

**May 13, 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, Alec Ashbaugh and Nancy Brown, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Administrator Rhonda Ledford, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny.

**Announcements:**

National Night Out Against Crime will be held at Tecumseh High School on August 5, 2025 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. The collaboration will be with Tecumseh High School, Clark County Park District, dba National Trails & Parks, Bethel Township and the City of New Carlisle. Vendors and food trucks are needed.

Jennifer from United Senior Services invites you to the Summer Celebration at the Bethel Township Community Center on June 17, 2025 from 10:00am – 2:00pm as we celebrate our first anniversary of providing services to seniors in Bethel Township. Over the past year, we have achieved great success, serving up to 39 meals a day and offering a variety of activities. The partnership with United Senior Services and Bethel Township ensures that seniors in the community have access to more comprehensive services. We would like you to come and share in our celebration and meet some of the seniors we serve, and we would look forward to having you join us.

**Citizens Comments related to the agenda:** None noted.

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

Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68865 through 68929, and AHC deductions 558-2025 through 741-2025 in the amount of \$230,810.82. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from April 22, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Brown. 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 accept the proposal from G&C Tree Service to remove the two large Mulberry trees up to and over the walking path and playground at Medlake Park. The cost \$1,200.00 to remove trees, stumps and haul the debris away. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to declare each of the following properties a nuisance and to be abated through the Clark County Auditors office. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

429 Tulip (010050002500035) recurring nuisance. Vacant, debris all around the property.  
12 Laurel Rd. (0100500025114010). Debris all around the property.  
1121 Wendall (0100500031407021). Possibly vacant residence. Being used for boat/ship storage.

Discussion on the internet at Bethel Township Community Center and parking: Businesses show interest in renting the community center but change their mind after realizing that it has no available internet service. United Senior Services said that they would cover half the cost of the \$80.00 monthly service that Rhonda Ledford believes will be the cost.

Parking at Donnelsville Park: Discussed parking behind the building, but there are tanks there. Trustee Ashbaugh will investigate parking options at that location.

### **Police:**

(Stats for April 2025)

Calls: 78      Assists: 22      Reports: 12      Traffic Stops: 24      Citations: 3  
Warnings: 21      Arrests: 15      Follow-ups: 2      Traffic Crashes: 2      Stolen Cars: 0  
Honey Stolen off of Trustee Ashbaugh's Porch: 1

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the Clark County Road Garage to repair the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe. Repairs will be for brakes, rotors and calipers. The cost will be \$2,600.00. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

### **Fire:**

Chief Snyder said that after receiving three estimates, he would like to submit the following:

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve Garber Connect to install a new access control system (Paxton 10) in State #51 and #54 using the LTS product line that includes Bluetooth mobile credentials. This system will be managed remotely and the software will be downloaded onto the Bethel Township's server. The cost is \$55,625.00. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

### **Road:**

Trustee Crowley motioned to hire the following individuals, Athony Gilbert and Alexander Florea, for part-time positions at the Bethel Township Road Department pending drug testing. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

RD Holder contacted Rhonda Ledford regarding changing the propane tank at the Bethel Township Road Garage to one of their own at no cost and signing us up for the commercial propane price. Summer prices are .20 to .30 cents less a gallon. Current prices are approximately \$1.30 a gallon.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve Rhonda Ledford to look into prices to see if the proposal is a reasonable price for Bethel Township and Donnelsville. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh said he spoke with a local property owner about a potential 14-acre property in New Carlisle that could be used for the much-needed soccer field.

Trustee Ashbaugh spoke with Matt Mills who agreed to come and discuss levy committee issues on Thursday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00pm. He has a lot of good ideas. Unfortunately, Sam George has other commitments, and he cannot make that date.

Fiscal Officer McKenzie stated that the Police Levy reads that it is "through 2026" and does not need to go on the ballot for this calendar year but can go on next year.

Trustee Brown stated that she turned in a grant application for \$500,000.00 to pave roads in Park Layne. Another grant for \$750,000.00 is related to water and sewer and she would like to look into that.

Trustee Crowley announced that the Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 17, 2025 at 9:00am at Hosterman Lake. Many prizes will be awarded to multiple winners.

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

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a special / work session on May 20, 2025 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be the wording of the Resolution of Necessity, nuisance properties.


### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**


Resident Sam George spoke about the Solar Project, stating that 90% of the people he had spoken with were against it. He stated the need for the company to obtain an "inflationary bond". Trustees stated that they were aware of the possibility that a solar project was interested in building.


Mr. George said that in two weeks, on May 27, 2025 he will be speaking at the Seniors Citizens lunch regarding the history and the ways state funding is distributed.


Residents Mr. and Mrs. Lindamood inquired about the status of the repaving of Wilts Lane. Trustee Ashbaugh informed him that Wilts Lane is scheduled to be repaved and informed residents that he would be attending a pre-construction meeting, after which he will have more information to provide.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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

  
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Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie.