

*November 14, 2023 Minutes  
Bethel Township Trustees  
3333 Lake Road  
6:00 p.m.*

**Welcome, and pledge:** Led by Trustee Chris Crowley

**Prayer:** Led by trustee Nancy Brown

**In Attendance:** Trustees Chris Crowley, Nancy Brown, and Dave Phares. Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, and Administrator Rhonda Ledford

**Announcements:** We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Alec Ashbaugh on becoming the newest Bethel Township Trustee.

The Clark County Engineer & Township Trustees dinner will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023, @ 6:00 pm. at the Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center. Please let Rhonda know if you plan to attend. Reservations are due by November 22, 2023. **Reservations have been made.**

**Citizen comments relating to agenda items:**

Howie Kitco/Randy Bridge will speak about Metro Net. Mr. Kitco spoke about some of the locations where the work will be done. **Gerlaugh, Osborn, Styer. There will be some underground boring. Work should be completed by March 2024. No cost to the township.**

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to accept the agenda. Second by Trustee Dave Phares.  
R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Chris Crowley moves to pay the bills, check numbers 67460 through 67508, and ACH deductions 1201-2023 through 1319-2023 in the amount of \$146,408.24.  
Second by Trustee Dave Phares R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Dave Phares moves to dispense with reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of October 24, 2023, meeting. Second by Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administrative:**

23-11-14-01 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the resignation from Angela Stastny for the cleaning position of the rentals. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown.  
R/C: All ayes. **Angel stated it was due to health reasons. The trustees thanked her for her service to the township.**

23-11-14-02 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to approve quote # 45888 from Clutch in the amount of \$955.56. This is for a one-year period for Unitrends protection on our server. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes. **Fiscal Officer McKenzie stated this is a recurring bill.**

23-11-14-03 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to pay the \$25.00 each for Rhonda Ledford and Heath Jones to attend the Clark County Engineer & Township dinner on December 7, 2023. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes. **Due to other commitments neither one will be available to attend.**

Discussion: The Medway Historical Society would like to put hangers on the light poles in Medway. **Trustee Nancy Brown stated she had contacted the pole company and that there was no issue with installing the hangers on the poles. The flags will be to honor Veterans.**

Discussion: Health Insurance: **The trustees had repeatedly requested Fiscal Officer McKenzie to provide a quote for the cost of insurance for all eligible personnel, including the administrator, the new trustee, and his wife. During the meeting when it came time for the health insurance discussion, Mrs. McKenzie only provided a snapshot of current insurance costs. Mrs. Brown then asked Mrs. McKenzie if she had added the other full-time employees including the newly elected trustee and his wife. Mrs. McKenzie stated she had not and proceeded to send an email during the meeting to Waypoint Benefits adding the administrator. Mrs. McKenzie stated that Bethel Township could not afford the costs of health insurance, to which Mrs. Brown stated that it was the trustees who made those decisions. Mrs. McKenzie became upset and stated that the trustees did not respect her. She proceeded to collect her belongings and leave the meeting making statements in a loud voice as she exited.**

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ makes a motion to pass a resolution to allow employees of Bethel Township to rent the two community centers for ½ price. This will change from once a year to unlimited rentals and begin January 1, 2024. Second by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_. R/C: **No resolution was passed. There will be more discussion on this at the next work session.**

**Police: October 2023** (both deputies)

Calls: 99	Assists: 5	Reports: 26	Traffic Stops: 21	Citations: 11
Warnings: 10	Arrests: 31	Twp. Follow-ups: 0	Traffic crash: 4	Stolen cars: 0

**Fire: October 2023**

EMS: 128	Structure Fires: 2	Other Fires: 3	Auto Accidents: 24
Good Intent: 43	Weather/Disaster: 0		

23-11-14-04 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the quote from Tri-Valley Home Solutions Locksmith in the amount of \$20,426.40. This quote is to replace all the existing eighteen (18) locks at Station #51 & Station #54 with Trilogy wireless locks with a 24-month warranty. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**Road:**

23-11-14-05 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to hire Brian Stastny as full-time Bethel Township Road Department Supervisor. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes. **Welcome to the team Bryan!**

23-11-14-06 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept Hamilton & Son's Water Well Drilling proposal to replace the hand pump at the Donnelville Cemetery for \$2,600 (Quote #1882). Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: Brown Y, Crowley Y, Phares N

**Work Session:**

Trustee Chris Crowley moves to set a special session for Tuesday, November 21, 2023, @ 4:30 pm. for the nuisance complaints. A work session will follow to discuss long-range planning for ARPA funds. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

**Trustee Brown has requested a full payment and the allocation of funds report for ARPA to be present at the work session on November 21, 2023.**

**Citizen comments open forum.**

Trustee Chris Crowly moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM Second by Trustee Dave Phares R/C: All ayes.

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Chris Crowley, Chairperson

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Nancy K. Brown, Vice-Chairperson

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David A. Phares, Member

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Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Administrator Rhonda Ledford.

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