

*June 13, 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, Chief Jacob King, Fire Marshall Jim Snyder, Deputy Jamie Payne, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Christian Sorg and Township Coordinator Rhonda Ledford.

Announcements: This hearing will be recorded.

A hearing will be held for the property demolition located at 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341. In attendance: Tom Green, attorney for Mr. Bishnow, Mr. Mark Bishnow,

NOTES FROM THE HEARING WILL BE ATTACHED AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE # 4.

23-06-13-01 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to enter into an executive session for the discussion of the property of Mark & Karen Bishnow, 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-13-02 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a resolution to return from the executive session. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-13-03 As a result of discussions in the executive session, Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to enter into a contract with Mr. Bishnow to allow him to perform the repairs to the building located at 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341, pursuant to ORC. 505.86(C)4. In consideration, Mr. Bishnow will provide \$20,000.00 to Bethel Township, by cashier's check made out to the township or in cash, by June 20th, 2023. He will then have 30 days to remove the cars and have the building improved, so it meets the Clark County Community Development standards, and the county rescinds its condemnation orders. If these conditions are not met at that time, the township will use the \$20,000.00 to have the cars removed and the structure torn down, and the property filled. If the conditions are met, the \$20,000.00 will be returned to Mr. Bishnow. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes. Rhonda Ledford, Township Coordinator will be the contact person, and Stacey McKenzie, Fiscal Officer, will handle any money transactions.

The Clark County Township Association meeting will be on June 22, 2023. It will be at the Windy Knoll Derby Banquet Hall @ 6:00 pm. Agenda to be announced. Who will be attending?

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 67024 through 67087, and ACH deductions 542-2023 through 697-2023 in the amount of \$ 215,893.55. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Chris Crowley moves to dispense with reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of May 23, 2023, and the special session of May 6, 2023, meeting. Second by Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrative:

23-06-13-04 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept bids for the Park Layne Storm Sewer Inlet Rehabilitation Project Phase 2. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-13-05 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept and approve the Clark County Engineers Office review & recommendation of using L.J. DeWeese Company, Inc. for the Park Layne Storm Sewer Inlet Rehabilitation Project Phase 11. The cost of the awarded bid is \$256,859.00. This shall be paid for out of the ARPA Funds. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Fire:

Road: Clark County's salt contract has been awarded to Morton Salt. The cost is \$71.86 per ton.

Police:

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrative:

Police: (Both deputies) for May 2023

Calls: 118	Assists:19	Reports:33	Traffic Stops: 37	Citations: 18
Warnings:19	Arrests: 27	Twp. Follow-ups: 5	Traffic crash:3	

Fire:

23-06-13-05 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept the resignation of Chief Jacob King from the Bethel Township Fire Department effective June 17, 2023. Chief King accepted a job with Springfield, OH. Fire Department. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Best of luck to you Chief King. Your unwavering commitment to Bethel Township is truly appreciated, and we will greatly miss you!

A luncheon will be served for Chief Jacob King on Friday, May 16, 2023, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The public is invited.

23-06-13-06 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a resolution declaring June 16th, 2023, Chief Jacob King Day throughout Bethel Township. Everyone is encouraged to take a moment and thank him

for his service these past 19 years and wish him well as he begins serving as Fire Chief for the City of Springfield. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-13-07 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to enter into an executive session for the discussion of hiring personnel. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-13-07 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to return from the executive session. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-13-08 As a result of the executive session, Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to appoint Bethel Township Fire Marshall, Jim Snyder to the interim position of the Bethel Township Fire Chief. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-13-09 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to pass a then & now resolution to approve Fire Apparatus Service and Repair for repairs to Engine 51 that occurred March 17, 2018, for invoices 29658-29679 in the total amount of \$42,635.01. This was the balance due after insurance. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Calls for the month of May 2023: Total 209

EMS: 145 Structure fires: 0 Other fires: 2 Auto accidents: 22 Good intent: 40
Weather: 0

YTD: Total 887

EMS: 616 Structure fires: 7 Other fires: 18 Auto accidents: 69 Good intent: 177
Weather: 0

23-06-13-10 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution for a then and now from Hamilton Well Drilling for a WR-240 pressure tank, 1" check valve, complete tank tee, and misc. fittings. This is for Station #54. The cost is \$2,610.00. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Road:

23-06-13-11 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept Ken's Tree Service to remove a large tree from the Donnelsville Cemetery. The cost is \$1,200.00. They remove all brush but leave cut tree limbs in 3 ft. sections. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

Work Session:

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to set the special session for nuisances and one for the decision on Mr. Bishnows building. on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, @ 4:30 pm. A work session will follow. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C:

Citizen comments open forum.

Trustee Chris Crowley moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Chris Crowley, Chairperson

Nancy K. Brown, Vice-Chairperson

David A. Phares, Member

Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer

Notes from hearing on June 13, 2023

The property is located at 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341

Tom Green: Letter sent 7/12/23 to Ms. McKenzie stating that the property is subject to litigation and the existence of the property is important to the litigation.

Chief King: Particularly concerned about access to the building.

Tom Green: Asking for time to address this concern, clean up the outside, and retrieve valuable vehicles on the inside of the property. Mr. Bishnow has a prospective buyer. Mr. Green stated that relying on what Mr. Bishnow is saying, the building is a steel & concrete block building that can be salvaged and cleaned up and attractive.

Trustee Crowley: Why hasn't anything been done in the ten years we have been trying to get Mr. Bishnow to do something?

Mr. Green: Mr. Bishnow has been distracted by other matters. I can't say what has been done in the past but, now he has employed me as his attorney.

Trustee Phares: What is your time frame for clean up?

Mr. Green: Vehicles will be removed within 30 days. Selling the building requires getting a free title. The court trial date is in August. We are asking for time to clean up the property.

Mr. Bishnow: I cannot enter the building to retrieve the vehicles without a court order. Mr. Bishnow claims he has a 10-year plan to get this building done. The building has three (3) Porsches and one (1) Corvette on the inside. He stated he is the caring child for his aging parents in South Carolina. He stated he notified his attorney as soon as he received the letters from Bethel Township.

Trustees: We will go into an executive session to discuss all options.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Rhonda Ledford, Township Coordinator