

**May 28, 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, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny.  
**Absent:** Township Administrator Rhonda Ledford.

24-05-28-01 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Crowley.  
R/C: All ayes.

24-05-28-02 Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 67919 through 67966, and AHC deductions 714-2024 through 761-2024 in the amount of \$132,829.84. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

24-05-28-03 Trustee Crowley moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of May 14, 2024, and the special session held on May 21, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Administration:** Sidewalk alignment for the CLA-TR6-1.13 project (Gerlaugh Rd.). Trustees Ashbaugh and Crowley suggested sticking with the original plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

24-05-28-04 Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to accept the quote from Hastings Excavating for \$10,500.00 to remove existing concrete, and all tree overgrowth, haul in the dirt, and grade the lot at 10790 Lower Valley Pike, Medway, Ohio. (Ed Dow's former residence). This shall be paid for with the fire insurance fund collected at the time of the fire. Seconded by Trustee Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

**Police:**

24-05-28-05 Trustee Crowley made motion to accept the quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for \$8,304.60 for one camera (of two needed) for Township Deputies, with the understanding that Clark County will pay for the required Cloud Storage costs for evidence / surveillance. Currently used cameras are outdated and will soon be obsolete. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Fiscal Officer McKenzie added that the township had maintained sufficient funds for both vehicle and body cameras under equipment for vehicles in anticipation of this expenditure.

**Fire:**

24-05-28-06 Trustee Brown motioned to pay for Bethel Township Fire Department's Veronica Fox's Clark State College Spring 2024 paramedic classes for \$2,008.20. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Chief Snyder informed the Trustees that the floors at the Donnelsville Station are scheduled to be done on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be mid-June before equipment can be placed on the floor.

**Road:**

Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny announced that Austin Stewart put in his notice today, with Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> being his last day. This equates to three part-time people remaining. He added that we had not heard from applicant Chelsea Mills yet. Another applicant turned down the township's employment offer.

Stastny stated that he had observed more vandalism at Raynor Park. He had received a quote to install a gate at the park. He would like to speak to the administrators of the church to see if they would allow us to install a cable at their entrance.

Stastny said two mowers are continuing to break down. Fiscal officer McKenzie verified that three mowers were purchased in 2001 and one 1435 was purchased in 2013.

Stastny also stated that he had experienced problems with Clark County Dispatch. Trustee Crowley said he had experienced similar issues and suggested contacting the head of dispatch.

**Special & Work Sessions:**

24-05-28-07 Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a work / special session on June 4 at 6:30 pm to discuss nuisance properties and the levy.

Trustee Brown asked for an update on the levy preparation. F.O. McKenzie said she had received the fire levy Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the County today, so we are scheduled to move forward on Jun 11. She added she still had not received a response from the county regarding the different amounts for the General Fund Levy.

Sam George created an informational sheet for the levy, showing the history of events, such as when state funds were no longer distributed. He said he would like figures to plug into the inflation calculator to show what funds would be today and showing why we require funds at this time.

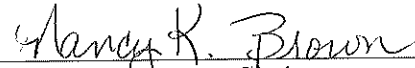
**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Residents of Sycamore St. in Medway stated concerns about vehicles traveling at excessive speeds through the intersection of Main and Sycamore / Spangler. They expressed concerns about the safety of children in the area. The residents requested a reduction of speed in the area. Trustee Brown informed them that it was a country road, and that the county would not reduce the speed unless there were several accidents and/or fatalities. Trustee Crowley suggested the residents attend the County meeting and said that he would see if he could push for a stronger law enforcement presence in the area.

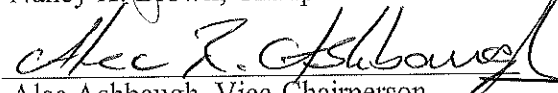
Aspen Rd resident George Thomas requested we add three or four planks to our fence to replace the natural vegetation that the township removed at the north parking lot of the township building. Trustee Crowley said that we cannot extend the fence at this time but would entertain going half on shrubbery. Mr. Thomas said that he may consider that option as this has affected his privacy and sound barrier.

Residents inquired about tornado sirens. Trustee Crowley said we had previously looked into it with a grant, but Trustee Brown said that the logistics to cover the township was too extensive and the expense prohibited that option.

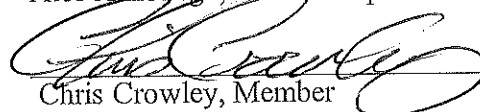
24-05-28-08 Trustee Crowley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.



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

