

February 25, 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 Chris Crowley and Alec Ashbaugh, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Administrator Rhonda Ledford, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny. (Absent was Trustee Nancy Brown)

Announcements: Mr. Sewell called to report that Tillie Lane has not flooded recently, and he believes that installing larger drain tiles has helped reduce the flooding.

Citizens Comments related to the agenda: None

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

Trustee Crowley moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68705 through 68742, and AHC deductions 213-2025 through 270-2025 in the amount of \$93,557.03. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

The approval of the meeting minutes from February 11, 2025, was tabled as they were not ready for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

Nothing noted.

Road:

Nothing noted.

Police:

Nothing noted.

Fire:

Nothing Noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration:

Fiscal Officer McKenzie discussed the 2022-2023 audit results.

Police:

Clark County Sheriff Chris Clark spoke briefly and presented an award to a resident.

Trustees Ashbaugh and Crowley presented a certificate of appreciation to Deputy Payne, Deputy Weaver and K9 Pablo for their recent drug bust in the township.

Fire:

Nothing noted.

Road:

Trustee Crowley motioned to advertise for a part-time employment opportunity of the Bethel Township Road Department. Pay will be \$18.75 per hour. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the quote from Best-One Tire for new tires for the John Deere Tractor for \$2,183.00. This will include both front and rear tires. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to increase the boot allowance for the Bethel Township Road Crew department, effective February 25, 2025. Full time employees will be reimbursed at \$200.00, while part-time employees will be reimbursed \$100.00 annually. If an employee utilizes this benefit and separates from the township within 90 days, the amount will be deducted from their final paycheck. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the quote from the Clark County Engineers for 30 x 20 (16 gauge) annular CMP for \$1,632.00, 30 x 1' Band with bolts for \$52.70 and delivery charge of \$325.00 for a total of \$2,009.70. This will be for the Lake Road project. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned for Bethel Township to pay ODOT testing through Citran for the Bethel Township Road Department employees with CDL licenses. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to pass a resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Board of Clark County Commissioners, representing the Clark County Buildings & Grounds Department, and the Bethel Township Trustees. This MOU is for the repair of vehicles, equipment, and parts. The hourly rate for the services will remain at \$45.00 per hour from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a work / special work session on March 4, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be open but will include guardrail repair on Osborn Rd.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Residents of Wilts Lane inquired about a notice received about cancellation of the aggregate program.

Don Wallace discussed the trustees' involvement in levy education to inform the public about the need for approval for the General Funds levy.

Trustees discussed obtaining a treasurer for the upcoming levies. Trustee Crowley said he did have someone in mind.

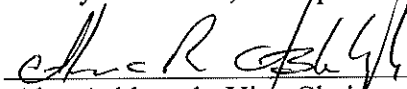
Steve Coppess inquired about the Township Sheriff's cruisers. Trustee Crowley explained that the Township should achieve full motor pool soon, but there was no estimated time frame.

Residents discussed delinquent property taxes within the township.

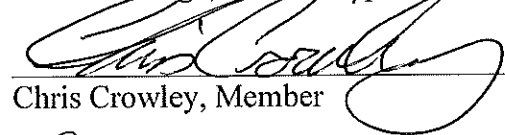
Trustee Ashbaugh asked F.O. McKenzie about the striping invoice for Clark County. McKenzie stated that the invoice had been paid.

Trustee Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

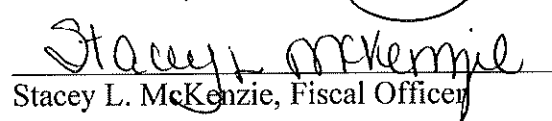
Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson



Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson



Chris Crowley, Member



Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacey McKenzie.

