# March 26, 2024, Regular Meeting

Bethel Township Trustees 3333 Lake Road 7:00 p.m.

Welcome, pledge and prayer: Led by Trustee Nancy Brown

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

Announcements: Crystal Lakes Property Owners Association has new members' leadership and they have requested a meeting with the trustees and administrator to discuss the future of the lakes. None were present at the regular meeting. Steve Copas mentioned that the representative is Colby Watson and his family members. Trustee Brown advised us to schedule a meeting later this week or next.

D.J.L. Material & Supply representative Jeff Kabuka spoke about the potential use of their crack and seal program.

Citizens' Comments related to the agenda: None.

24-03-26-01 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-26-02 Trustee Crowley moved to pay the bills, check numbers 67704 through 67812, and ACH deductions 380-2024 through 440-2024 in the amount of \$62,719.68. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-26-03 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the meeting of March 12, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Administration:

Fiscal Officer McKenzie agreed to look into the increase of cyber fraud limit insurance coverage as Business Email Compromise (BEC) cases have increased, and as a result of the Townships compromise in July 2023.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Stacey McKenzie was sworn in by Trustee Crowley as re-elected fiscal officer.

#### POLICE:

No Stats Provided. February stats previously submitted at the March 12, 2024, meeting.

Trustee Crowley mentioned a shooting / fatality of known drug house in the 200 block of Slayton Drive, where the shooter was arrested and currently being held in the Clark County Jail. An additional individual was also arrested on an outstanding drug warrant, unrelated to the murder.

24-03-26-04 Trustee Crowley made motion to pass a resolution to approve participation in the final plans of the Clark Countywide 9-1-1 system. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

#### FIRE:

Fire Chief Jim Snyder provided Fire stats for February.

EMS: 105

Structure Fires: 1

Other Fires: 2

Auto Accidents: 6

Good Intent: 25

Weather/Disaster: 0

24-03-26-05 Trustee Crowley made motion to approve the preventative maintenance contract with Stryker for LIFEPKKS in the amount of \$14,227.93. Contract goes from 3/13/2024 to 12/12/2025. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-26-06 Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to approve adding another captain's position to the Bethel Township Fire Department. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-26-07 Trustee Crowley made motion to promote Lt. Kevin Reynolds to Captain of the Bethel Township Fire Department. The only increase is a stipend in the amount of \$4,300.00. The hourly rate will remain the same. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-26-08 Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to promote FF Stetson Peake to Lieutenant of the Bethel Township Fire Department. The only increase is stipend pay in the amount of \$3,300.00. The hourly rate will remain the same. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes. FF Peake was present and Chief Snyder conducted the promotion.

#### ROAD:

Trustee Ashbaugh discussed paving considerations with the bid package due on 4/03/2024.

24-03-26-09 Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to approve quote from Jenkins Automotive for \$715.00 for repairs to the fuel tank on the 1993 Chevrolet 3500 truck. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

24-03-26-10 Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Bobcat T-590 for \$32,500.00 from New Age Equipment Co., to be paid with Road Funds. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

### SPECIAL & WORK SESSIONS:

24-03-26-11 Truste Crowley moved to set a work session on April 2<sup>nd at</sup> 6:30pm. The discussion will be "Policies." Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Don Wallace suggested that the trustees volunteer equipment and manpower to assist Leann Castillo and the Parks District in the future as they try to irradicate the honeysuckle at George Rogers Clark Park.

24-03-26-12 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Seconded by Trustee Brown. 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

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