

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

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustee Alec Ashbaugh at 7:04 pm

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

Announcements: BZA will hold a public meeting on February 27, 2025 at 2:00 pm in conference room 151 for Richard Hardy and Debra Swaninger,, They are seeking a variance request to Chapter 8, Section 802.03.052 to allow an accessory structure larger than 1500 sq. ft. prior to the construction of the primary dwelling. The property is located at 11005 Musselman Rd.

Citizens Comments related to the agenda: None

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

Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68664 through 68704, and AHC deductions 122-2025 through 211-2025 in the amount of \$140,298.81. Second, by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the January 28, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

A resolution recorded on the December 10, 2024, agenda was recorded as Trustee Ashbaugh making the motion and seconding the motion. As a result of that record, Trustees made the following correction:

Trustee Brown motioned to approve a resolution to continue with Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC at a continued billing rate of \$225.00 per hour for the legal representation regarding the TIF for the year 2025. Second, by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown suggested setting aside a budget of approximately \$10,000.00 for the purpose of paying attorney fees. Trustee Brown said she will discuss with Fiscal Officer McKenzie to put on the next meeting agenda.

Road:

Nothing noted.

Police:

Trustees discussed the following quotes for a new cruiser:

Tim Lally Chevrolet: The base cost is \$52,5000.00, and has a delivery wait of approximately 4 to 5 months upon ordering.

Statewide Ford: Base price of a Pursuit Durango is \$42,000.00. Recommended budgeting for uplift on that vehicle is \$16,000.00.

Fire:

Nothing Noted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Administration:**

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to pass the 1st amended certificate of estimated resources from the Clark County Auditor, totaling \$7,449,279.99. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: Abstained by Trustee Brown.

Trustees discussed their interest in investigating details of the CDGB fund grant available for 2025, in the amount of \$250,000.00.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept quote #2759 from Victory Electric for \$2,100.00 to replace the fused 200 amp. service with new main disconnect, powering the lights and concession stand at Medlake Park. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C; All ayes.

The BTCC will be rented for the week of March 10 – 14 by Clear Coat. United Senior Services would like to hold their lunches at the community room at the township office.

Trustee Crowley motioned to allow United Senior Services to use the Bethel Township meeting room or the Donnelsville Community Center on Tuesday, March 11, and Thursday, March 13, 2025, to serve meals for the senior citizens of Bethel Township. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Police:

Stats for January 2025 (Both Deputies)

Calls: 83 Assists: 9 Reports: 12 Traffic Stops: 23 Citations: 4 Warnings: 16

Arrests: 21 Twp. Follow-ups: 2 Stolen Vehicles: 0

Fire:

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Board of Clark County Commissioners on behalf of the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Bethel Township Fire & EMS. This allows Bethel Township Fire & EMS to provide emergency services and medical personnel to assist in operations with the CCSO, including tactical Medic Services provided by Fire Marshall Keith Hawkins during high-risk operations. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes. (Resolution required Trustee signatures.)

Road:

While reviewing the policy and procedures manual and speaking with Road Supervisor, Bryan Stastny, it was suggested that PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) be purchased to maintain compliance with the township road department. The following equipment was suggested:

Hard hats, High-Visibility Vests, Ear protection, High-Visibility shirts, Rip stop gloves.

Trustee Brown motioned to purchase the following PPE equipment for the Bethel Township Road Department as suggested: 3 short sleeve (HV/reflective) shirts, 3 long sleeve (HV/reflective) shirts, 1 (HV/reflective) vest, 1 safety glasses, 1 ear protection, 1 hard hat, totaling approximately \$2,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Road Crew Supervisor Bryan Stastny said that he was obtaining quotes for 3 new John Deere tractor tires.

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Crowley moved to set a work / special work session on February 15, 2025 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be open but will include continued review of policies and procedures and levy discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Residents on Forest Drive addressed the continuing problem with Rumpke, Waste Management and other vehicles running into their yards. Trustee Ashbaugh said he had received and reviewed their photos.

Resident Steve Coppass asked how soon the Policies and Procedures manual would be completed? Trustee Ashbaugh said that they were halfway done and hoped to have it completed in the next couple of months, but it would still need to be reviewed by legal counsel.

Resident Don Wallace received the 2022/2023/2024 budget report previously requested.

Mr. Wallace asked if the Trustees had received and reviewed the county review of the economic impact study conducted regarding the Rumpke development.

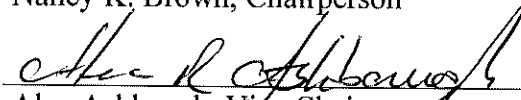
Mr. Wallace discussed the vital role that the Trustees hold in discussing a potential levy with the community, stating that the story is not getting out to the community.

Aggerate representative Joe Garrett spoke briefly about the increase in utility services and that the aggerate program was protecting the township residents involved in the program.

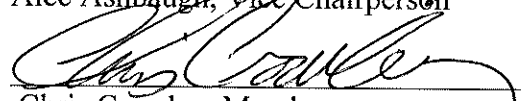
Joe Garrett shared his opinions on the levy proposal and explained that residents want to see a value attached to the levy, a minimal cost and maximum value to the residents and that residents down always see their tax dollars as valued. Mr. Garrett suggested that the inside millage should be included in the General Fund and not the Road Fund, as it has been for decades.

Trustee Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

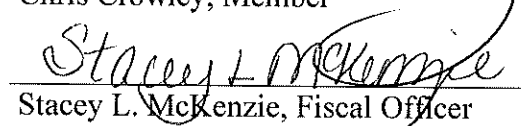
Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson



Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson



Chris Crowley, Member



Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Chuck McKenzie.