

**May 14, 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 Chris Crowley, Alec Ashbaugh, Nancy Brown, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Township Administrator Rhonda Ledford and Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny

**Announcements:** National Night Out Against Crime will be held at Tecumseh High School on August 6, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Details will follow.

The Clark County Civilian Rangers discussed the Pancake Breakfast, held May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bethel Township Community Center. Unfortunately, the organization was \$40.00 short of a profit, with approximately 82 attendees (they were hoping for 100). The Rangers thanked the township trustees who assisted and said that they are anticipating future dates in September. Additionally, the Civilian Rangers advised that they would be hosting a fishing derby at George Rogers Clark Park on Saturday 18.

24-05-14-01 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-02 Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 67876 through 67932, and ACH deductions 584-2024 through 713-2024 in the amount of \$267,828.21. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-03 Trustee Crowley moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the meeting of April 23, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Crowley stated that he had discussions with committee members to move forward on a general levy. Everything needs to be ready by July and he suggested a work session to discuss verbiage. The committee requested info to provide to the public.

Trustee Brown discussed annexation, stating she had names of two different attorneys that specialize in preventing annexation. Funding for such services was discussed with fiscal officer before any further action was taken.

24-05-14-04 Trustee Crowley made a motion to pass a resolution to allow golf carts to be driven in Bethel Township as long as the resolution requirements are met. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Ashbaugh discussed the guard rail on Lake Road. As there is a new owner and potential new development, it was suggested by the County that we wait to see if they take care of it. If

not, they will provide a cost to install railing. In the meantime, Bryan Stasny will place flags at that location.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

24-05-14-05 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to declare the following properties a nuisance and to be abated through the Clark County Auditor's Office. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

108 N. Park Dr. (Parcel # 0100500025312002) Several disabled vehicles and debris.  
(Now with attorney. Owner deceased. 27 vehicles on property. To be auctioned by June.)  
5815 Whispering Wind Dr. (Parcel # 01006000035400010) Empty Lot with tall grass.  
454 Sycamore (Parcel # 0100500025100019) Multiple inoperable vehicles.

### **POLICE: (Stats for April 2024)**

**Calls: 95      Assists: 17      Reports: 16      Traffic Stops: 21      Citations: 3**  
**Warnings: 20      Arrests: 14      Follow-ups: 3      Traffic Crashes: 0      Stolen Cars: 0**

### **FIRE: (April Calls: 173)**

**YTD Total Calls: 672      EMS: 125      Structure Fires: 2      Other Fires: 3**  
**MVC's: 17      Good Intent: 26**

Fiscal Officer McKenzie discussed a question about OPERS participation for EMS only personnel after an inquiry from Angela with German Township. McKenzie recalled previous Fire Chief Jacob King stating that they were not eligible because it was at that time a pay per call department. Fiscal officer to investigate participation further.

24-05-14-06 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to hire Jordynn Webb as an EMT-B at the rate of \$14.50 per hour. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-07 Trustee Brown motioned to accept quote from Hardig Industrial Services for \$28,840.00 to install epoxy flooring in the bay at Fire Station #54 / Donnelsville. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-08 Trustee Crowley made motion to reimburse Brayden Peake for his class at Edison State Community College for \$1,292.19 for completion of his semester in Paramedic I class. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-09 Trustee Crowley made motion to reimburse Paige Printz for her spring 2024 classes at Sinclair Community College in the amount of \$2,514.36. The motion includes the reimbursement of fees for firefighter 1 (\$1,317.96), Firefighter II Transition (\$753.12), Emergency Vehicle Operator (\$188.28), and associated fees of \$255.00. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-10 Trustee Crowley motioned for the approved usage of the back of fire station #51 lot for a movie night on June 7, 2024 at 8:30pm, to feature the movie "Fireheart" (Rated PG), and hosted by the Firefighter Association. Seconded by Trust Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-11 Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to pay for Fire-Fighter Allen Snedigar for his MT class at Edison State Community College in the amount of \$1,802.99. This is Payable to Edison State Community College. Seconded by Truste Brown. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-12 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the quote from OHD for on FTK-9519-4200 Quantifit respirator fit testing unit for \$8,700.00, one 5-year SERPG 9519-4020/S Quantifit 2 Gold Series service package for \$5,645.00 and \$75.00 shipping with the total cost being \$14,420.00. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

### **ROAD:**

24-05-14-13 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to enter into an agreement with the Clark County Board of Commissioners for the 2024 Road Resurfacing Contract. The total amount to be paid will be \$322,150.98. The Bethel Township Road Department will pay \$200,000.00 with the remainder coming out of the ARPA fund. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-14 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the resignation of Jeff Anderson from Bethel Township Road Department effective immediately, due to health reasons. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-14-15 Trustee Crowley motioned to accept the decision of John Michael Allender to retire from the Bethel Township Road Department effective May 8, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny discussed trees to be cut.

24-05-14-16 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the quote from G&C Tree Service for \$1,200.00 for the removal of a tree at the Medlake Ball Park walking path that is dead and has the roots lifting a portion of the blacktop. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

### **SPECIAL & WORK SESSIONS:**

24-05-14-17 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a special session on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm to discuss annexation attorneys, General Fund, and fire levies, and possibly nuisance properties. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-15-18 Trustee Brown moved to accept resolution of necessity for 1 mil fire levy to file with the Clark County Auditor for renewal. Seconded by Trustee Crowley . R/C: All ayes.

24-05-15-19 Trustee Crowley motioned to schedule a special session to follow the first special session to discuss hiring road crew personnel on Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

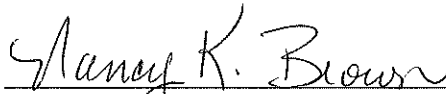
### **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

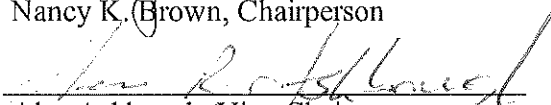
Neighbors of 5806 North St. has issues with chickens and trash at that location. Clark County Zoning has already sent letters to them, and the residents have reduced their chickens from 25 to


12, but the odor is offensive. Rhonda Ledford advised the citizens to send her photos and she would forward them to the health department.

Mr. Coppess inquired about the resurfacing road budget, specifically on Synder Rd. Trustee Ashbaugh said roughly \$87-ish. Mr. Coppess asked why the county pays for half with one township, but not with Bethel township? Trustees explained that because it becomes a county road and it is no longer a township road, therefore the county pays more.

24-05-15-20 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

  
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Nancy K. Brown, Chairperson

  
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Alec Ashbaugh, Vice Chairperson

  
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Chris Crowley, Member

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Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer