March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting

Bethel Township Trustees 3333 Lake Road 7:00 p.m.

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustee Alec Ashbaugh at 7:02pm

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

Announcements: The joint board meeting between Bethel Township, Tecumseh Local Schools and the City of New Carlisle will be on Monday, March 31, 2025.

Citizens Comments related to the agenda: Resident Don Wallace said that the trustees should look at the Tecumseh School system as a good example of how to engage the public regarding the upcoming levies.

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

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68776 through 68812, and AHC deductions 343-2025 through 418-2025 in the amount of \$113,008.55. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the March 11, 2025 and February 25, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to pass resolution **03-25-2025-1** to move all future inside millage collections / payments from the road fund to the general fund under ORC 5705.06. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Road:

Trustee Ashbaugh asked if anyone had found someone willing to act as the Road Levy Treasurer. Rhonda Ledford said that Heath Jones had expressed interest in doing it.

Police:

Rhonda Ledford said that she and Heath Jones had discussed him accepting the position of Treasurer for both levies, combining them as "Bethel Township Levy Committee". Heath is looking into the details.

Administration:
Nothing Noted.
Police:
The 2023 Deputies cruiser is being finished at P&R Communications and should be available for the lettering to be applied by the end of the week.
Fire:
Trustee Crowley motioned to pass a resolution 3-25-2025-2 to accept the Bethel Township Fire Department 2025 billing policy. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.
Road:
Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the quote from Ken's tree Service for the removal of three trees, stump grinder and wood removal in the Medlake playground area. The trees are split and threatening to fall over the new playground equipment. The total cost for the service is \$1,400.00. Motion seconded by trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Special & Work Sessions:

Fire:

Nothing Noted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Residents and TAYSA director Ryan Darling, Tim, Lynn and granddaughter Sophia discussed the recent purchase of the soccer fields that have been purchased by Rumpke. The TAYSA group asked the trustees to revisit the idea of allowing them to practice and play at Raynor Park. Trustees expressed their desire to meet the needs of the township, residents, soccer association and team participants. (There were 390 players last year.) Trustee Crowley suggested looking into parking at Raynor Park and how we could improve the congested parking situation.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a work session on April 1, 2025 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be levies and possibly the employee manual.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

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Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson
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Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson
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Chris Crowley, Member

Minutes taken and transcribed by Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie.