led by Trustee Alec Ashbaugh at 7:02pm

**In Attendance:** Trustees Chris Crowley, Alec Ashbaugh, Nancy Brown, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny.

**Announcements:** The administrative offices will be closed from Wednesday, January 29 through Friday, January 31, 2025, so the office personnel can attend education classes.

Clark County Sheriff Major Nawman spoke about Bethel Township Fire Marshall Keith Hawkins as a Tactical Medic in their Special Operations Team.

**Citizens Comments related to the agenda:** None

Trustee Brown moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68590 through 68663, and AHC deductions 59-2025 through 129-2025 in the amount of \$95,830.65. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

Nothing noted.

**Road:**

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to approve the payment to the Clark Conty Engineers Office for the Striping of several Bethel Township roads. The amount to be paid will be \$12,500.00. Seconded by Trustee brown. R/C: All ayes.

**Police:**

Trustee Ashbaugh said we are still waiting on one of the quotes for future purchase of Township Deputy vehicles. Trustee brown said that Rhonda Ledford had received one quote back.

**Fire:**

**Stats for January 2025:**

Runs: 173      Medical: 105      Multi-Vehicle Accidents: 14      Fire: 7

Good Intend: 47

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Administration:**

Nothing Noted.

### **Police:**

Trustee Crowley motioned to allocate \$10,000.00 to set aside for extra duty hours. Trustee brown added that there is already overtime that is negotiated into the contract with Clark County Sheriff's office but is generally only utilized after their shift to complete paperwork and end-of-day tasks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

### **Road:**

Nothing Noted.

### **Fire:**

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the hiring of the following people to the Bethel Township Fire Department. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

1. Clayton Snider as part-time FF2/Paramedic at \$22.75 per hour.
2. Max Longworth as part-time FF2/EMT at \$18.75 per hour.
3. J.B. Henry will be a part-time EMT at \$16.00 per hour.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve a resolution authorizing Bethel Township Fire Marshall Keith Hawkins to perform duties with the Clark County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Team. These duties will include training, team call-outs, drone call-outs, and any other special requests at locations where the team is required to respond. Motion seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Informatively this resolution was tabled on June 10, 2023 and never previously placed on the agenda due to Chief King's resignation.

### **Special & Work Sessions:**

Trustee Brown moved to set a work / special work session on February 4, 2025 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be open.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Citizen Don Wallace requested a copy of the 2024 Budget. Fiscal Officer McKenzie said she would try to get that to him by the end of the week.

Mr. Wallace inquired about the trustee's involvement in the upcoming levy, to assist in educating the public. Trustee Crowley explained that ORC 9.03 prohibits the trustees from getting

involved in the levy planning because it can be conceived as an ethics violation and added that the State had tightened down on such regulations in recent years. Trustee Ashbaugh said that we may look at additional levies.

Citizen Steve Coppess asked if the Township had money in interest bearing accounts and Fiscal Officer McKenzie said they did, in the amount of approximately \$4 mil.

Mr. Coppess stated that during recent months, the Trustees have increased administrative costs while stating that they need more funds. Trustee Ashbaugh said that some funds are expected in but agreed that they are currently spending more than they are bringing in, which would be the reason for an additional levy or levies.

Citizen Chuck McKenzie said that last week, Mr. Wallace inquired if the meeting minutes were available, and he was told by Township Administrator Rhonda Leford that they were available on the Bethel Township website. Mr. McKenzie observed that there had been no meeting minutes posted on that site since October 8, 2024. Trustee Ashbaugh said he would check with Rhonda Leford about that.

Mr. McKenzie inquired as to the total pay of full-time employees from the General Fund and questioned how the January 20, 2025, Executive Memo returning government employees to in-person work from President Trump effected the township.

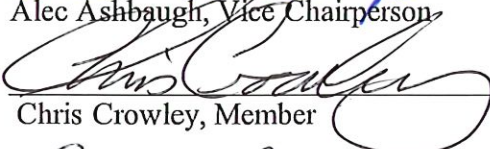
Citizen Rene Wamer questioned the destruction of the concession stand at the ballpark and Trustee Crowley explained that a new building had been purchased using ARPA funds.

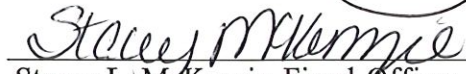
Ms. Wamer notified the trustees and Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny that the township snowplow had recently ran into the curb of her yard. Mr. Stastny said he would come by next week (as he was in training this week) to see if they could repair the plow damage.

Trustee Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

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Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson

  
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Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson

  
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Chris Crowley, Member

  
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Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

