

*June 27, 2023, Minutes  
Bethel Township Trustees  
3333 Lake Road  
6:00 p.m.*

**Hearing on Mark & Karen Bishnow's building located at 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341.**

Hearing called to order at 6:02 pm.

A recorder was present. Tom Green, (Attorney for the Bishnows), Mark Bishnow, Trustees Chris Crowley, Dave Phares, and Nancy Brown, Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Former Fire Chief Jacob King, Interim Fire Chief & Fire Marshal Jim Snyder, and Township Coordinator Rhonda Ledford were all present. Chief King called First, Chief Snyder called second and Township Coordinator Called last. Trustee Chris Crowley presented the questions.

A transcript will be available from the recorder.

**Welcome and pledge:** Led by Trustee Chris Crowley

**Prayer:** Led by Trustee Nancy Brown

**In Attendance:** Trustees Chris Crowley, Nancy Brown, and Dave Phares. Fiscal Officer Stacey McKenzie, Interim Chief Jim Snyder, and Township Coordinator Rhonda Ledford.

**Announcements:**

**Citizen comments relating to agenda items:**

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to accept the agenda. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley.  
R/C: All ayes.

Trustee Nancy Brown moves to pay the bills, check numbers 67088 through 67124, and ACH deductions 699-2023 through 787-2023 in the amount of \$53,099.02. Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

Trustee \_\_\_\_ moves to dispense with reading and accept the minutes from the regular meeting of June 13, 2023, meeting. Second by \_\_\_\_\_. R/C: **This will be tabled.**

23-06-27-01 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to enter into executive session @ 7:26 pm. for discussions on the Bishnow's hearing. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-27-02 Trustee Dave Phares makes a motion to return to regular session @ 7:37 pm. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

23-06-27-03 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution to adhere to the following: Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

#1: Motion to find Mr. Mark Bishnow's property located at 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341 shall be removed under O.R.C. 505.86. The building is structurally defective due to the collapsed floor, collapsed roof, and unstable masonry making the structure unsafe to all persons in the vicinity of the building. Finally, the structure is insecure due to the collapsed roof. The building shall be removed, the costs of which will be entered into Mr. Bishnow's tax duplicate. We, the Trustees of Bethel Township, further find that Mr. Bishnow has 21 days to

remove all personal property from 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341 or all personal property will be removed with the building.

#2: Motion to designate Rhonda Ledford to send certified mail to all parties in the interest of findings of facts before the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Administrative:**

23-06-27-04 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to declare the following properties a nuisance and to be abated through Clark County. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C: All ayes.

1114 Fyffe. (Parcel #0100500031208038) House has tall grass and debris, and the empty lot next to it has an abandoned car with a man & dog living in it.

1616 Styer. (Parcel # 0100500031103033) abandoned house. Tall grass, and debris in the yard.

23-06-27-05 Trustee Nancy Brown makes a motion to pass a resolution for Bethel Township Trustees to adopt the tax budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and for the fiscal officer to submit it to the Clark County Auditor by July 12, 2023. Second by Trustee Dave Phares. R/C:

**Police:** Results of June 2023 blitz

Traffic stops: 44; Warnings: 32; Citations: 12; Arrests: 16

**Fire:**

**Road:**

23-06-27-06 Trustee Chris Crowley makes a motion to pass a resolution to accept Swenson's quote for \$580.80 for an auger and bolt for the mower. Second by Trustee Nancy Brown. R/C: All ayes.

**Work Session:** No work session was set due to the holiday.

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ moves to set the work session for \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_. Second by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_. R/C:

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ moves to set a special Session for \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_. Second by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_. R/C:

**Community:**

I have attended 3 of the Clark County Substance Abuse Coalitions meetings. Here are the results of the last meeting:

Overdose deaths from 2015-2022 in 45341: 1

Overdose deaths from 2015-2022 in 45344: 32

Overdose deaths from 2015-2022 in 45319: 1

The most common place of overdose deaths in 2022 is at a friend's house.

May 2023: 477 needle exchanges in Clark County. (25 only wanted Narcan)

Narcan was distributed 3064 times from May 2022-May 2023

**Citizen comments open forum.**

Residents of 10 Cedar made a complaint about the property located at 3117 Lake Rd. Medway, OH. 45341

Trustee Dave Phares moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM Second by Trustee Chris Crowley. R/C: All ayes.

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Chris Crowley, Chairperson

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Nancy K. Brown, Vice-Chairperson

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David A. Phares, Member

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Stacey L. McKenzie, Fiscal Officer