

*November 28, 2023, Minutes
Bethel Township Trustees
3333 Lake Road
6:00 p.m.*

Welcome, and pledge: Led by Trustee Dave Phares

Prayer: Led by Trustee Nancy Brown

In Attendance: Trustees Dave Phares & Nancy Brown, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Administrator Rhonda Ledford

Announcements: The Engineers dinner will be Thursday, December 7, 2023, @ the Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts & Conference Center located at 275 S. Limestone St. Springfield, OH. Social hour will start at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Citizen comments relating to agenda items:

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

Trustee Dave Phares moves to pay the bills, check numbers 67509 through 67537, and ACH deductions 1322-2023 through 1416-2023 in the amount of \$122,309.95. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee ____ moves to dispense with reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of November 14, 2023, meeting. Second by _____. R/C: **This was tabled.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrative: Insurance updates, there is a copy of the quotes on your desk. If we are to change our policy, it must be done quickly due to the time frame.

Fire:

Road:

Police:

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrative:

23-11-28-01 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to rescind the resolution # 23-11-14-01 from Clutch Solutions in the amount of \$955.56 due to the quote increasing for added protection for our cloud-based storage subscription. Second by Trustee Dave Phares.
R/C: All ayes.

23-11-28-02 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the quote from Clutch Solutions in the amount of \$1,651.37. This is for Unitrends (our server) for recovery, support, and Forever Cloud 500 GB. subscriptions for one year. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

23-11-28-03 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to allow Bethel Township Employees and retirees of Bethel Township to rent the Donnelsville cabin and the Bethel Township Community Center 4 times a year at ½ price. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C:

Road: Several calls have come in thanking the Bethel Township Road Department for the leaf pickup. **We Thank the Bethel Township Road Department for all their hard work!**

Police:

23-11-28-04 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the amended Bethel Township 2024 Law Enforcement Agreement. It will become effective on January 1, 2024, and terminate on December 31, 2024. The cost for 2023 was \$122,296.98 and 2024 is \$138,154.01 (difference of \$15,857.03). **This is for one deputy and Bethel Township currently employs two.** Second by trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Fire:

23-11-28-05 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to hire the following people part-time to the Bethel Township Fire Department. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes. **Welcome to Bethel Township.**
Carley Brewster - FF2/Advanced... \$18.00 per hr.
India Crenshaw - EMT...\$14.50 per hr.
Justin Parrott Advanced...\$16.00 per hr.
Cody Stanley - FF2/EMT/Inspector...\$16.50 per hr. **Contingent upon a background check. Cody will be accepted at the next meeting on December 12, 2023.**
Gabriel Stanton - FF2/EMT... \$16.50 per hr.

The Bethel Township Fire Department reported that they have installed 26 free smoke detectors in the month of November! **GO BETHEL TWP. FIRE DEPT!**

Work Session:

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to set the special session for Tuesday, December 6, 2023, @ 4:30 pm to discuss and act on health insurance for full-time employees and families. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to set a special session for nuisance properties for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, @ 4:30pm. A work session will follow. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Citizen comments open forum.

Trustee Dave Phares moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Chris Crowley, Chairperson

Nancy K. Brown, Vice-Chairperson

David A. Phares, Member

Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Administrator Rhonda Ledford