

October 8, 2024, Regular Meeting

Bethel Township Trustees

3333 Lake Road

7:00 p.m.

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustees Alec Ashbaugh and Nancy Brown at 7:00pm

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

Announcements: Trick or Treat Night in Clark County will be observed on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The State Fire Ban has been lifted. Burning can be done between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am.

The Highway Hikers 46th Annual Toy Run will be on October 20, 2024, at 1:00 pm at the VFW on Lake Rd.

Citizens Comments Related To The Agenda: None

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

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68279 through 683300, and ACH deductions 1352-2024 through 1436-2024 in the amount of \$184,620.47. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of September 24, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administration:

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the Opioid Ohio One Settlement money to be used to purchase Naloxone (or a similar item) for the Bethel Township Fire Department. This fund contains a little under \$11,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustees discussed issuing a check to Mr. Ed Dow, now that the demolition of the burned property was completed. Trustees said that they will issue a check, but that the job was not yet completed as it still required grass seed and straw. Discussion continued to suggest that the road crew would perform that job as opposed to paying Hastings the quoted additional \$10,500.00.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the payment to Mumma Realty in the amount of \$100.00 for the appraisal of the wood surrounding the Funderberg Cemetery so an appropriate tax contribution letter could be provided to the current property owner.

Road:

Nothing noted.

Police:

Nothing noted.

Fire:

Chief Snyder said that the department was still moving ahead with previously mentioned plans for a Halloween party, to be held the day after the counties Trick or Treat night, possibly on the 30th.

NEW BUSINESS:**Administration:**

Trustee Ashbaugh stated that he had received a call from the insurance provider who requested a meeting with the Trustees on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 4:00 pm to discuss policies.

Fiscal Officer McKenzie stated she had the Appropriations and Revenue Report for the review of the Trustees.

Fire:

Chief Snyder stated that they continued to await a third quote on the wind-damaged back porch cover. Trustee Ashbaugh suggested submitting what they had so movement could be made on repairing the porch. Chief Snyder said he would present at the next work session on October 15.

Police:

September 2024 Stats for both deputies:

CALLS: 140	ASSISTS: 22	REPORTS: 22	TRAFFIC STOPS: 23
CITATIONS: 5	WARNINGS: 18	ARRESTS: 22	FOLLOW-UPS: 1
TRAFFIC CRASHES: 2		STOLEN VEHICLES: 0	

Trustees acknowledged that our Deputies pulled over a vehicle earlier today and with the assistance of K9, discovered a large amount of drugs, preventing it from reaching the streets of the community.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the received quote from DanCo for \$315.68 for the striping on the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe patrol cruiser. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes. Administrator Ledford stated that this had yet to be ordered.

Road:

Trustee Ashbaugh made a motion to approve Victory Electric's "Option #2" to improve the lighting at the Bethel Township Road Garage with the use of existing fixtures, bypassing ballasts, and installing new LED direct wired bulbs for a cost of \$3,684.00. The current fixtures were installed in 2011. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Brush Pick-Up for 2024: Administrator Ledford stated that the township had received a lot of calls since the storm two weeks ago. Road Supervisor Stastny commented that the blades on the chipper needed to be flipped.

Stastny said that when they begin leaf pick up, they could attempt to provide brush pick up. But added that his crew had worked hard to remove any limbs from the storm. Trustee Ashbaugh thanked Supervisor Stastny and his crew for their hard work after the storm.

Administrator Ledford mentioned that the Deputies had been called to the ballpark on Gerlaugh Road because the new ball association president had changed the locks on the concession stand and the former president (Paul) had contacted the Sheriff's office with the threat of a trespassing arrest. Trustee Brown said that Paul does not have the authority to have anyone arrested on the property and suggested that the current association staff should obtain written permission from the Township if they wish to work on the property to prevent any further accusations. Trustee Ashbaugh stated that Paul breached any contract or agreement with the Township by his financial deficiencies to the members of the association. Ledford said she would refer this matter to the prosecutor. Trustee Brown added that they need to make a formal decision to remove Paul from the property and permit the new administration to access the property.

Special & Work Sessions:

Trustee Brown moved to set a work session on October 15, 2024, at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. Discussion will be open.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen Ray Nelson asked where Ed Dows property line was, because the neighboring residents would continue to move further east onto the property. Trustee Brown said that there was nothing that the township could do as we do not own the property. Administrator Ledford stated that the County will not assist due to the finances involved. Trustees discussed putting up a fence if the property line could be determined.

Citizen Don Wallace inquired about the streetlights and proposed turn lane in Medway. He asked if there was a partnership with the County, and if so, would they assist in relocating the existing park at that intersection. Trustee Brown said that Clark County owns the land and that when the park went in years ago, there was never a discussion about what they would do it. Another resident suggested contacting the county to see if they would negotiate on relocating the park.

Road Supervisor Stastny said that his crews are concerned for their safety at the ballpark due to the feud between the current and former presidents of the ball club.

Citizen Steve Coppess asked the trustees if they had any idea how long it would take for Heath Jones to review and compare the employee handbook. Heath said the process would take at least a few weeks as he continues to reach out to other townships to compare and make appropriate adjustments to present to the Trustees. Heath suggested that he may have a better idea in the next couple of weeks but hoped to have it presented to the Trustees within a month or so. Trustee Ashbaugh said that they hoped to review and present to the prosecutor's office for final review so that it could be returned and implemented by the first of 2025.

Citizen Don Wallace reminded the trustees that months ago he had volunteered to spray some areas of Creeping Charlie with retail available Crossbow and that it seemed very effective on his own property.

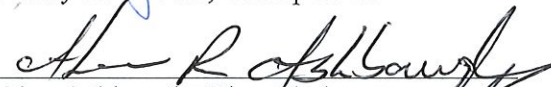
Follow-Ups:

- 1.) The 2012 Chevrolet pick-up truck has been purchased for the Bethel Township Road Department. The title has been switched and we are in the process of obtaining license plates.
- 2.) Lily Legg has started working part-time as the assistant fiscal officer for Bethel Township.
- 3.) Heath Jones is continuing his work on the policies and procedures manual for Bethel Township.
- 4.) The Road Crew will be conducting the crack-filling on Gerlaugh Road this week.
- 5.) Chief Snyder has filed the paperwork for the new medic.
- 6.) Trustee Ashbaugh asked Administrator Ledford if she had made any headway on the arm mower. Ledford said she still had to look into obtaining a "New DAS procurement account". F.O. McKenzie provided her with a contact number and Ledford stated that she would contact them tomorrow.

Trustee Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.



Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson



Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson


Not in Attendance.

Chris Crowley, Member

Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer