

Bethel Township Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order @ 6:02 pm

Welcome & Pledge: Led by Trustee Ashbaugh

Attendance: Trustee Ashbaugh, Trustee Coppess, Trustee Berner, Fiscal Officer Doug Meyer, Chief James Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny, & Administrator Rhonda Ledford

Announcements: Impact Bethel will begin offering FREE lunches at Medlake, Raynor, and Smith Park starting at 12:30 PM. Please encourage your children to get outside and enjoy lunch with their school friends.

Citizens' comments related to the agenda:

At this time, we kindly request that all comments be held until the citizens' comment time at the end of our meeting.

Trustee Ashbaugh moves to accept the agenda. Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes

Trustee Ashbaugh moves to pay the bills, check numbers 69823 through 69830, and ACH deductions 643-2026 (640-202) through 727-2026 totaling \$91,322.17.

Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes

Trustee Berner moves to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the May 12, 2026, meeting. Second by Trustee Coppess. R/C: All ayes

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration:

Trustee Coppess makes a motion to declare the following properties a nuisance, and after all leads are exhausted by the township, we will send it to Clark County to be abated. Second by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes

429 Tulip Rd. Medway, Ohio, has been on the nuisance report several times. Just a mess.

112 Middle St. Medway, Ohio Tall grass

200 S. Park St. Medway, Tall grass, animals going in and out of the house.

26-05-26-01 Trustee Ashbaugh makes a motion to pass a resolution to submit a Resolution of Necessity to the Clark County Auditor and Clark County Board of Elections to renew the existing tax levy for the Bethel Township Police Department. Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes **See attached Resolution of Necessity #1**

A renewal of an existing 1.75 mills levy for 5 years commencing 2027 to 2031 for providing and maintaining motor vehicles, communications, and other equipment, buildings, and sites for such buildings used directly in the operation of a police department for the payment of salaries of permanent or part-time communications, or administrative personnel to operate the same including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under the section 145.48 or 742.33 of the ORC for the payment of the cost incurring by townships as a result of contracts made with other political subdivisions to obtain police protection, for the provision of ambulance or emergency medical services operated by the police department or for the payment of other related costs.

Police: Sergeant Lemen has approved Deputy Long to have Deputy James Ohlinger ride with him for a few days to help him acclimate to this area. *Welcome to the team, Deputy Ohlinger*

Fire:

26-05-26-02 Trustee Berner makes a motion to pass a resolution to submit a Resolution of Necessity to the Clark County Auditor and the Clark County Board of Elections to renew the existing tax levy. Second by Trustee Coppess. R/C: All ayes
See attached Resolution of Necessity #2

RENEWAL #1 – Fire & EMS (2 mills, 5 years)

PROPERTY TAX (RENEWAL – 2 mills, 5 YEARS, COMMENCING 2026, FIRST DUE 2027, RENEWAL OF EXISTING LEVY THAT DOES NOT INCREASE TAXES) PROVIDING FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

26-05-26-03 Trustee Ashbaugh makes a motion to pass a resolution to submit a Resolution of Necessity to the Clark County Auditor and Clark County Board of Elections to renew the existing tax levy. Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes
See attached Resolution of Necessity # 3

RENEWAL #2 – Fire & EMS (2 mills, 5 years)

PROPERTY TAX (RENEWAL – 2 mills, 5 YEARS, COMMENCING 2026, FIRST DUE 2027, RENEWAL OF EXISTING LEVY THAT DOES NOT INCREASE TAXES) PROVIDING FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

26-05-26-04 Trustee Coppess makes a motion to pass a resolution to submit a Resolution of Necessity to the Clark County Auditor and the Clark County Board of Elections to renew the existing tax levy. Second by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes

See attached Resolution of Necessity # 4

RENEWAL #3 – (2 mills, 5 years)

PROPERTY TAX (RENEWAL - 2 mills, S YEAR(S), COMMENCING 2022, FIRST DUE 2023, RENEWAL OF EXISTING LEVIES THAT DO NOT INCREASE TAXES) PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, MECHANICAL RESUSCITATORS, UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE-ALARM COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PAYMENT OF FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES OR PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, OR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COST

Road:

Trustee Ashbaugh makes a motion to accept the bid from the Clark County Engineers for the 2026 Roadway Resurfacing Contract. This contract is for the Crystal Lakes Road Project, and the total cost is \$228,635.67. Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes **See attached Road Contract**

Bryan will be ordering new reflective signs for Raynor Park. The cost will be less than \$600.00

May 9, 2026: The 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD with 300,038. miles on it sold on GovDeals.com for \$1675.00

Any update for the repair of the water lines at Bethel Township Community Center & Medlake Ball? **Bryan has called it in to OUPS for the location.**

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Coppess moves to set a special session on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, @ 6:00 pm. Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes

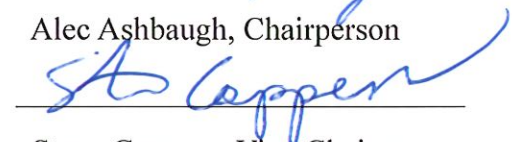
Discussions will be as follows: Discussion of personnel or maybe hiring for the fiscal officer position, road levy contracts, and levy paperwork for the Police & Fire Department

Citizens Comments: A discussion was had as to why we are ticketing people who have a disabled vehicle on the road.

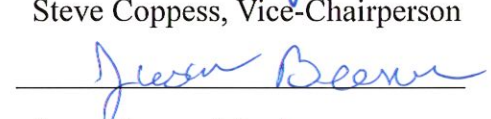
Trustee Ashbaugh moves to adjourn the meeting @ 6:53 pm. Second by Trustee Coppess.
R/C: All ayes



Alec Ashbaugh, Chairperson



Steve Coppess, Vice-Chairperson



Jason Berner, Member

Doug Meyer, Fiscal Officer

Roll call and minutes were taken and transcribed by Administrator Rhonda Ledford