

October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting
Bethel Township Trustees
3333 Lake Road
7:00 p.m.

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustee Alec Ashbaugh at 7:05 pm

In Attendance: Trustees Alec Ashbaugh, Nancy Brown and Chris Crowley, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny,

Announcements:

The Highway Hikers Motorcycle Club will be holding their 47th Annual Toy Run on October 19, 2025 beginning at the VFW Post #9684 on Lake Road. Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy for this worthy cause. Enjoy watching and hearing them as they begin their ride at 1:00pm.

Gateway Business Group will host “Meet the Candidates” event at the Bethel Township Community Center, 11200 Gerlaugh Rd., Medway, OH on October 23, 2025. The event starts at 7:00pm. Please join us and learn more about what each candidate hopes to accomplish in Bethel Township.

Citizens Comments related to the agenda: None

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

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to pay the bills from prior period of 8/27/2025 through 9/9/2025, checks #69264, 69265 and AHC payments 1340-2025 through 1342-2025 in the amount of \$5,452.17. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to pay the bills from prior period 9/10/2025 through 9/23/2025, checks #69266 – 69300 and AHC payments 1389-2025 – 1408-2025 in the amount of \$90,875.78. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley moved to pay the bills for period 9/24/2025 through 10/14/2025 with checks # 69301 – 69342 and AHC payments 1409-2025 – 1567-2025 in the amount of \$387,043.20. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes. (Biggest portion of this amount was to A & B Asphalt.)

Trustee Crowley moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the September 23, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

Trustee Brown motioned to accept the quote from The Bridge Group for the in-person or remote training, as well as compliance review performance, including NIST & CIS, as required in HB-96, in the amount of \$2,845.00. Seconded by trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Road:

Nothing Noted.

Police:

Nothing Noted.

Fire:

Nothing Noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration:

Trustee Brown motioned to eliminate the toll-free 800 number used to receive fax messages, saving the Township \$20.00 per month. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

The Medway Historical Society requested permission to use the Bethel Township Community Center or Fire Station 51 meeting room for pictures with Santa on Saturday, December 6, 2025. No time frame was determined but estimated to be no more than two or three hours. Trustees Ashbaugh and Crowley suggested doing the photos at the Township Administrative Office. Trustee Crowley motioned to allow the Medway Historical Society to use the Township Office to have their photo session on Saturday, December 6, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Police:

Stats for September 2025, for both deputies.

Calls: 88 Assists: 13 Reports: 10 Traffic Stops: 47 Citations: 20
Warnings: 27 Arrests: 27 Twp Follow-ups: 2 Traffic Crashes: 3 Stolen Vehicles: 0

Trustee Crowley motioned to pass a resolution to enter into a contract with the Clark County Sheriff for the 2026 Law Enforcement Agreement with final review. The cost of this contract will include the deputies base pay, sick time payout, comp time payout, projected overtime, extra duty hours, training and retirement funding. Also included are Medicare premiums, worker's compensation, life insurance, dental insurance, health insurance, uniform allowance, and liability insurance. The cost is \$151,552.63 per deputy and \$4,281.84 for Cradle Point Internet access and two Axon cameras for each township cruiser. The total cost of the contract is \$307,387.10. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Fire:

Nothing Noted.

Road:

Trustee Crowley motioned to withdraw the following inoperable vehicles from our inventory and offer them for sale on GovDeals.com. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

1. 1993 Chevrolet 3500 Dual (1GBJK34K7PE169591)
2. 1998 International 4900 (1HTSOAAR7XH655254)
3. 2004 International 7400 (1HTWDAAR94JO93007)

Special & Work Sessions:

No work session was scheduled.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:


Resident Nancy from Crystal Lake had questions and suggestions regarding the proposed annex from New Carlisle. Trustees discussed the options and roadblocks of the JEDs and TIFs.

Resident Hank also discussed the merger / annexation rumors from New Carlisle.

Residents asked about beaver dams. Trustee Ashbaugh discussed the fact that as soon as the beaver dams are removed, they are just rebuilt. He said that property owners are discussing trapping the beavers and then destroying the dams.

Heath discussed a drug bust over the weekend and advised the trustees that some evidence was temporarily stored in the Deputies office, creating an odor in the administrative offices.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.


Alec Ashbaugh, Chairperson
Chris Crowley, Vice Chairperson
Nancy Brown, Member
Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie.

