

**November 26, 2024 Regular Meeting**  
Bethel Township Trustees  
3333 Lake Road  
7:00 p.m.

**Welcome, pledge and prayer:** Led by Trustee Nancy Brown at 7:06pm

**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 owners / management of Rumpke will be holding an open meeting at 6:00pm on December 17, 2024, at the administrative offices of Bethel Township. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and respectfully as questions regarding the proposed transfer station on State Route 235.

**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 68350 through 68442, and AHC deductions 1636-2024 through 1695-2024 in the amount of \$51,635.79. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustees tabled the motion to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of November 12, 2024, as they had not been completed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

**Road:**

**Police:**

**Fire:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to approve Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie to make the following changes: Adding \$10,000.00 to line item 1000-110-111-0000 Salaries: Trustees to be pulled from like item 1000-930-930-0000 Contingencies. Adding \$40,000.00 to line item 2111-220-323-0000 Repairs and Maintenance to be pulled from the line item 2111-220-190-0000 Other: Salaries. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**Police:**

A quote came in front P&R Communications to install the pit bumper on the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Trustee Brown made a motion to accept the quote from P&R Communications (Quote QUO2085) for \$492.70 to install the pit bumper on the 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**Fire:**

Trustee Crowley motioned to hire Samantha Phares to the Bethel Township Fire Department as a paramedic, paid at the amount of \$17.00 per hour. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to hire Gia Alvarez as a FF1/EMT for the Bethel Township Fire Department at \$15.50 per hour. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the new pay scale for Bethel Township Fire Department effective December 28, 2024. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. R/C: All ayes. The rates will be as follows:

Trainee: \$11.25 PH	Fire Fighter Level 1: \$13.75 PH
Firefighter Level 2: \$15.50 PH	EMT-Basic: \$16.00 PH
FF1/EMT-Basic: \$17.25 PH	FF2/EMT-Basic: \$18.25 PH
EMT-Advance \$17.75 PH	FF1/EMT-Advnace: \$18.75 PH
FF2/EMT-Advance: \$20.00 PH	Paramedic: \$19.00 PH
FF1/Paramedic: \$20.50 PH	FF2/Paramedic: \$22.75 PH

Trustee Brown motioned to enter into an executive session to discuss discipline of personnel at 7:17pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to return to regular session at 8:11pm. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

As a result of executive session, Trustee Crowley motion to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief Snyder to terminate the employment of Shawn Arthur. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes. Mr. Arthur is entitled to a hearing and appeal.

**Road:**

Trustee Ashbaugh reported that the Road Crew would be performing leaf-vac during the week and had cleared the Morton building.

Road Supervisor Stastny said that they had also been clearing a downed tree in Donnelsville.

**Special & Work Sessions:**

Trustee Crowley moved to set a special session on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:30pm, to be seconded by a work session. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be insurance.

Looking ahead...

December meeting will be on December 10, 2024, but not December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Work sessions will be December 3 and 17, 2024 but not on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Fiscal Officer McKenzie stated that the last day for spending will be Friday, December 13, 2024.

Opening day in January will be Thursday, January 2, 2025.

#### ARPA PROPOSED SPENDING BUDGET:

Trustee Crowley motioned to pass resolution to approve the purchase of a Bomford Kestrel arm mower, Bomford pro trim flail head, cowl wear bars, delivery and training from Parsons Equipment at a cost of \$49,373.00 with trade-in of current unit, to be paid with ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to pass resolution to purchase a 9200 watt GP9200E portable generator from Cosco at a cost of \$1,000.00 to be paid from Road funds. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept quote #2638 from Victory Electric to install three combo exit/emergency signs in the front office and two in the bay area of the road department building at a cost of \$575.00, to be paid with ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to allocate \$7,500.00 in ARPA funds to parking lot improvements at the Donnelsville park. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve quote #3496 from Bright Signs Now for a LED sign at the Administrative building, and a sign at the Bethel Township Community Center, to include installation (but not boring or electric installation – see next two items) and permits for both signs, at a cost of \$39,303.52, to be paid with ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve quote #2612 from Victory Electric to trench from the building, install PCV conduit, stub up and install a 20 amp CFGI receptacle for the electric to the sign at the Administrative building at a cost of \$2,812.00, to be paid for with ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the quote from Zimmerman Boring for the boring of the electric to the sign and the Administrative office at a cost of \$4,000.00, to be paid with ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the purchase of a Grasshopper, model 725DT from Lavy, at a cost of \$18,332.05, to be paid with ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

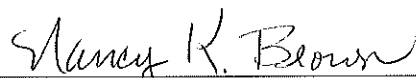
Trustees discussed other items to utilize available ARPA funds, with the remaining available funds to be used to repave Lammes Lane Road.

Trustee Crowley motioned to amend the motion regarding the work / special session to be held on December 3, 2024 to include discussion of remaining ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee

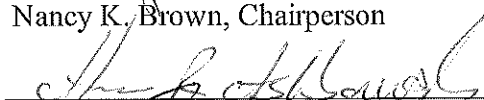
Brown. R/C: All ayes.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

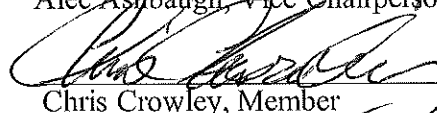
- Trustee Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:04pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.



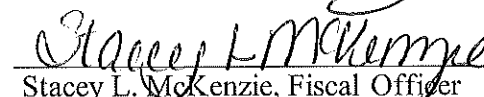
Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson



Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson



Chris Crowley, Member



Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

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