

*February 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, Captain Brian Ludwig, and Township Coordinator Rhonda Ledford

**Announcements:**    **HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY** ♡

The Great American Clean Up starts March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Gateway Business Group has rescheduled “The State of Clark County” on March 22 @ 6:30-8:00 at the Bethel Township Community Center. All is welcome!

**Citizen comments relating to agenda items:**

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

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to pay the bills, check numbers 66686 through 66746 and ACH deductions 72-2023 through 165-2023 in the amount of \$118,098.61. 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 January 24, 2023, meeting. Second by Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Administrative:**

**Fire:**

**Road:**

23-02-14-01 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a resolution to extend the contract with A&B Asphalt to replace up to 60 additional catch basins in Park Layne at the previously bid price. This agreement is contingent upon the advice and approval from the legal team for Bethel Township and shall be paid for out of the ARPA money. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**Police:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administrative:**

23-02-14-02 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a resolution for Bethel Township to participate in membership of the Ohio Cemetery Association. This will allow us to write grants for the Donnelsville Cemetery. The cost is \$95.00 a year. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.\_

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the Amended Bethel Township 2023 Law Enforcement Agreement between Bethel Township and the Clark County Sheriff. The agreement is for the 2023 year from Jan. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2023. The amended agreement will supersede the agreement that was entered into between the two parties on January 11, 2023. The total salary and benefits is \$122,296.98. There will be a charge of \$480.00 to install cradle internet access for the township cruiser. Second by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_. R/C: The contract will be attached. **This was tabled until the trustees can review.**

23-02-14-03 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to declare the following properties a nuisance and to be abated through Clark County. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

9957 Lower Valley Pike. (Parcel # 01005000019201002) Debris in the yard,  
9760 Lower Valley Pike. (Parcel # 01005000019200002) A person living in camper and several yards of debris around the house. Working with the CCHD.

23-02-14-04 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to support the Tecumseh Land Trust for the application to the State of Ohio for the purchase of an agricultural easement on the property owned by OT Farms LLC. 9316 W. National Rd. Parcel # 01005000015100002 and #010050000151000003. This is to preserve and promote agriculture as an important part of the area's economy. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.  
This was approved on 03/22/22 but needs to be approved yearly.

**Police:** Stats for January 2023

Calls: 52	Assists: 14	Reports: 12	Traffic stops: 15	Citations: 3
Warnings: 12	Arrests: 14	Follow-ups: 3	Traffic crashes: 0	

The posting for the new Bethel Township deputy has been posted.

**Fire:**

Fire Marshall Jim Snyder would like to know who oversees the painting on Dalton Drive curbs. The yellow paint is missing from the curbs and people are parking on the streets. **Bethel Township Road department will take care of this in the spring.**

23-02-14-05 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a resolution to hire the following for the Bethel Township PPC program. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.  
Stephanie Bailey  
Alan Snedigar

**Road:**

23-02-14-06 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the quote from Newman signs in the amount of \$1,342.54 for the purchase of 33 new road signs. All signs are high intensity, prismatic, 080-gauge aluminum signs. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C:

Signs: 25 MPH, can they be donated? These signs are from a grant that was wrote by a previous admin. They are not reflective. Trustee Chris Crowley will ask the parks department if they could use them.

**Work Session:**

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to set a special Session for Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @ 4:30pm to accept the Amended Bethel Township 2023 Law Enforcement contract. A work session will follow. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

**Citizen comments open forum.**

A resident of Bethel Township asked questions pertaining to the merger between the Clark County Park District and National Trails. He requested that we contact Carol Kennard, Executive Director of Clark County Park District and request an open forum to discuss the merger.

A Bethel Township resident asked about the noise ordinance.

Trustee Dave Phares moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. 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 Township Coordinator Rhonda Ledford