

**March 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 Chris Crowley and Alec Ashbaugh, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Administrator Rhonda Ledford, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny. (Absent was Trustee Nancy Brown)

**Announcements:** Bethel Township now has Archer Energy for our natural gas supplier through our aggregation program.

Bethel Township is excited to announce the installation of Medlake playground equipment. The concession stand for Medlake will be delivered March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Bethel Township will be participating in the "Blue Ribbon tree" initiative through Clark County Job & Family Services to support Child Abuse Prevention. The tree in front of Fire Station #51 will be decorated and the winner will be chosen and recognized at the Child Advocacy Centers annual event. Deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting to contribute blue lights or decorations for the tree, please let the township know.

**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 68743 through 68780, and AHC deductions 271-2025 through 353-2025 in the amount of \$195,317.12. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to approve the reading and accept the minutes from the February 11, 2025 and February 25, 2025. Seconded by trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

Nothing noted.

**Road:**

Nothing noted.

**Police:**

Nothing noted.

**Fire:**

Nothing Noted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to pass a resolution to accept the final appropriations of \$5,930,759.24 for 2025. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustees discussed that United Senior Services had offered to pay \$2000.00 per year for the rent of the Bethel Township Community Center, which was half of the \$4000.00 per year. Trustee Crowley motioned to accept the agreement with USS to pay Bethel Township \$2000.00 per year for the use of the Bethel Township Community Center for two days per week. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to classify the following properties as nuisances. Bethel Township shall issue the necessary notifications, and should the property issues remain unaddressed, the township will initiate action and subsequently refer the matter to Clark County for abatement. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

1. 1815 Dale Ridge (0100500031105002) – Cars on jacks, debris in yard.
2. 1686 Dale Ridge (0100500031107029) – Debris in yard.
3. 1614 Dale Ridge (0100500031110021) – Owner works on vehicles / debris in yard.
4. 1209 Bookwalter (0100500031218010) – Roosters on property.

**Police:**

**Stats for February for both deputies:**

CALLS: 83    ASSISTS: 9    REPORTS: 12    TRAFFIC STOPS: 20    WARNINGS: 16

ARRESTS: 21    FOLLOW-UPS: 2    TRAFFIC CRASHES: 3    STOLEN VEHICLES: 0

Trustees Ashbaugh motioned to pass a resolution of equipment transfer (rear cage) that no longer fits our cruiser to the Clark County Sheriff. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**Fire:**

**Fire Stats for February:**

TOTAL CALLS: 176    MEDICAL: 94    MVA: 23    FIRES: 6    GOOD INTENT: 53

YTD: TOTAL CALLS: 374    210 MEDICAL    MVA: 38    FIRES: 15    G.I.: 111

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to hire the following individuals for part-time positions in the Bethel Township Fire Department. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

1. Chase Turner, EMT-B at \$16.00 per hour.
2. Thurston Rampulla, EMT-B at \$16.00 per hour.

Trustee Crowley motioned to hire the following individual for part-time position in the Bethel Township Fire Department. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

3. Carley Wilster, FF-1-EMT Advanced at \$18.75 per hour.

### **Road:**

Trustee Ashbaugh stated that the road paving prices had been received from the Clark County Engineers Office, at a total of \$980,262.00 and Trustees discussed which roads would be worked. F.O. McKenzie estimated that between the gasoline tax and permissive tax funds, the Township should have approximately \$450,000.00 for roads.

Administrator Ledford asked how much money from the ARPA funds had been set aside for Lamms Lane. F.O. McKenzie said approximately \$35,000.00.

Trustee Ashbaugh stated that ARPA funds would cover the road repair and other road funds would be used to cut the trees that are damaging the road, as well as additional road repair. Other roads scheduled for repair included Wilts Lane, W. Hartley, Donnelsville-Cemetery. Trustee Ashbaugh stated that they would determine an actual number and vote at the next meeting.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to hire the following individuals to the Bethel Township Road Department pending drug screenings. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

1. Monty Bilyou at \$18.75 per hour.
2. Derek Duffer at \$18.75 per hour.

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

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a work / special work session on March 18, 2025 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be roads and levys.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

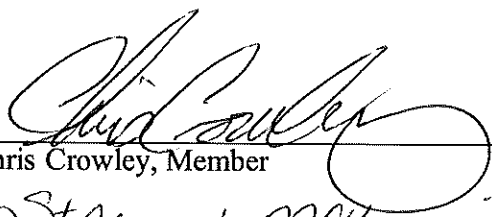
Residents Steve Coppers asked where the funds for the playground equipment came from and the Trustees advised that it was purchased with ARPA funds.


Don Wallace asked if he could receive a copy of the budget and F.O. McKenzie said she would provide him with that at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. 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 Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie.