

**June 25, 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 Alec Ashbaugh, Nancy Brown, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Fire Chief Jim Snyder, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny, Township Administrator Rhonda Ledford. (Not present was Trustee Chris Crowley).

**Announcements:** The new Bethel Township website ([www.betheltownshipclark.org](http://www.betheltownshipclark.org)) is now active.

**Citizens Comments related to the agenda:** Citizen suggested that the names, titles and contact info of township officials should be placed on the agenda.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown moved to pay the bills, check numbers 67831 through 68030, and AHC deductions 836-2024 through 930-2024 in the amount of \$45,971.15. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown moved to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of June 11, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The floor was opened to Joe Garrett of Trebel Agricultural Program regarding a township savings analysis, which Mr. Garrett stated saved Bethel Township residents a combined \$977k. Mr. Garrett said the current program continues to run through Jun 2025, saving an average of .03 cents per kilowatt hour.

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

**Administration:**

Discussion on TIF'S (Tax Increment Financing).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administration:**

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to declare the following properties a nuisance ad to be abated through the Clark County. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

419 E. Carpenter. Empty house, tall grass.

52 W. Birch. Inoperable vehicles.

**Police:**

Trustee Ashbaugh made motion to approve a budget of \$1500.00 (from the Police Fund) to be used for the townships first 2024 Night Out Against Crime to be held at Tecumseh High School on August 6, 2024 between 6:00 and 8:00pm. Seconded by Trustee Bown. R/C: All ayes.

**Fire:**

Chief Snyder informed the Trustees that the floors at the Donnelsville Station had been completed and looked good. Equipment would now be returned to the floor.

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to leave the regular session and enter executive session at 8:16pm to discuss personnel. Seconded by Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Brown motioned to leave executive session and re-enter regular session at 9:12pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. R/C: All ayes.

As the result of the executive session: Decision was made to hire four part time road employees.

**Road:**

Trustee Ashbaugh motioned to hire Robert Dick, Angela Vermillion, Chad Neff and Warren Lee Sr., to the Bethel Township Road Department in Part Time positions with no more than 28 hours per week at the rate of \$18.00 per hour, pending results of drug tests. Seconded By Trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes.

**Special & Work Sessions:**

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to set a work/special session on July 2, 2024 at 6:30pm. Seconded by trustee Brown. R/C: All ayes. Discussion will be budget and economical development.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

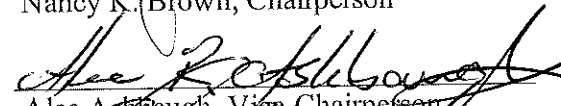
Resident Harry Freedman reported increased incidents of repeated drives through private properties, around guardrails between Crystal Lakes and Park Layne. Clark County Deputies have responded and agreed to make additional patrols. Additionally, Road Supervisor Bryan Stastny offered to take a look to see if there is anything else that can be added to each side of the guardrail.

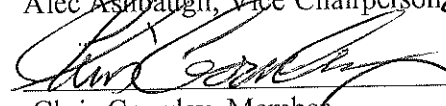
Resident at 145 N. Hampton Rd. responded to a letter sent from the township regarding property boundaries in the area of the baseball fields at that location. Trustees agreed to give the resident until July 15, 2024 to remove ornamental grass and posts that had been placed on the township property.

Don Wallace volunteered to spray "Creeping Charlie" using an approved combo of chemicals.

24-06-25-10 Trustee Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:19pm. Seconded by Trustee Ashbaugh. 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

