

Bethel Township Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Welcome & Pledge: Led by Trustee Alec Ashbaugh

Attendance: Trustees Ashbaugh, Coppess & Berner, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny, Fiscal Officer Christina Riggs, Past Fiscal Officer Doug Meyer, Chief Jim Snyder & Administrator Rhonda Ledford.

Announcements:

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. Seconded by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes

Trustee Coppess moves to pay the bills, check numbers 69834 through 69841, and ACH deductions 937-2026 through 1099-2026 for a total of \$132,858.56. Seconded by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes

Trustee Ashbaugh moves to dispense with the reading and accepts the minutes from the June 23, 2026, meeting. Second by Trustee Coppess. R/C: All ayes

OLD BUSINESS: Chief Snyder would like to discuss the Fire Department budget during next week's work session.

Josh, representing the organization Dear Dinah, discussed plans for the development of eight tiny houses to serve a women's group that has escaped from human trafficking. This facility, funded by several churches, is designed specifically for women who have escaped and have been through counseling. The land on Quick Road requires rezoning from A-1 agricultural to residential use. The property will exclusively accommodate female residents, and a supervisor will reside in a separate house on the land.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration:

26-07-14-01 Trustee Coppess makes a motion to pass a resolution to submit the 2027 budget to the Clark County Auditors. Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes

Trustee Ashbaugh moves to approve the contract with Applied Mechanical Systems for a “Then & Now” purchase of a new Geothermal extended-range heat pump to replace the existing system that has failed. The lead time will be 10-12 weeks to have the system built and installed at the cost of \$15,600.00. Second by Trustee Coppess. R/C: All ayes

The Medway Historical Society would like Bethel Township to take over moving the bricks when Spangler is widened and putting up the flags in Medway. Do we have the manpower to do this? **After discussion, it was decided that this would be a good job for a Boy Scout group or ROTC**

Police: Stats for June 2026, both deputies

Calls: 80 Assists: 24 Reports: 12 Traffic Stops: 13 Citations: 7 Warnings: 6
Arrests: 6 Twp. Follow-ups: 5 Traffic crashes: 1 Stolen vehicle: 0

Fire: (June Stats) EMS 177; MVA 12; Fire 34 Total of 223

Trustee Ashbaugh makes a motion to reimburse FF Holly Childers \$ 988.52 for Fire Safety Inspector course and her books. Second by Trustee Berner. R/C: All ayes

Road:

Trustee Coppess makes a motion to accept the bid from Bucks Tree Service for \$500.00 to remove a tree branch extended over Lamnes Lane in the line of vehicles. Second by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Coppess moves to set a special session on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 @ 5:00 pm. A work session will follow. Second by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes

Discussions will be as follows: Levies, nuisances, and budget.

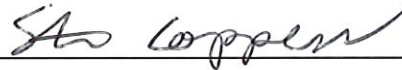
Citizens Comments:

FYI: We had two burials at Donnelsville Cemetery for June

Mrs. Mary Ann Kniesly & Vickie Gasho

Trustee Coppess moves to adjourn the meeting @ 7:45 pm. Second by Trustee Ashbaugh.
R/C: All ayes

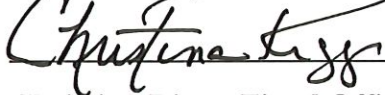
Alec Ashbaugh, Chairperson



Steven Coppess, Vice-Chairperson



Jason Berner, Member



Christina Riggs, Fiscal Officer

