

September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting

Bethel Township Trustees

3333 Lake Road

7:00 p.m.

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustee Nancy Brown at 7:03pm

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

Announcements: The joint board meeting with Tecumseh Local Schools, the City of New Carlisle and Bethel Township will be held on September 30, 2024 at 6:00pm at Tecumseh High School. This is open to the public and RSVP is requested.

Dates for the 2025 OTA Winter Conference are January 29th through the 31st. Room bookings will be open soon. Please inform Rhonda Ledford if you will be staying at the venue or just attending the conference. As a reminder, if a room or admission is reserved for you and you fail to cancel before the closing date, you will be responsible for the cost.

Citizens Comments related to the agenda: None

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

Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68190 through 68254, and AHC deductions 1267-2024 through 1302-2024 in the amount of \$97,702.79. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of August 20, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

Trustee Crowley moved to participate in the Ohio National Opioids Settlement with Kroger Co.; Appropriate paperwork has been signed and filed under Rubris Reference Number: CL-794765. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie to hire Lily Legg as a part-time fiscal officer assistant at a rate of \$17.00 per hour. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to approve a pay raise for Administrator Rhonda Ledford to \$25.00 an hour effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administration:

Police:

Stats for August 2024 for both Bethel Township deputies

Calls: 91	Assists: 19	Reports: 14	Traffic Stops: 30
Citations: 5	Follow-ups: 1	Traffic Crash: 2	Stolen Vehicles: 0

Deputy Payne and Deputy Weaver, along with K9 Pablo seized 4 kilos of cocaine at a traffic stop last week.

Fire:

Trustee Crowley motioned to hire Cameron Myers for part-time position at the Bethel Township Fire Department effective immediately at a rate of \$16.50 per hour. Cameron is a FFII-EMT-B. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to increase the pay for Jordan Speakman to \$16.50 per hour as Jordan has achieved credentials of FFII and EMT-B. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept the resignation of Jared Spaeth from the Bethel Township Fire Department effective immediately. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

As the result of the executive session: Decision was mad to hire four part time road employees.

Road:

Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny said that crews are making good progress with the Durapatch assignment.

Stasny said that he is still waiting on guidance from the Trustees related to the two older vehicles. The 1993 vehicle has extensive rust damage and the 2002 continues to have extensive mechanical and electrical issues. Stastny said that he has sent Trustee Ashbaugh several potential good deals on vehicles. Trustee Crowley said that they will discuss it in the next work session.

Stastny said the crack & seal would be starting on Monday. He inquired if "Temporary No Parking" signs could be purchased to place in the working areas. Trustee Brown suggested typing flyers to put on residential doors. Administrator Ledford said she would look into available option tomorrow. Trustee Crowley also suggested letting the Deputies know and coordinate with them as well.

Trustee Ashbaugh stated that he spoke with Tom Meyer and he will entertain donating the removed fence at Funderburg Cemetery if we can provide him with a tax credit letter.

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a work/special session on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be road crew vehicles.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Trustee Brown read a letter from a citizen praising Chief Snyder and his crew for their assistance.

Residents of Cooper Ditch, who have spoken to Bryan Stastny discussed the continuing problem with the beaver damn, trash and debris in the area. Trustee Ashbaugh said it is a tough situation and that the township had been in discussion with the County Engineer. There had been discussion about a collaboration with Clark County to find a solution to the problem.

Residents from Kennedy Drive returned to discuss continued trash discovered in their area. Trustees discussed placing a better barrier at the end of the road.

Resident inquired about applying speedbumps in the road across from the Speedway gas station to prevent excessive speeding. Trustee Brown said that speedbumps were not an option due to the noise that they produce.

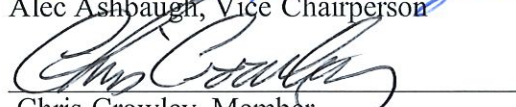
Resident Steve Coppess inquired if all the ARPA funds had been allocated, reminding everyone that we only had 11 or 12 weeks left to ensure allocation of the funds. Trustee Brown said that they were obtaining estimates for lighting. Trustee Ashbaugh said that roads and community improvement had been discussed.

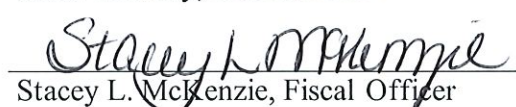
Mr. Coppess asked if the township had any complaint forms for citizens to utilize. Trustee Brown said that the township did not have any such form and stated that the public can attend meetings and voice their complaint. Mr. Coppess stated concern that there is no record of citizen complaints. Administrator Ledford stated that the meeting minutes are public record.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. 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 Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

