

November 11, 2025 Regular Meeting
Bethel Township Trustees
3333 Lake Road
7:00 p.m.

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustee Alec Ashbaugh at 7:00pm

In Attendance: Trustees Alec Ashbaugh, Nancy Brown and Chris Crowley, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny, Administrator Rhonda Ledford

Announcements:

Citizens Comments related to the agenda: None

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

Trustee Crowley moved to pay the bills, check numbers 69343 through 69414, and AHC deductions 1568-2025 through 1721-2025 in the amount of \$256,532.18. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the October 14, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes. (Trustee Brown abstained as she was not present at the October 14 meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

Nothing noted.

Road:

Nothing noted.

Police:

Nothing noted.

Fire:

Chief Snyder stated that the International truck was sold for \$6700.00 on Govdeals.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration:

The dates for the Ohio Township Winter Conference are February 4 – 6, 2026. The cost will be \$185.00 per night for hotel rooms and registration fees of \$135.00 for members and \$185.00 for non-members. Individuals showing interest to attend were Bryan Stastny, Stacey McKenzie, Steve Coppass and Health Jones.

The township received the renewal for the current insurance policy. The policy increase is at a rate of 10.2%, bringing the payment to \$3,388.71. The higher deductible would be \$8,500.00 / \$17,000 (in network) would cost \$2,874.48. Rhonda Ledford has requested another quote.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the VSP insurance quote of the following: Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

VSP Renewal 1/1/2026 – Plan 1

Rate per enrollee per month	Current Rate(s) 1/1/24 – 12/31/25	Renewal Rate(s) 1/1/26 – 12/31/27
EE Only	\$16.61	\$15.95
EE + 1 Dependent	\$26.31	\$27.18
EE + Family	\$42.82	\$41.11

Fiscal Officer McKenzie mentioned the OTARMA liability insurance, which has been increased by 58%. When asked, the OTARMA rep stated that the increase was the result of HCA appraised values.

Police:**Stats for October 2025: (Both Deputies)**

Calls: 97	Assists: 14	Reports: 15	Traffic Stops: 25	Warnings: 15
Citations: 19	Arrests: 21	Follow-ups: 0	Traffic Crashes: 4	Stolen Vehicles Recovered: 0

Fire:**Stats for September 2025:**

Medial: 100	MVA: 15	Fire: 22	Good Intent: 52	Monthly Total: 189
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Stats for October 2025:

Medical : 108	MVA: 23	Fire: 16	Good Intent: 51	Monthly Total 198
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Chief Snyder said stats for the year: 1947.

Chris Abshear pay raise to FF1/EMT-P at \$20.50 per hour was effective October 18, 2025.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the resignation of JB Henry, effective October 21, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the resignation from Raymon Kinard effective October 20, 2025, due to staffing requirements at another job. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to change the internet service at Donnelsville Fire Station #54 to MetroNet from Spectrum. The current Spectrum bill is \$209.93 a month. The proposed charge from MetroNet will be \$89.95 with a 36 month commitment. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Road:

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the resignation of Warren Lee from the Bether Township Road Department effective November 14, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C; All ayes.

Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny discussed quotes from KE Rose for Ford Truck and Thompsons Hydraulic Cylinder Repair for a total of \$8,695.00.

Stastny advised that the road department will need new blades on the arm mower, at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the purchase of new blades for the arm mower. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to repair the bucket on the loader at an estimated cost of \$1,850.00, with back-up bid of \$4,000.00 to replace the control arm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Stastny advised that the township would be receiving 350 tons of salt on November 12, 2025. Trustee Ashbaugh suggested that the distributors adjust the release levels to conserve on salt distribution as well as proper training with new drivers.

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a special / work session on Tuesday, October 18, 2025 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Discussion will be :

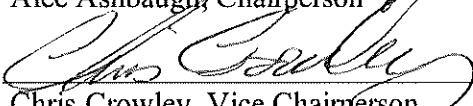
CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Resident Don Wallace requested copies of new budget documentation.

Resident Jim Shaw made a complaint about the public not being notified of the cancelled meeting. Trustee Ashbaugh and Administrator Ledford said that in the future they will ensure that any cancellations would be announced on other venues besides social media, to include the sign in front of the township office, the phone line and the township website.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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.