

**December 10, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Bethel Township Trustees

3333 Lake Road

7:00 p.m.

**Welcome, pledge, and prayer:** Led by Trustee Nancy Brown at 7:00 pm

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

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

**Citizens Comments related to the agenda:** None

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

Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 68443 through 68490, and AHC deductions 1696-2024 through 1791-2024 in the amount of \$99,515.12. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the November 12 & 26, 2024 meetings. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fire:**

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the hiring of Jack Flesner as a Part-time EMT-B to the Bethel Township Fire Department at a pay rate of \$15.50 PH. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to approve the hiring of Alexis Shelton as a trainee for the Bethel Township Fire Department at a pay rate of \$10.45 PH. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley swore in Mr. Flesner and Ms. Shelton.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the reimbursement to Brayden Peake for the Paramedic course and fees of \$2,521.44. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve the quote from Dave Arbogast to install a new transmission in the BTFD 2019 Ford Expedition Bat. #51 at a cost of \$9,373.23. This vehicle was recently repaired by Beau Townsend Ford, and when returned immediately began experiencing problems. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Crowley motioned to approve quote QUO1950 from P&R Communications for \$8,111.00 for a yearly maintenance contract for the 15 APX mobile and 60 APX portable radios. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept the quote from Motorola Solutions for \$6,223.00 for the Link Layer to update Bethel Township non-county-owned radios. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: all ayes.

### **Administrative:**

24-12-10-01 – Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to pass resolution #24-12-10-01 authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to accept the quote from Castle Barn Sales in the amount of \$11,885.00 for a 14 x 40 loft-type storage barn to be used for storage for Bethel Township Administrative offices. This building will have one double door. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: Trustee Ashbaugh aye, Trustee Brown nay.

Trustee Crowley motioned to proceed with our contract with Woodhull for a monthly fee of \$214.00. (Currently \$255.36). They will replace the Ricoh printer with a new model IMC2510. This contract will be in effect for 60 months. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to approve a resolution to continue with Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC at a continued billing rate of \$225.00 per hour for the year 2025. (This is for the TIF) The motion was seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept the quote from Metronet for installing business fiber lines for our internet and phone systems. The office will retain their current phones. The new monthly invoice will be \$340.00, which replaces our existing bills of approximately \$677.00. The contract will be for three years. The motion was seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the quote from The Bridge Group to renew the warranty on both of the existing computer servers for 36 months at \$706.91 each (\$1,413.82). Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

### **Police:**

**Stats for November 2024.** (Note that Deputy Payne has been off on maternity leave.)

<b>Call: 48</b>	<b>Assists: 9</b>	<b>Reports: 6</b>	<b>Traffic Stops: 2</b>	<b>Citations: 0</b>	<b>Warnings: 2</b>
<b>Arrests: 2</b>	<b>Twp. Follow-ups: 0</b>	<b>Traffic Crashes: 2</b>	<b>Stolen Vehicles: 0</b>		

**Parks:**

24-12-10-02 Trustee Crowley motioned to pass resolution #24-12-10-02 to authorize the use of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) in accepting the quote #19911 from clear Connection LLC for \$4,996.00 for seven 2k-IP cameras, one 16-channel IP-NVR-4K, CCTV wire, 4TB hard drive and miscellaneous related equipment, to be installed at Raynor Park in hopes of curtailing vandalism and keeping the community safe. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-12-10-03 Trustee Crowley motioned to pass resolution #24-12-10-03 to authorize the use of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) in accepting the bid of \$23,255.00 from Castle's Barn Sales to replace the current deteriorating concession stand/storage building at Medlake Park. The new building will be 24' x 40' with two 24" x 36" windows, one garage door, a concession stand package, and an electrical package. This price includes delivery and setup but does not include permits. Additionally, although the electrical package is included, this price does not include the electric hook-up supplied from the existing building service to the new building. The Bethel Township Road Department will be responsible for the demolition and removal of the current building. The new building will be replacing the existing building for continued use by Medlake Youth Baseball players, parents and affiliated supporters. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

24-12-10-04 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to pass resolution #24-12-10-04 authorizing the use of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) in accepting the quote of \$75,000.00 from Service Supply LTD, Inc. for playground equipment to be installed at Medlake Park near the walking path and ball diamonds. The bid includes swings, a climbing structure, installation, and mulched areas for safety, and requires a 25% deposit upon ordering. The Township will be responsible for the removal of three trees in preparation for installation in the spring. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**Road:**

24-12-10-05 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to pass resolution #24-12-10-05 authorizing the use of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) in accepting quote #852970 from Appalachian Trailers for \$6,659.13 for model number FSWT-7K-20CG. This trailer is for use by the road department to transport mowers and other equipment to and from various job sites throughout the Township. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-12-10-06 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to pass resolution #24-12-10-06 authorizing the use of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) in accepting the quote #JW87892 from Bobcat for \$6,410.36 for a compactor, forks and auger to attach to a model #T590 Bobcat. This is equipment to assist with road repairs, guardrails and sign installations, lifting and moving heavy items and other usages to improve safety and increase the effective use of time by members of the Township Road Department. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

**Special & Work Sessions:**

Trustee Crowley moved to set a special session on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 10:30am. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be health insurance and Trustee Ashbaugh's Friday morning meeting with Rumpke representatives.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set "Close Out Meeting" on Monday, December 30, 2024 at 7:00pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS:

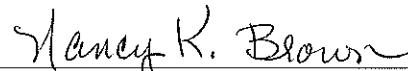
Citizen Ray Nelson inquired where the new storage building would be located. Administrator Ledford said it would be in the parking lot.

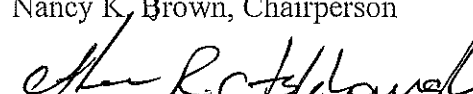
Mr. Nelson also asked in regards to the cameras at Raynor Park, would the company installing the cameras also be the company maintaining / performing maintenance on them. Trustee Crowley said that the company would be maintaining / performing maintenance when required, at a fee. Trustee Crowley stated that this is the same company that maintains the cameras at the schools.

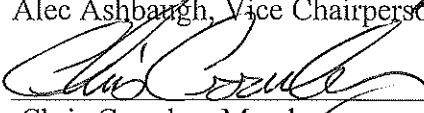
Trustee Brown motioned to enter into an executive session at the request of Shaun Arthur to discuss dismissal and decision of personnel at 8:00 pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

The public was asked to depart the room.

Trustee \_\_\_\_ motioned to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_pm. Seconded by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_. 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