

December 26, 2023, Minutes

Bethel Township Trustees

3333 Lake Road

6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order @ 6:06 pm.

Welcome, and pledge: Led by Trustee Chris Crowley

Prayer: Led by Trustee Nancy Brown

In Attendance: Trustees Chris Crowley, Nancy Brown, and Dave Phares, incoming Trustee Alec Ashbaugh, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny, and Administrator Rhonda Ledford.

Announcements:

Citizen comments relating to agenda items:

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

Trustee Dave Phares moves to pay the bills, check numbers 67594 through 67610, and ACH deductions 1502-2023 through 1534-2023 in the amount of \$41,540.21. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Chris Crowley moves to dispense with reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of December 12, 2023. Second by Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrative:

Fire:

23-12-26-01 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the quote from Aladtec for the annual subscription for the automated scheduling & tracking program for the Bethel Township Fire Department. The cost is \$4,600.00 and runs from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

23-12-26-02 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a resolution to reimburse Veronic Fox, who is employed by the Bethel Township Fire Department, for her paramedic certification at Clark State College. The cost due to Veronica is \$2,325.17. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

23-12-26-03 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to increase the pay of Robert Cook to \$15.50 per hour. He is now dual-certified FF1/EMT. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

23-12-26-04 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a resolution that officially accepts Eric T. Humbert's immediate resignation from the Bethel Township Fire Department. Eric has decided to resign from his position due to other personal and professional commitments. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Thank you for your service to Bethel Township & its residents.

Road:

23-12-26-05 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution for the removal of the Hackberry tree located in front of the administrative building's driveway. The quote from C + W Tree Service is \$1,000.00 to remove the double tree and grind the stump. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes. This will be done after the beginning of the year.

23-12-26-06 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution for entering into a contract with Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) to provide snow and ice removal services on Lambers Drive and Woodglen Drive. These two roads are part of the SMHA. The cost per hour for the services will be \$238.51 plus the cost of salt, which will follow FEMA standards. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

This was emailed to SMHA on 12/27/23.

Police:

23-12-26-07 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to rescind Resolution #23-11-28-04, which pertains to the 2024 Bethel Township Law Enforcement Agreement between the Bethel Township Trustees and the Clark County Sheriff's Department. The contract was misquoted by the Clark County Sheriff's Department. A new agreement has been drafted to replace the previous one. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

23-12-26-08 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the 2024 Bethel Township Law Enforcement Agreement between the Bethel Township Trustees and the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The contract shall not exceed \$277,268.02 and shall be in effect from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, and shall be for two deputies for Bethel Township. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to set the year-end closeout meeting for Thursday, December 28, 2023, @ 12:00 pm. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to set a work session for Wednesday, January 3, 2023, @ 4:00 pm. The reorganization meeting will follow. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Citizen comments open forum.

Trustee Chris Crowley moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm Second by Trustee Dave Phares.
R/C: All ayes.

Chris Crowley, Chairperson

Nancy K. Brown, Vice-Chairperson

David A. Phares, Member

Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

